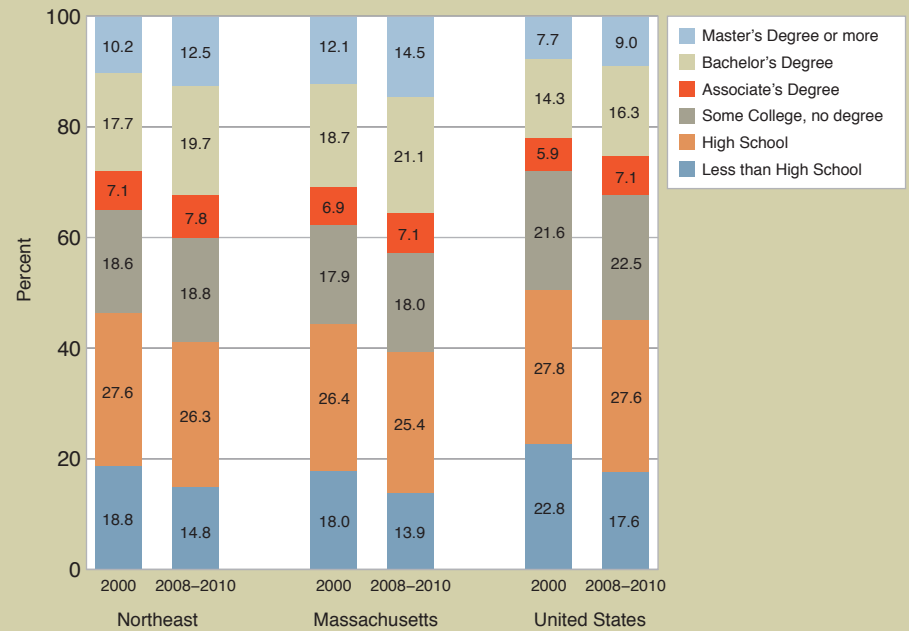


## EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION

Massachusetts is one of the states with the highest share of population with a college degree, and the Northeast region nearly matches the state in educational attainment. By 2008-2010, nearly a third of the region's working-age population had a Bachelor's Degree or higher, only slightly below the share of residents with such degrees statewide (35.6 percent). Over the last decade, there has been growth in the number of residents in the Northeast region with higher levels of education, with the only decline occurring among those with less than a High School Degree. In the Northeast region, Massachusetts, and the United States the most common level of educational attainment among the working-age population is a High School Degree.

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

Educational Distribution of the Working-Age Population, 2000 and 2008-2010



Growth of Working-Age Population by Educational Attainment in the Northeast Region

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Less than High School	142,014	119,031	-22,983	-1.9
High School Graduate	209,069	211,114	2,045	0.1
Some College, no degree	140,700	150,370	9,670	0.7
Associate's Degree	53,414	62,824	9,410	1.8
Bachelor's Degree	133,928	158,203	24,275	1.9
Master's Degree or more	77,138	100,193	23,055	2.9