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.