

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2000-2010)

Four-year institutions consistently accounted for about 89 percent of full-time post-secondary enrollees in the region throughout the decade. While enrollments at four-year institutions increased at a fairly consistent rate, it was a volatile decade for enrollments at the other post-secondary institutions in the region. For example, enrollments at two-year institutions declined at an annual rate of 6.4 percent between 2000 and 2007, before increasing at an annual rate of 12.7 percent between 2007 and 2010. Conversely, full-time enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions more than tripled from less than 900 students in 2000 to over 3,000 in 2003. Thereafter, enrollment at such institutions in the region declined through 2008 before sharply rising again in 2009 and 2010. As a result, enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 2.9 percent between 2003 and 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 in less-than-two-year Institutions was over 3,800 in 2010, compared to over 86,300 at four-year institutions that year. All three areas combined represent the total number of enrollees in post-secondary educational institutions in Boston/Metro North of which there were over 96,800 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.

