

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

A slim majority of the unemployed in Boston/Metro North have some post-secondary education, in contrast to the state overall. While a relatively large share of the civilian labor force in the region has Bachelor's Degrees, the region mostly differs from the state in its large share of the unemployed who have Some College but no degree. In 2000, the share of the unemployed in Boston/Metro North who had Some College was 16.4 percent, actually lower than the share in Massachusetts. By the end of the decade that figure had grown to 24.3 percent in the region, more closely matching the share at the national level. However, lower educational attainment cohorts continue to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed. For example, in 2008-2010, those with less than a high school education accounted for 19.9 percent of the unemployed but were only 10.0 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.

