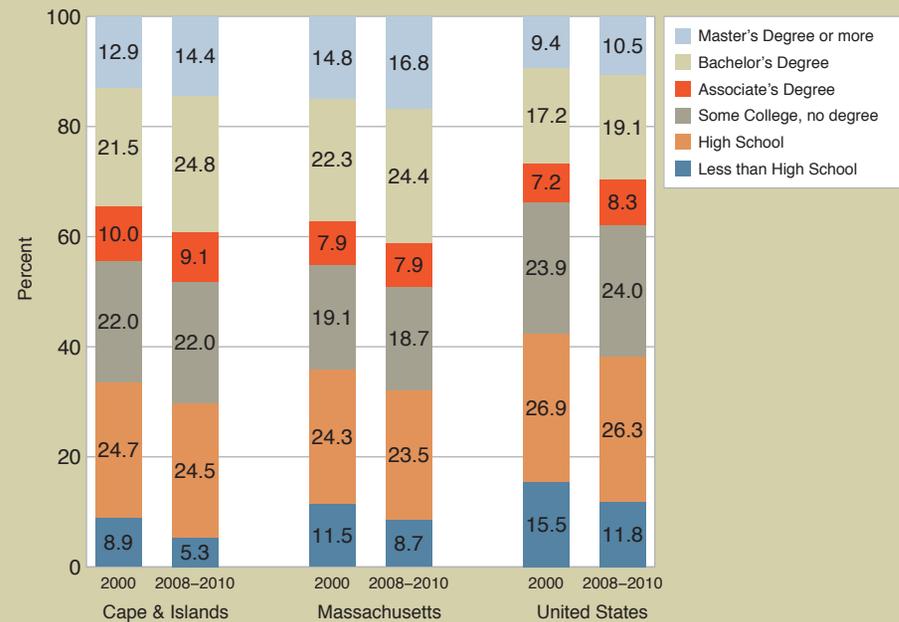


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

When looking only at those people who are participating in the labor force (either working or actively looking for work), we see even higher levels of educational attainment. In 2008–2010, 39.2 percent of the labor force of the Cape & Islands had a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. However, in contrast to the working-age population, this figure trailed the 41.2 percent share in Massachusetts, likely due to the high number of retired residents with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher not participating in the labor force. However, 70.3 percent of the civilian labor force in the region had completed at least some post-secondary education (Some College or higher), exceeding the shares statewide (67.8 percent) and nationally (61.9 percent). Further, the most common level of educational attainment among the civilian labor force in the Cape & Islands switched from a High School Degree in 2000 to a Bachelor’s Degree in 2008–2010. And while the region’s labor force in 2008–2010 had a slightly larger share with a High School Degree than did Massachusetts (24.5 percent versus 23.5 percent), the Cape & Islands labor force had a much smaller share with less than a High School Degree (5.3 percent versus 8.7 percent.)

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

Educational Distribution of the Civilian Labor Force, 2000 and 2008–2010



Growth of Civilian Labor Force Population by Educational Attainment in the Cape & Islands

	2000	2008–2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Less than High School	10,705	6,529	–4,176	–5.3
High School Graduate	29,662	30,492	830	0.3
Some College, no degree	26,493	27,302	809	0.3
Associate's Degree	11,984	11,293	–691	–0.7
Bachelor's Degree	25,842	30,800	4,958	2.0
Master's Degree or more	15,524	17,859	2,335	1.6