

## POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

The fourth largest region by population, the Northeast labor market accounted for 16.2 percent of the state's residential population at the end of the decade. After growing at nearly the same annual rate as Massachusetts (0.2 percent) early in the decade, the Northeast region slightly outpaced the state in population growth toward the end of the period, increasing at an annual rate of 0.4 percent. While these growth rates were in the middle of the pack among the regional labor markets in Massachusetts, they lagged far behind the national 1.0 percent annual growth in population over the course of the decade.

**Source:** US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey Public Use Micro Sample (PUMS) data files.

**Note:** The use of the three-year American Community Survey was necessary to capture accurate sample size for the small geographic areas. The three-year sample is representative of the demographic and employment characteristics of the region over a 36-month period.

### Annual Growth Rates



### Massachusetts Population Distribution Across Regional Labor Markets, 2008-2010

