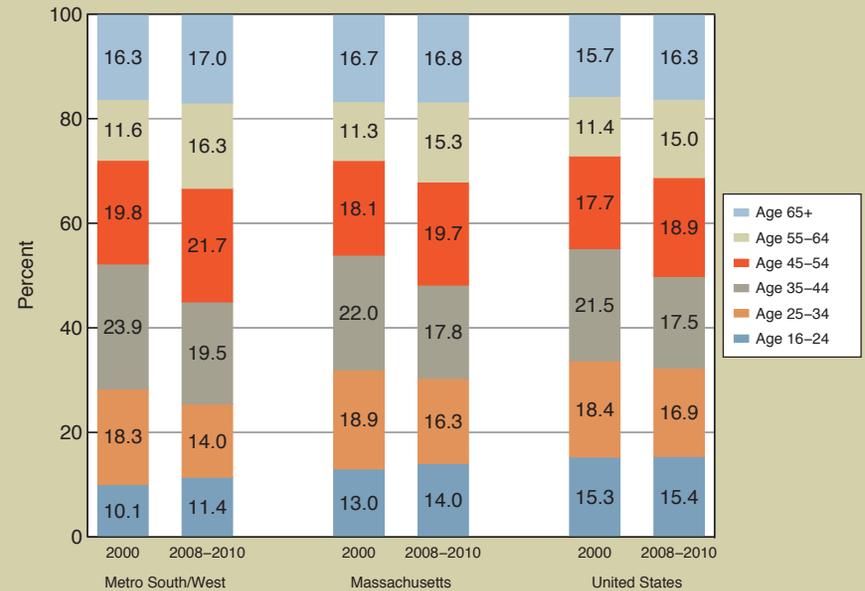


THE AGE PROFILE OF THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION

Massachusetts is one of the oldest states in the country, and Metro South/West is one of the oldest regions in the state. The only two regions that are older are Berkshire and Cape & Islands. More than half (55 percent) of the region's working-age population is 45 years or older. In fact, one-third of the region's working-age population is 55 years or older.

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

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



Growth of Working-Age Population by Age in Metro South/West

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Age 16-24	79,507	93,097	13,590	1.8
Age 25-34	144,532	114,194	-30,338	-2.6
Age 35-44	188,687	159,119	-29,568	-1.9
Age 45-54	156,691	177,004	20,313	1.4
Age 55-64	92,041	133,213	41,172	4.2
Age 65+	129,015	138,467	9,452	0.8