

POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

Pioneer Valley accounted for 10.8 percent of the state's residential population at the end of the decade, making it the fifth most populous labor market. It was one of only two regions to decline in residential population between 2000 and 2005–2007, and it has experienced only a small increase in population in recent years. As such, the region's population was essentially unchanged over the course of the past decade. In comparison, the state and five of the regional labor markets gained population in the past decade. Only the Berkshire and Cape & Islands regions noticeably lost residential population over the full decade (2000 to 2008–2010).

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

