

## 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 the Northeast region, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at a sluggish annual rate of 0.5 percent between 2000 and 2010. As such, the region's enrollment growth lagged behind the rates in Massachusetts and the United States. Reflecting a similar pattern as Massachusetts, part-time enrollment in both public and private four-year institutions in the Northeast region declined over the past decade while growing nationwide. In comparison,

the small number of part-time enrollments at private less-than-two-year institutions grew six fold between 2000 and 2010, far exceeding both state and national enrollment patterns.

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

		Less-than-Two-Year Institution			Two-Year Institution			Four-Year Institution		
		Northeast	MA	US	Northeast	MA	US	Northeast	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	3	25	31,407	8,414	48,506	3,509,639	6,558	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	1	65	27,264	8,853	58,043	4,247,674	4,859	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	-2	40	-4,143	439	9,537	738,035	-1,699	-6,040	335,489
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>-10.4</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-3.0</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Private	Enrollment 2000	76	1,522	31,827	77	3,536	66,870	835	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	485	2,633	44,382	46	1,554	61,006	367	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	409	1,111	12,555	-31	-1,982	-5,864	-468	-8,270	299,004
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>20.4</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-3.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>
Total	Enrollment 2000	79	1,547	63,234	8,491	52,042	3,576,509	7,393	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	486	2,698	71,646	8,899	59,597	4,308,680	5,226	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	407	1,151	8,412	408	7,555	732,171	-2,167	-14,310	634,493
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>19.9</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>0.5</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-3.4</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>