EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

We see even higher levels of educational attainment, relative to the working-age population, among those who are actually participating in the labor force. And, similar to the working-age population, there has been progressively stronger growth in the level of educational attainment of the civilian labor force in Central Mass. By 2008-2010, 34.5 percent of the Central Mass labor force had a Bachelor’s Degree or higher, but that still trailed the 41.2 percent in Massachusetts who had such a degree. However, 64.4 percent of the civilian labor force in Central Mass had completed at least some post-secondary education (Some College or higher). This trailed the nearly 68 percent of Massachusetts labor force who had some post-secondary education but exceeded the 61.9 percent nationwide. Nonetheless, the most common level of educational attainment among people in the civilian labor force in the region continued to be a High School Degree (27.1 percent).