

## NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN PIONEER VALLEY (2000–2010)

Four-year institutions continued to account for most of the full-time enrollment in higher education institutions in Pioneer Valley, but their share fell slightly over the past decade, from 83.3 percent in 2000 to 82.0 percent in 2010. While full-time enrollment at four-year institutions grew at a fairly consistent pace in the past decade, there were sharp increases in enrollment at two-year and less-than-two-year institutions in recent years. Between 2000 and 2008, the annual rate of growth in full-time enrollment at two-year institutions grew at a fairly moderate pace (0.7 percent) before growing at an annual rate of 7.2 percent between 2008 and 2010. Enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions was more volatile over the course of the decade, growing from slightly over 500 full-time enrollees in 2000 to 986 in 2005, then dropping to 563 in 2008. From 2008 to 2010, however, full-time enrollment at such institutions nearly doubled to reach 1,072 in 2010.

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

**Note:** In the above stacked-area chart, the different areas represent the number of enrollees by institution type. For example, enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions was nearly 1,100 in 2010, compared with more than 41,100 at four-year institutions that year. All three areas combined represent the total number of enrollees in post-secondary educational institutions in Pioneer Valley, of which there were more than 50,100 in 2010. The areas are stacked in order of size in 2010, with enrollment at four-year institutions, the largest enrollment group, on the bottom and enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions, the smallest group, at the top.

