

NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN THE CAPE & ISLANDS (2000–2010)

Cape Cod Community College accounts for the majority of the full-time enrollees in post-secondary institutions in the Cape & Islands (58.5 percent in 2010). The Cape & Islands was the only regional labor market not to have a majority of its full-time enrollments at four-year institutions. Enrollment at the community college, the only two-year institution in the region, grew quickly through most of the first half of the decade, before declining at an annual rate of 5.1 percent between 2004 and 2006. Thereafter, enrollment at the institution grew at a consistent pace, increasing 8.7 percent annually between 2006 and 2010. Enrollment at four-year institutions grew at a moderate annual pace between 2000 and 2005 (3.0 percent), before increasing more rapidly through the end of the decade (6.5 percent). Enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions, on the other hand, declined early in the decade to a low of 72 in 2001 before growing to a peak of 132 in 2008, followed by a drop to 124 in 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 124 in 2010, compared with more than 1,800 at two-year institutions that year. All three areas combined represent the total number of enrollees in post-secondary educational institutions in the Cape & Islands, of which there were nearly 3,200 in 2010. The areas are stacked in order of size in 2010, with enrollment at four-year institutions, the largest enrollment group statewide, on the bottom and enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions, the smallest group, at the top.

