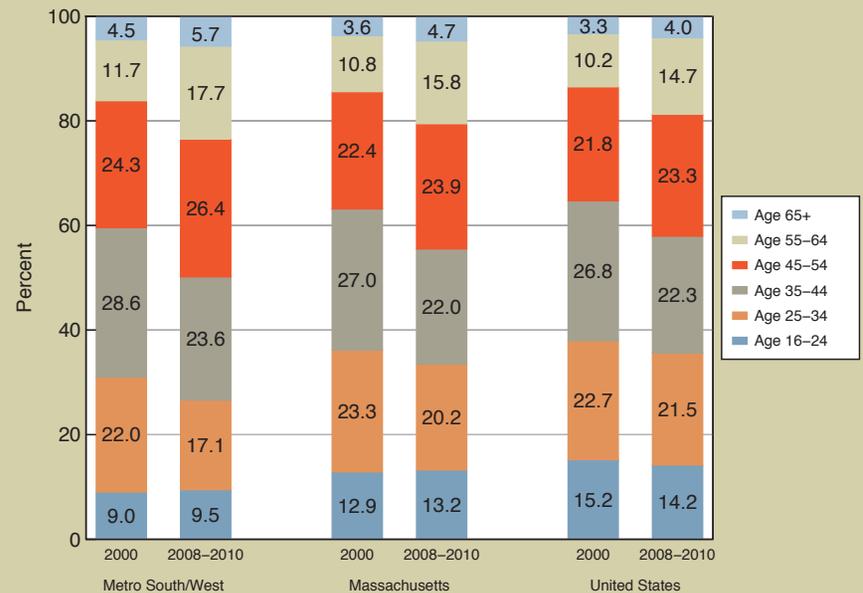


THE AGE PROFILE OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Given the age of the region's population, it is not surprising that the civilian labor force in Metro South/West is older than the state's or nation's labor force. Nearly 50 percent of the workers in Metro South/West are 45 years or older. In the past decade, there has been strong growth in the share of workers who are 45-54 years old and 55-64 years old. In addition, there have been an increasing number of workers who are 65 years and older and in the labor force. At the same time, there has been a declining number of workers between the ages of 25 and 34 and between 35 and 44. All of these trends add up to the fact that the Metro South/West civilian labor force is much older than those of Massachusetts and the United States.

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

Age Distribution of the Civilian Labor Force, 2000 and 2008–2010



Growth of Civilian Labor Force Population by Age in Metro South/West

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Age 16-24	50,544	55,314	4,770	1.0
Age 25-34	123,400	100,309	-23,091	-2.3
Age 35-44	160,189	137,815	-22,374	-1.7
Age 45-54	135,991	154,486	18,495	1.4
Age 55-64	65,339	103,824	38,485	5.3
Age 65+	25,299	33,445	8,146	3.2