GROWTH IN POTENTIAL SUPPLY OF EDUCATED WORKERS: PART-TIME ENROLLMENT TRENDS IN THE PAST DECADE

The majority of students enrolled part-time at post-secondary educational institutions are attending public two-year institutions. In Berkshire, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at a sluggish annual rate of 0.1 percent between 2000 and 2010. The region’s enrollment 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 Berkshire has declined over the past decade, while growing nationwide. A majority of part-time students at four-year institutions are enrolled in the region’s public institutions; in contrast, the majority of part-time enrollments at four-year institutions statewide are at private institutions.