

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

Colleges and universities in Boston/Metro North account for nearly 40 percent of all students enrolled at four-year institutions in Massachusetts. Between 2000 and 2010, enrollments at Boston/Metro North institutions grew at an annual rate of 2.2 percent. While enrollments increased at similar rates for both public and private four-year institutions in the region, private institutions enrolled more than 89 percent of such students and are driving the region's growth in enrollment. In contrast, 2010 full-time enrollments in private two-year Boston/Metro North institutions were half the level of enrollment in 2000. Even with a 2.9 percent annual increase in enrollments at public two-year institutions over the same period, the region's total full-time enrollment at two-year institutions declined at an annual

rate of 1.0 percent. With a strong annual increase in enrollments at private less-than-two-year institutions (16.1 percent) and no comparable public institutions, the region more than quadrupled the number of full-time enrollees in less-than-two-year institutions over the course of the decade.

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

Note: Enrollment data are from the fall semester of the academic year. For example, 2010 enrollment is from the fall of 2009 of the 2009-2010 academic year. Enrollment data are provided by the type of institution. Students can earn different types of degrees within an institution. For example, the enrollment at a community college would be categorized as being in a two-year institution for all students enrolled that year. However, students at community colleges complete different type of programs, such as Certificates and Associate's Degrees.

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Boston/ Metro North	MA	US	Boston/ Metro North	MA	US	Boston/ Metro North	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	0	382	43,504	3,604	31,002	2,008,336	7,595	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	0	316	42,117	4,810	44,278	2,922,622	9,274	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	0	-66	-1,387	1,206	13,276	914,286	1,679	15,451	1,170,931
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	NA	-1.9	-0.3	2.9	3.6	3.8	2.0	2.4	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	861	3,427	138,260	3,779	5,796	259,071	62,069	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	3,831	9,609	277,341	1,834	5,457	457,134	77,073	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	2,970	6,182	139,081	-1,945	-339	198,063	15,004	27,499	1,137,342
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	16.1	10.9	7.2	-7.0	-0.6	5.8	2.2	2.0	4.9
Total	Enrollment 2000	861	3,809	181,764	7,383	36,798	2,267,407	69,664	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	3,831	9,925	319,458	6,644	49,735	3,379,756	86,347	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	2,970	6,116	137,694	-739	12,937	1,112,349	16,683	42,950	2,308,273
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	16.1	10.1	5.8	-1.0	3.1	4.1	2.2	2.1	3.5