

GROWTH IN POTENTIAL SUPPLY OF EDUCATED WORKERS: FULL-TIME ENROLLMENT TRENDS IN THE PAST DECADE

Between 2000 and 2010, the number of full-time students enrolled at two- and four-year institutions grew in Central Mass, Massachusetts, and the United States. Growth in full-time enrollment at two-year institutions in the region exceeded both state and national trends, due to a combination of solid annual growth in enrollments at public institutions (5.2 percent) and strong enrollment increases at private institutions (20.7 percent) over the last decade. Enrollment at public four-year institutions in the region also grew solidly (3.7 percent annually) over the course of the past decade. However, a majority of the region's students are enrolled at private four-year institutions, and enrollments at such institutions grew at a more modest annual rate of 2.1 percent. As a

result, Central Mass trailed full-time enrollment patterns at four-year institutions nationwide but exceeded those in Massachusetts. In comparison, enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions declined due to a drop in enrollments at private institutions.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System.

Note: Enrollment data are from the fall semester of the academic year. For example, 2010 enrollment is from the fall of 2009 of the 2009-2010 academic year. Enrollment data are provided by the type of institution. Students can earn different types of degrees within an institution. For example, the enrollment at a community college would be categorized as being in a two-year institution for all students enrolled that year. However, students at community colleges complete different type of programs, such as Certificates and Associate's Degrees.

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Central Mass	MA	US	Central Mass	MA	US	Central Mass	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	0	382	43,504	3,669	31,002	2,008,336	4,883	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	27	316	42,117	6,075	44,278	2,922,622	7,006	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	27	-66	-1,387	2,406	13,276	914,286	2,123	15,451	1,170,931
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	NA	-1.9	-0.3	5.2	3.6	3.8	3.7	2.4	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	518	3,427	138,260	139	5,796	259,071	11,760	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	452	9,609	277,341	913	5,457	457,134	14,540	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	-66	6,182	139,081	774	-339	198,063	2,780	27,499	1,137,342
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	-1.4	10.9	7.2	20.7	-0.6	5.8	2.1	2.0	4.9
Total	Enrollment 2000	518	3,809	181,764	3,808	36,798	2,267,407	16,643	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	479	9,925	319,458	6,988	49,735	3,379,756	21,546	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	-39	6,116	137,694	3,180	12,937	1,112,349	4,903	42,950	2,308,273
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	-0.8	10.1	5.8	6.3	3.1	4.1	2.6	2.1	3.5