

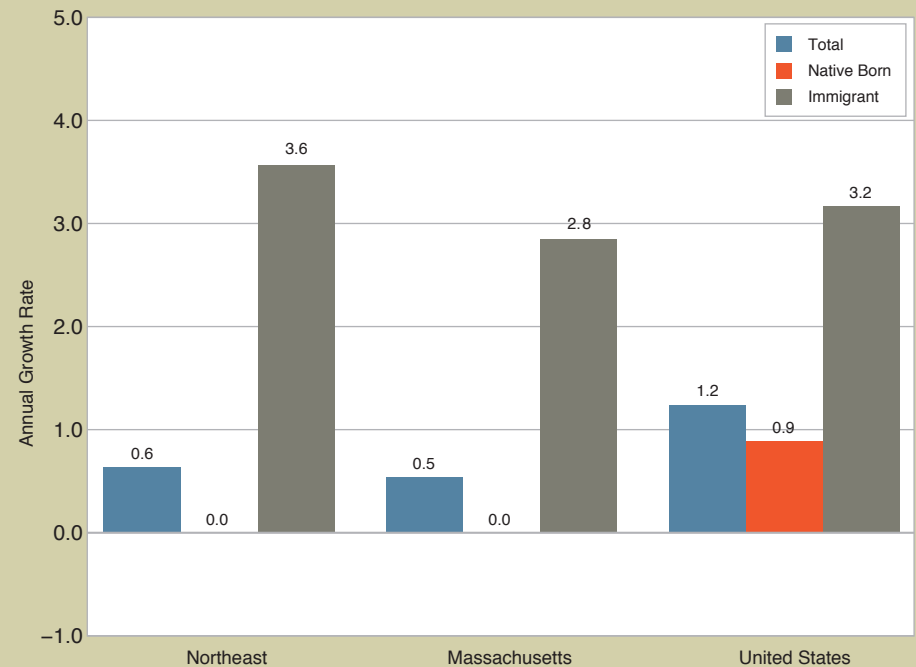
## GROWTH IN THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION BY NATIVITY STATUS

Immigrants living in the Northeast region have been a major driver of growth in the working-age population (a region's potential labor supply, typically defined as people 16 years of age or older). Between 2000 and 2005-2007, the growth of working-age immigrants (3.6 percent) exceeded the growth of working-age immigrants in both Massachusetts and the United States. In recent years, the flow of immigrants into the Northeast region, Massachusetts, and the United States has slowed. However, the growth of immigrant populations in the Northeast region outpaced the growth statewide and nationally between 2005-2007 and 2008-2010. Despite such gains, the slow growth of the native-born population caused the region to trail the nation in growth of the working-age population over the course of the last decade.

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

**Note:** The working-age population is individuals 16 years of age or older and exclude institutionalized populations. Immigrants are individuals born outside the US.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005-2007



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