GROWTH IN POTENTIAL SUPPLY OF EDUCATED WORKERS: PART-TIME ENROLLMENT TRENDS IN THE PAST DECADE

The majority of part-time enrollees at post-secondary educational institutions are in public two-year institutions. In Central Mass, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 2.9 percent between 2000 and 2010. The region’s part-time enrollment growth exceeded the rates in Massachusetts and the United States. Reflecting a similar pattern seen statewide, part-time enrollment in both public and private four-year institutions in Central Mass declined over the past decade, while growing nationwide. The small number of part-time enrollees at private, less-than-two-year institutions more than doubled from 44 in 2000 to 92 in 2010.