

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

Given that the largest share of the Boston/Metro North civilian labor force is age 34 or younger, it is not surprising the region also has the largest share of people in that age group among the unemployed. While only 45 percent of the unemployed in Massachusetts were age 34 or younger, nearly 54 percent of Boston/Metro North's unemployed were in that age group. Generally, there is a tendency for the younger age cohorts to be disproportionately represented among the unemployed. For example, in 2008-2010, 16-24-year-olds accounted for the largest share of the unemployed among age cohorts (29.7 percent), but they accounted for only 16.3 percent of the civilian labor force in Boston/Metro North.

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.

