

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

Nearly 60 percent of those unemployed in Pioneer Valley had a High School Degree or less in 2008–2010, well above the share in both Massachusetts (50.5 percent) and the United States (56.0 percent). This was down slightly from 63.4 percent in 2000, as the share of the unemployed with Some College education and a Bachelor's Degree increased. However, people with lower levels of education continue to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed. In particular, in 2008–2010, those with less than a high school education accounted for 24.4 percent of the unemployed in Pioneer Valley but were only 10.1 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.

