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Occupation Group	Total		Region of Birth						
	Native born	Foreign born	Mexico	South and East Asia	Caribbean	Central America	South America	Middle East	All other
Management	14,196,499	1,867,681	252,589	595,394	139,315	80,863	140,955	106,875	551,690
Business operations	3,238,329	367,606	40,714	128,266	28,671	15,356	27,681	16,246	110,672
Financial	3,325,788	543,878	34,778	243,488	43,201	18,713	43,259	22,992	137,447
Computer and mathematics	3,004,538	821,787	22,067	519,415	28,428	9,712	32,495	33,159	176,511
Architecture and engineering	2,655,180	533,185	32,052	261,382	24,130	8,848	31,726	35,774	139,273
Life, physical and social sciences	1,300,495	295,191	11,633	146,154	9,543	5,594	16,428	15,805	90,034
Community and social services	2,493,939	250,928	34,025	59,567	38,595	18,917	23,531	8,499	67,794
Legal	1,731,549	135,148	9,402	39,748	16,153	4,888	11,921	9,262	43,774
Education, training and library	9,500,721	1,001,477	115,070	315,912	87,297	38,367	82,574	63,812	298,445
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	3,038,433	409,746	48,963	110,212	27,971	17,080	41,454	21,420	142,646
Health care practitioners and technical	7,236,651	1,162,307	47,716	536,292	127,932	27,189	59,377	59,955	303,846
Health care support	3,470,788	681,781	82,270	139,123	196,874	40,993	49,474	12,028	161,019
Protective services	3,652,112	278,159	51,368	47,249	60,301	17,778	24,771	10,940	65,752
Food preparation and serving	8,860,658	2,019,660	897,860	411,571	122,149	193,999	134,291	46,156	213,634
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	5,311,981	2,266,345	1,141,317	162,994	185,674	352,671	203,909	13,907	205,873
Personal care and services	5,377,105	1,146,856	231,855	363,596	131,970	71,672	97,049	31,989	218,725
Sales	18,659,883	2,498,300	495,230	710,511	252,078	151,082	202,757	168,040	518,602
Office and administrative support	23,402,636	2,606,179	528,475	694,001	314,064	187,143	239,311	84,449	558,736
Farming, fishing and forestry	856,105	563,888	500,399	14,671	10,736	24,200	2,887	448	10,547
Construction trades	8,338,716	2,503,143	1,485,362	99,835	136,206	356,507	162,574	24,214	238,445
Extraction workers	251,774	24,103	18,876	1,536	91	1,153	320	417	1,710
Installation, maintenance and repair workers	5,179,398	749,543	265,299	117,779	86,870	81,446	60,887	21,576	115,686
Production	9,164,011	2,524,759	1,126,058	550,239	157,678	227,557	129,385	39,918	293,924
Transportation and material moving	9,697,514	1,912,240	825,516	229,001	203,065	206,023	135,916	53,784	258,935
Military	627,749	35,906	4,568	13,266	5,890	2,734	1,793	720	6,935
Unemployed, no work experience in past five years	1,140,664	251,334	71,968	61,539	32,525	20,638	16,633	13,673	34,358
Total	155,713,216	27,451,130	8,375,430	6,572,741	2,467,407	2,181,123	1,973,358	916,058	4,965,013

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Table 28 cont. Detailed Occupation, by Region of Birth: 2008

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Percent Distribution

Occupation Group	Total		Region of Birth						
	Native born	Foreign born	Mexico	South and East Asia	Caribbean	Central America	South America	Middle East	All other
Management	9.1	6.8	3.0	9.1	5.6	3.7	7.1	11.7	11.1
Business operations	2.1	1.3	0.5	2.0	1.2	0.7	1.4	1.8	2.2
Financial	2.1	2.0	0.4	3.7	1.8	0.9	2.2	2.5	2.8
Computer and mathematics	1.9	3.0	0.3	7.9	1.2	0.4	1.6	3.6	3.6
Architecture and engineering	1.7	1.9	0.4	4.0	1.0	0.4	1.6	3.9	2.8
Life, physical and social sciences	0.8	1.1	0.1	2.2	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.7	1.8
Community and social services	1.6	0.9	0.4	0.9	1.6	0.9	1.2	0.9	1.4
Legal	1.1	0.5	0.1	0.6	0.7	0.2	0.6	1.0	0.9
Education, training and library	6.1	3.6	1.4	4.8	3.5	1.8	4.2	7.0	6.0
Arts, design, entertainment, sports and media	2.0	1.5	0.6	1.7	1.1	0.8	2.1	2.3	2.9
Health care practitioners and technical	4.6	4.2	0.6	8.2	5.2	1.2	3.0	6.5	6.1
Health care support	2.2	2.5	1.0	2.1	8.0	1.9	2.5	1.3	3.2
Protective services	2.3	1.0	0.6	0.7	2.4	0.8	1.3	1.2	1.3
Food preparation and serving	5.7	7.4	10.7	6.3	5.0	8.9	6.8	5.0	4.3
Building and grounds cleaning and maintenance	3.4	8.3	13.6	2.5	7.5	16.2	10.3	1.5	4.1
Personal care and services	3.5	4.2	2.8	5.5	5.3	3.3	4.9	3.5	4.4
Sales	12.0	9.1	5.9	10.8	10.2	6.9	10.3	18.3	10.4
Office and administrative support	15.0	9.5	6.3	10.6	12.7	8.6	12.1	9.2	11.3
Farming, fishing and forestry	0.5	2.1	6.0	0.2	0.4	1.1	0.1	0.0	0.2
Construction trades	5.4	9.1	17.7	1.5	5.5	16.3	8.2	2.6	4.8
Extraction workers	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0
Installation, maintenance and repair workers	3.3	2.7	3.2	1.8	3.5	3.7	3.1	2.4	2.3
Production	5.9	9.2	13.4	8.4	6.4	10.4	6.6	4.4	5.9
Transportation and material moving	6.2	7.0	9.9	3.5	8.2	9.4	6.9	5.9	5.2
Military	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1
Unemployed, no work experience in past five years	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.9	1.3	0.9	0.8	1.5	0.7
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Note: Middle East consists of Afghanistan, Iran, Iraq, Israel/Palestine, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Saudi Arabia, Syria, Turkey, Yemen, Algeria, Egypt, Morocco and Sudan.

Source: Pew Hispanic Center tabulations of 2008 American Community Survey (1% IPUMS)