

THE UNEMPLOYED: AGE DISTRIBUTION (2000 AND 2008-2010)

Younger workers were disproportionately unemployed in Central Mass at the beginning and end of the decade. While 32 percent of the civilian labor force in Central Mass was 34 years or younger at the end of the decade, 43.6 percent of the region's unemployed was 34 years or younger in 2008-2010 (down from 55.3 percent at the beginning of the decade). In fact, in 2008-2010, 16-24-year-olds accounted for the largest share of the unemployed (24.8 percent) but were the second smallest age cohort of the Central Mass civilian labor force (behind those age 65 and older), at only 13.1 percent. However, the region's disproportional unemployment among young people was still not as strong as it was in both Massachusetts and the United States in 2008-2010.

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

Note: Unemployed are individuals age 16 or older not employed and actively looking for work.

