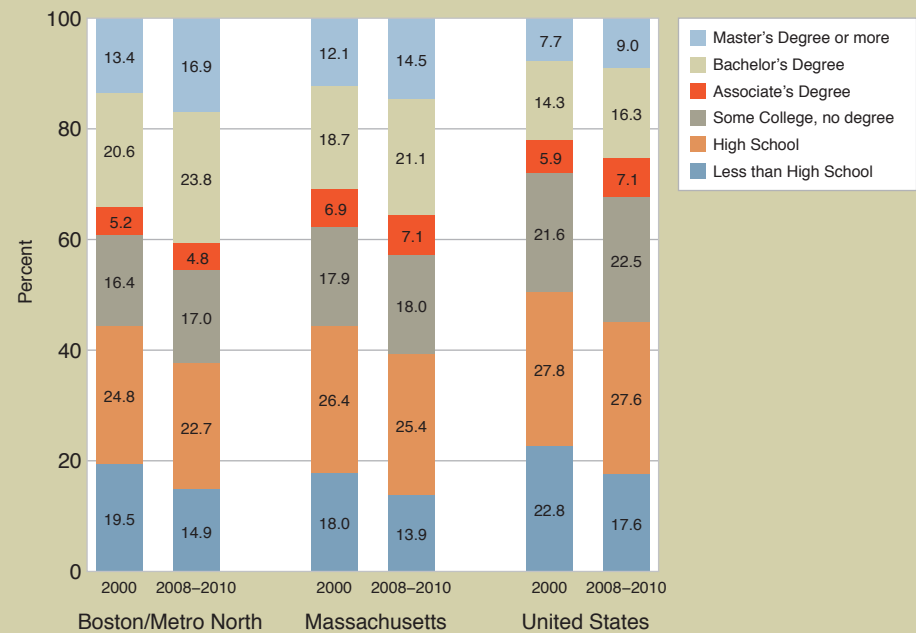


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION

Of the eight regional labor markets in Massachusetts, Boston/Metro North has the second highest share of working-age people with a college degree (Metro South/West has the highest). By 2008-2010, over 40 percent of the working-age population had a Bachelor's Degree or higher. The region's educational attainment exceeds that of Massachusetts, which has one of the highest rates of residents with a college degree in the country. Over the last decade, the share and number of working-age individuals in Boston/Metro North with Some College education and with a Bachelor's Degree or higher increased, but there were declines in the share and number of individuals with an Associate's Degree. By comparison, in Massachusetts and the United States, the number and share of working-age individuals with Some College education and with an Associate's Degree increased. And while the region has seen a declining number of individuals with a High School Degree or less, Boston/Metro North continues to have a higher share of working-age individuals with less than a High School Degree compared with Massachusetts.

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

Educational Distribution of the Working-Age Population, 2000 and 2008–2010



Growth of Working-Age Population by Educational Attainment in Boston/Metro North

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Less than High School	186,941	149,994	-36,947	-2.4
High School Graduate	238,001	227,328	-10,673	-0.5
Some College, no degree	157,224	170,295	13,071	0.9
Associate's Degree	49,474	47,858	-1,616	-0.4
Bachelor's Degree	197,753	238,801	41,048	2.1
Master's Degree or more	128,655	169,268	40,613	3.1