

NUMBER OF PART-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN CENTRAL MASS (2000-2010)

While part-time enrollment in two-year institutions in Central Mass increased over the course of the past decade, it did not consistently expand over the years. Between 2000 and 2003, part-time enrollment in two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 7.5 percent, before declining at an annual rate of 4.9 percent between 2003 and 2007. Afterward, enrollment grew between 2007 and 2010 at an annual rate of 11.4 percent. In comparison, part-time enrollments at four-year institutions also increased between 2000 and 2003 (1.0 percent) but subsequently declined through the end of the decade. Enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions was more volatile over the course of the decade, growing from fewer than 50 part-time students in 2000 to nearly 350 in 2006, before dropping to 92 in 2010.

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

