

## THE UNEMPLOYED: EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT (2000 AND 2008-2010)

Residents with a High School Degree or less accounted for 55.0 percent of the unemployed in Central Mass in 2008-2010, well above the share in Massachusetts (50.5 percent) but similar to the rate in the United States (56.0 percent). This was down from nearly 60 percent in 2000. Over the course of the decade, the share of unemployed increased for all educational attainments levels above high school. However, people with less education continue to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed relative to their share of the civilian labor force. For example, in 2008-2010, those with less than a high school education accounted for 19.9 percent of the unemployed in Central Mass but represented only 8.5 percent of the civilian labor force.

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

