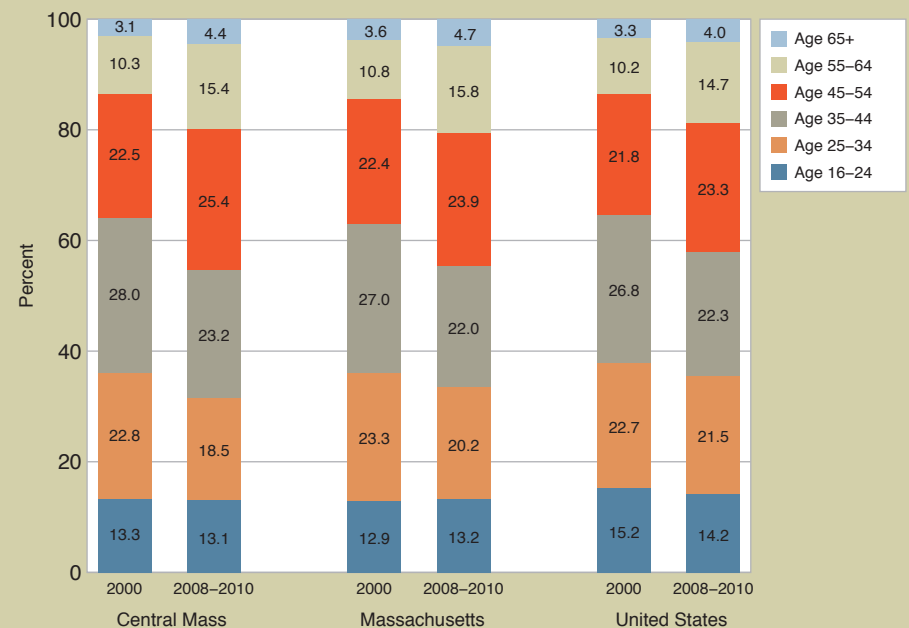


THE AGE PROFILE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Given the age of the region's population, it is not surprising that the civilian labor force in Central Mass is also aging. In the past decade, there has been strong growth in the number and share of workers who are 45 years old or older. By comparison, there has been barely any growth in the civilian labor force among those between the ages of 16 and 44, with the growing number of 16-24-year-olds being canceled out by the declining number of 25-34- and 35-44-year-olds. As a result, in 2008-2010 the share of the Central Mass civilian labor force age 45 or older reached 45.2 percent, surpassing both Massachusetts (44.4 percent) and the United States (42.0 percent).

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

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



Growth of Civilian Labor Force Population by Age in Central Mass

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Age 16-24	43,301	48,654	5,353	1.3
Age 25-34	74,045	68,782	-5,263	-0.8
Age 35-44	91,053	85,937	-5,116	-0.6
Age 45-54	73,323	94,138	20,815	2.8
Age 55-64	33,576	57,115	23,539	6.1
Age 65+	9,942	16,504	6,562	5.8