

FIGURE 16.6: 2000 EMPLOYMENT BY OCCUPATION

OCCUPATION CATEGORY	UPPER PROVIDENCE		DELAWARE COUNTY	
	number	percent	number	percent
Managerial, professional, and related	3,111	57.0%	101,646	39.3%
Service occupations	325	5.9%	34,370	13.3%
Sales and office occupations	1,379	25.3%	75,885	29.3%
Farming, fishing, forestry	7	0.1%	241	0.1%
Construction, extraction, and maintenance	306	5.6%	21,648	8.4%
Production and material transport/moving	331	6.1%	24,992	9.6%
TOTAL	5,459	100.0%	258,782	100.0%

SOURCE: U.S. Bureau of the Census, 2003.

Given the generally high level of education already noted, the large percentage of people in managerial positions and the professions is not surprising. For the same reason the small proportions of individuals in traditionally “blue collar” occupations (e.g., service occupations, construction, transport, production) is as expected. The low figure for farming, fishing, and forestry is more a factor of geography than any characteristic of the population.