

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

The majority of part-time enrollees at post-secondary educational institutions are in public two-year institutions. In Central Mass, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 2.9 percent between 2000 and 2010. The region's part-time enrollment growth exceeded the rates in Massachusetts and the United States. Reflecting a similar pattern seen statewide, part-time enrollment in both public and private four-year institutions in Central Mass declined over the past decade, while growing nationwide. The small number of part-time enrollees at private,

less-than-two-year institutions more than doubled from 44 in 2000 to 92 in 2010.

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

		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	25	31,407	5,271	48,506	3,509,639	2,934	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	0	65	27,264	7,035	58,043	4,247,674	1,920	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	0	40	-4,143	1,764	9,537	738,035	-1,014	-6,040	335,489
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>2.9</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-4.2</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Private	Enrollment 2000	44	1,522	31,827	0	3,536	66,870	1,967	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	92	2,633	44,382	366	1,554	61,006	1,321	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	48	1,111	12,555	366	-1,982	-5,864	-646	-8,270	299,004
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-3.9</i>	<i>-3.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>
Total	Enrollment 2000	44	1,547	63,234	5,271	52,042	3,576,509	4,901	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	92	2,698	71,646	7,401	59,597	4,308,680	3,241	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	48	1,151	8,412	2,130	7,555	732,171	-1,660	-14,310	634,493
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>7.7</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-4.1</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>