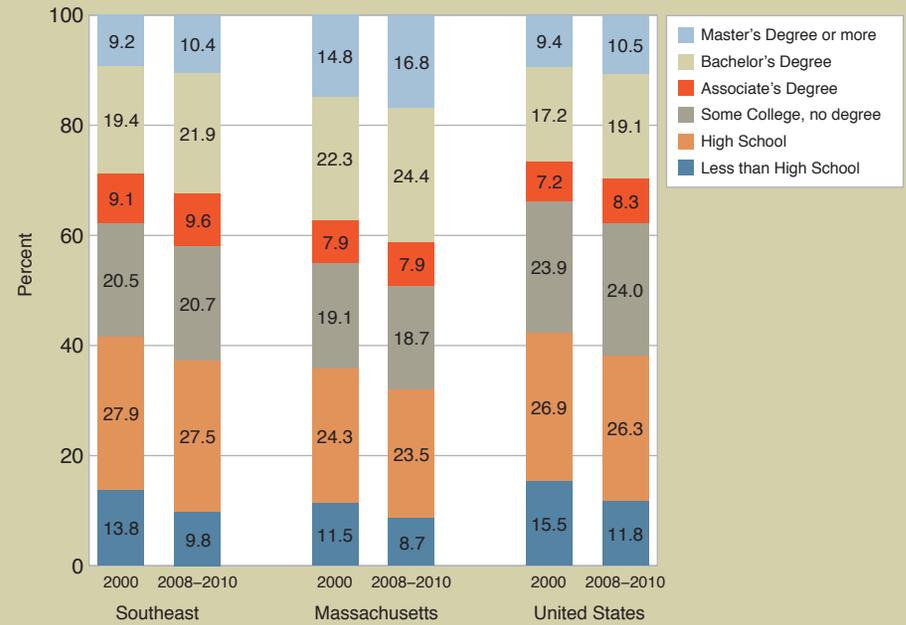


EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE

Much like the working-age population, the number of people in the civilian labor force in the Southeast region with a Bachelor's Degree or higher is increasing, while the number with a High School Degree or less is shrinking. By 2008-2010, 32.3 percent of the civilian labor force in the Southeast region had a Bachelor's Degree or higher, but that still trailed the 41.2 percent in Massachusetts who had such a degree. However, nearly 63 percent of the civilian labor force in the Southeast region had completed at least some post-secondary education (Some College or higher). This trailed the nearly 68 percent of Massachusetts civilian labor force who had some post-secondary education but exceeded the nearly 62 percent nationwide. Nonetheless, the most common level of educational attainment among the region's residents in the civilian labor force continued to be a High School Degree (27.5 percent), while Bachelor's Degree had become the most common education level in the civilian labor force statewide.

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

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



Growth of Civilian Labor Force Population by Educational Attainment in the Southeast Region

	2000	2008-2010	Absolute Change	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)
Less than High School	93,635	72,746	-20,889	-2.8
High School Graduate	188,568	204,265	15,697	0.9
Some College, no degree	138,943	153,437	14,494	1.1
Associate's Degree	61,877	71,547	9,670	1.6
Bachelor's Degree	130,891	162,611	31,720	2.4
Master's Degree or more	62,425	77,149	14,724	2.4