

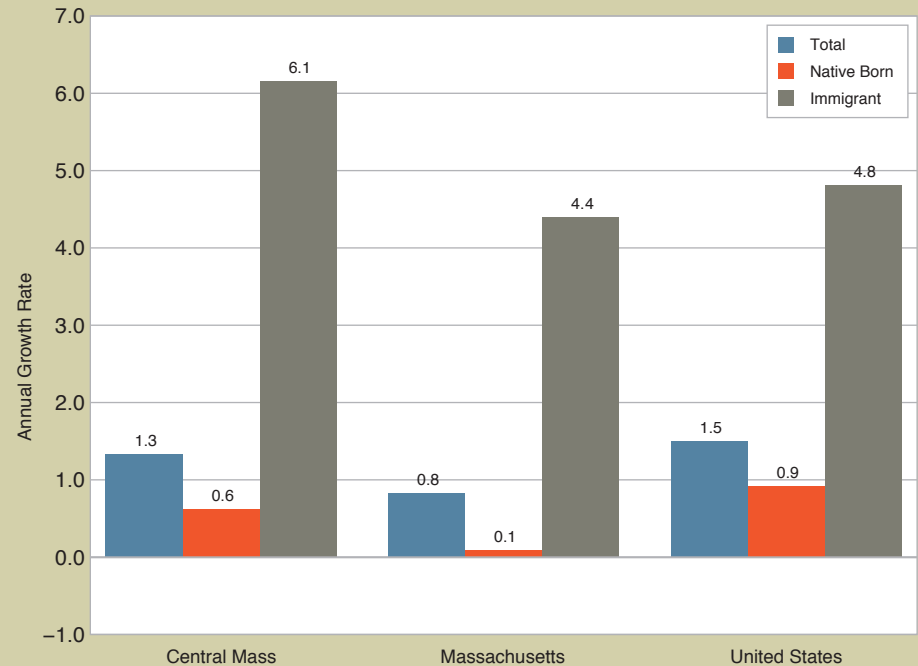
GROWTH IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY NATIVITY STATUS

The civilian labor force consists of the people who live in a region and are either working or unemployed but actively looking for work (a region's actual labor supply). In Central Mass, immigrants are driving the growth of the civilian labor force. Between 2000 and 2005-2007, the growth of immigrants in the civilian labor force (6.1 percent) far exceeded the growth of their immigrant counterparts in both Massachusetts and the United States. With modest growth in the native-born civilian labor force, the overall growth in the civilian labor force in Central Mass (1.3 percent) exceeded that of Massachusetts and slightly trailed the United States. Between 2005-2007 and 2008-2010, the number of immigrants in the civilian labor force increased at an even faster rate (6.5 percent), more than double the rates in Massachusetts and the United States. As a result, the total civilian labor force grew at an annual rate of 1.8 percent over this time period, exceeding the growth of both Massachusetts and the United States.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: The civilian labor force consists of all individuals 16 years of age or older who are classified as employed or unemployed and actively looking for work. Immigrants are individuals born outside the country.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005–2007



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