

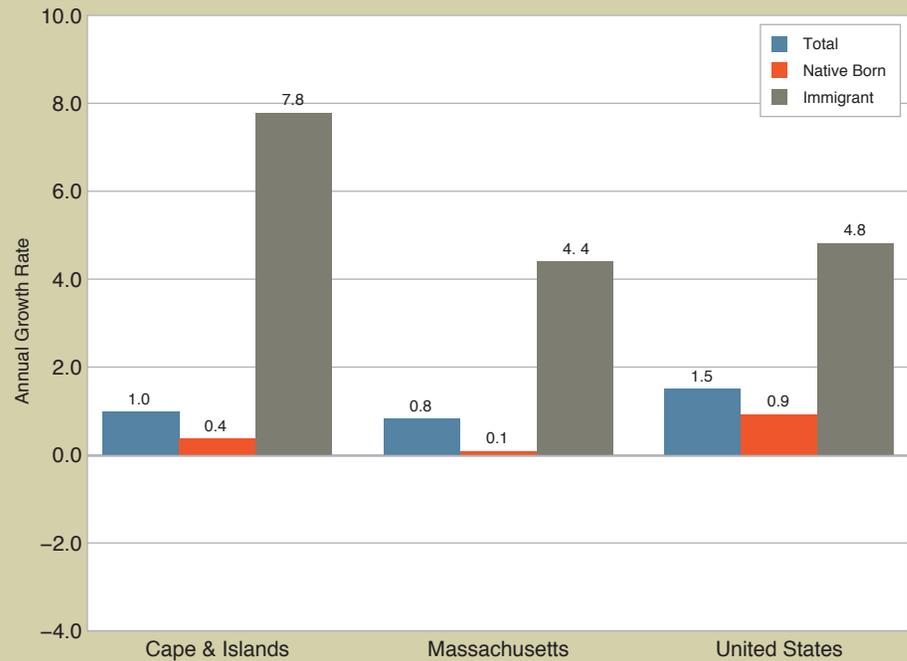
GROWTH IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY NATIVITY STATUS

The civilian labor force consists of residents 16 years of age or older who are either working or unemployed but actively looking for work (a region's actual labor supply). With growth among both native-born and immigrant populations between 2000 and 2005–2007, the civilian labor force grew at an annual rate of 1.0 percent, exceeding the growth in Massachusetts but trailing that in the United States. However, between 2005–2007 and 2008–2010, the native-born civilian labor force declined at an annual rate of 0.6 percent. At the same time, the number of immigrants in the civilian labor force in the Cape & Islands declined at an annual rate of 2.9 percent; it was the only regional labor market to see such a decline in the latter part of the decade. As a result, the region's civilian labor force declined at an annual rate of 0.8 percent between 2005–2007 and 2008–2010, in contrast to growth at both the state and national levels. However, the growth of earlier years was enough to result in an annual civilian labor force growth of 0.4 percent over the course of the entire decade.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files, 2005–2007 and 2008–2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: The civilian labor force consists of all individuals 16 years of age or older who are classified as employed or unemployed and actively looking for work. Immigrants are individuals born outside the country.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005–2007



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