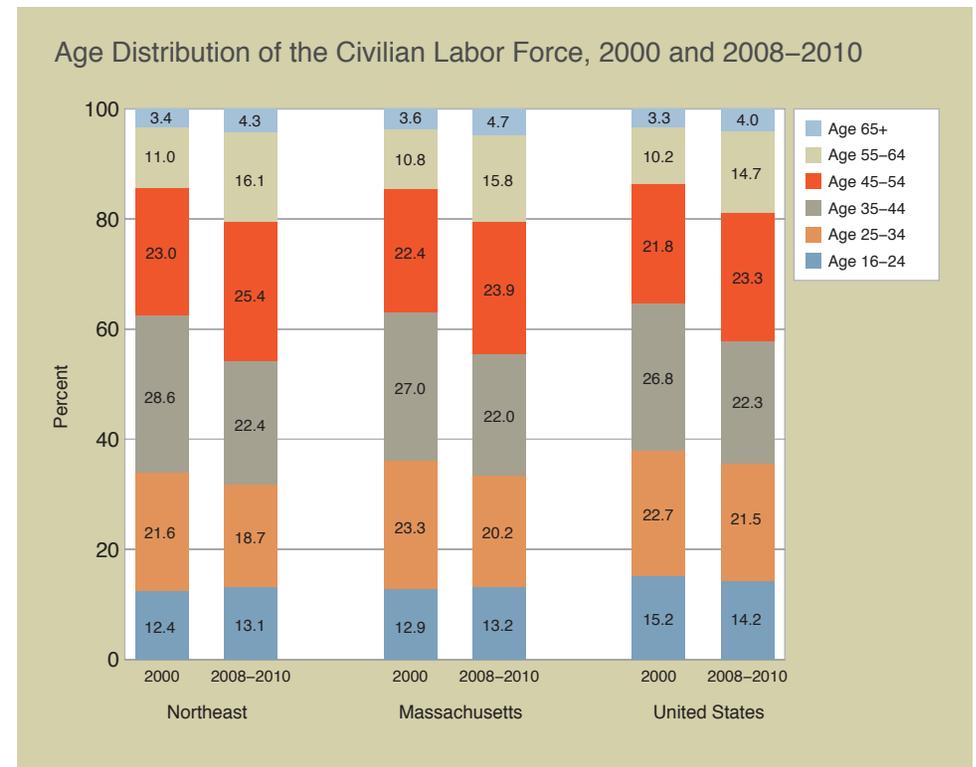


## THE AGE PROFILE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Given the age of the region's population, it is not surprising that the Northeast's civilian labor force is getting older. About 45 percent of the civilian labor force in the Northeast region is 45 years or older. In the past decade, there has been strong growth in the share of workers who are 45 to 54 years old and 55 to 64 years old. In addition, there has been an increasing number of workers who are 65 years and older and in the labor force. At the same time, there has been a declining number of workers between the ages of 25 and 44. These trends are fairly close to those statewide and nationally, making the Northeast civilian labor force's age composition at the end of the decade similar to the state's and the nation's.

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



### Growth of Civilian Labor Force Population by Age in the Northeast Region

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Age 16-24	63,988	73,073	9,085	1.5
Age 25-34	110,972	103,802	-7,170	-0.7
Age 35-44	147,234	124,657	-22,577	-1.8
Age 45-54	118,219	141,210	22,991	2.0
Age 55-64	56,421	89,586	33,165	5.3
Age 65+	17,561	23,944	6,383	3.5