
With nearly all part-time enrollment in the Cape & Islands at Cape Cod Community College (98.5 percent in 2010), the regional enrollment trend over the past decade is nearly identical with the trend at that institution. Early in the decade, part-time enrollment at the community college jumped, growing from slightly over 2,900 in 2000 to nearly 4,200 in 2002. Thereafter, part-time enrollment dropped to about 3,000 per year, ending the decade at nearly 2,800. In comparison, the small number of part-time enrollees at four-year institutions oscillated over the years, reaching a high of 50 in 2001 and a low of five in 2009. Part-time enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions, of which there were none in 2000, similarly fluctuated, reaching a high of 36 in 2004 and 2008, then finishing the decade with 24 in 2010.