

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 less-than-two-, two-, and four-year institutions increased in the Northeast region, Massachusetts, and the United States. Enrollment in public two- and four-year institutions in the Northeast region has grown more robustly than enrollment in private institutions and has increased at much faster rates than in Massachusetts and the United States. In contrast, regional growth in full-time enrollments at less-than-two-year institutions over the past decade has been 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 Institution			Two-Year Institution			Four-Year Institution		
		Northeast	MA	US	Northeast	MA	US	Northeast	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	36	382	43,504	4,062	31,002	2,008,336	9,634	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	36	316	42,117	6,500	44,278	2,922,622	13,453	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	0	-66	-1,387	2,438	13,276	914,286	3,819	15,451	1,170,931
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>-1.9</i>	<i>-0.3</i>	<i>4.8</i>	<i>3.6</i>	<i>3.8</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>2.4</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Private	Enrollment 2000	321	3,427	138,260	188	5,796	259,071	5,657	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	931	9,609	277,341	184	5,457	457,134	6,027	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	610	6,182	139,081	-4	-339	198,063	370	27,499	1,137,342
	<i>Absolute Change (Percent)</i>	<i>11.2</i>	<i>10.9</i>	<i>7.2</i>	<i>-0.2</i>	<i>-0.6</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>0.6</i>	<i>2.0</i>	<i>4.9</i>
Total	Enrollment 2000	357	3,809	181,764	4,250	36,798	2,267,407	15,291	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	967	9,925	319,458	6,684	49,735	3,379,756	19,480	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	610	6,116	137,694	2,434	12,937	1,112,349	4,189	42,950	2,308,273
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>10.5</i>	<i>10.1</i>	<i>5.8</i>	<i>4.6</i>	<i>3.1</i>	<i>4.1</i>	<i>2.5</i>	<i>2.1</i>	<i>3.5</i>