

# THE UNEMPLOYED: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2000 AND 2008-2010)

More than 60 percent of those unemployed in Berkshire were people with a High School Degree or less in 2008-2010, well above the share in both Massachusetts (49.5 percent) and the United States (56.0 percent). This was down from 67.3 percent in 2000, as the share of the unemployed rose for most educational attainment levels above less than a High School Degree over the course of the decade. However, people with lower levels of education still tend to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed. For example, those with a High School Degree accounted for the 43.7 percent of the unemployed in Berkshire in 2008-2010, but they were only 30.7 percent of the civilian labor force. Similarly, those with less than a High School Degree accounted for 16.6 percent of unemployed but just 7.3 percent of the civilian labor force.

**Source:** US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

