

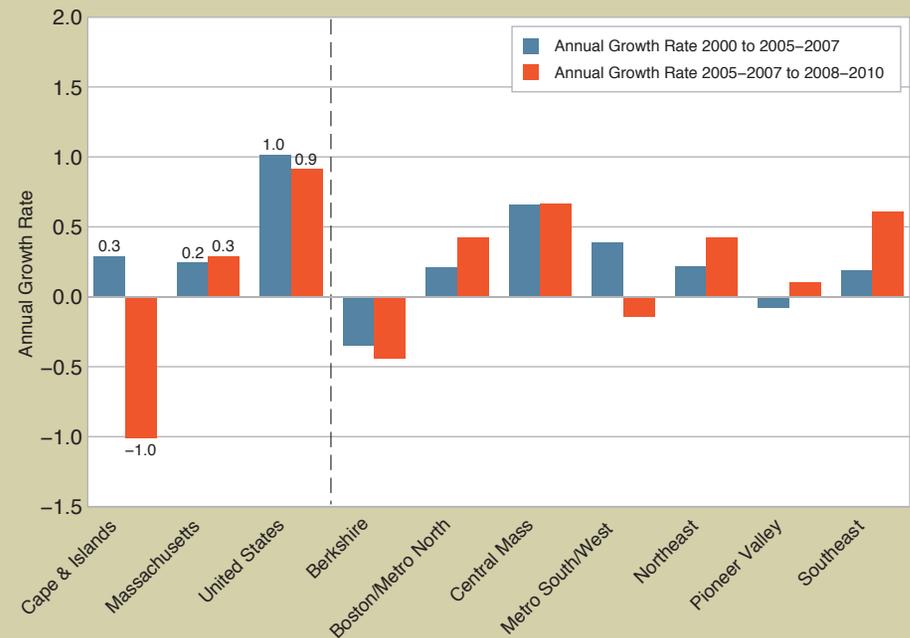
POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

The Cape & Islands is the second smallest region by residential population; it accounted for 3.8 percent of the state's population at the end of the decade. After experiencing the state's third fastest population growth (an annual rate of 0.3 percent) early in the decade, the Cape & Islands experienced the largest decline in population (an annual rate of 1.0 percent) of all regional labor markets between 2005–2007 and 2008–2010. As such, the region was one of only two labor markets to decline in residential population in the past decade. Berkshire was the only other region to register a decline, while Pioneer Valley's population was virtually unchanged and the other five regional labor markets experienced increases in their residential populations.

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

