

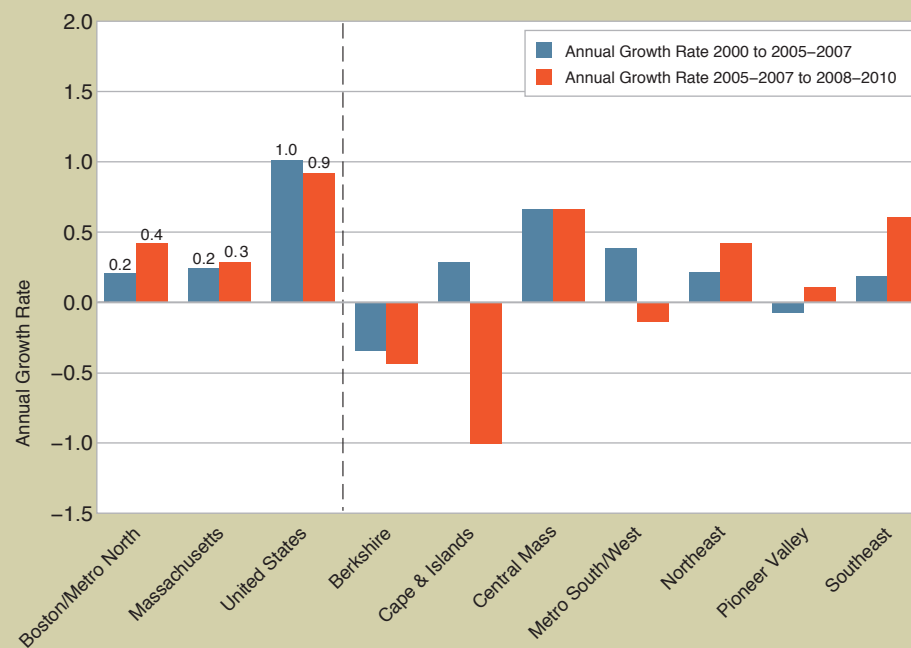
## POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

The second largest region by total population, Boston/Metro North accounted for 19.2 percent of the state's residents at the end of the decade. After growing at the same annual rate as Massachusetts (0.2 percent) early in the decade, Boston/Metro North's population growth slightly outpaced the state's toward the end of the decade, increasing at an annual rate of 0.4 percent. While such growth rates were in the middle of the pack among the regional labor markets in Massachusetts, they lagged far behind the nation's 1.0 percent annual population growth over the course of the decade.

**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

