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

Part-time enrollment at two-year institutions in Pioneer Valley increased over the course of the past decade, with recent growth driving this trend. Between 2000 and 2006, part-time enrollment at two-year institutions actually declined at an annual rate of 0.9 percent. But between 2006 and 2010, part-time enrollment increased at an annual rate of 3.9 percent. In comparison, part-time enrollment at four-year institutions experienced an even steeper decline between 2000 and 2006 (-6.1 percent), before declining at a more modest annual rate of 0.6 percent between 2006 and 2010. The small number of part-time enrollees at less-than-two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 8.5 percent between 2000 and 2008 to 115 enrollees and then nearly quadrupled to 404 enrollees at the end of the decade.

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

