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

Between 2000 and 2010, the number of full-time students enrolled at two- and four-year institutions grew in Metro South/ West, Massachusetts, and the United States. Enrollment in private two- and four-year institutions in Metro South/West has grown more robustly than enrollment in public institutions, but the number of students enrolled in public two-year institutions is much greater than those in private. In contrast, in Massachusetts, the growth in enrollments in public institutions has outpaced that of private institutions. Full-time enrollment in less-than-two-year institutions in Metro South/West has declined in the past decade, while increasing in both Massachusetts and the United States.

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Post Secondary Education Data System.

Note: Enrollment data are from the fall semester of the academic year. For example, 2010 enrollment is from the fall of 2009 of the 2009-2010 academic year. Enrollment data are provided by the type of institution. Students can earn different types of degrees within an institution. For example, the enrollment at a community college would be categorized as being in a two-year institution for all students enrolled that year. However, students at community colleges complete different types of programs, such as Certificates and Associate's Degrees.

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Metro South/West	MA	US	Metro South/West	MA	US	Metro South/West	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	105	382	43,504	5,075	31,002	2,008,336	3,083	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	56	316	42,117	6,326	44,278	2,922,622	3,121	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	-49	-66	-1,387	1,251	13,276	914,286	38	15,451	1,170,931
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	-6.1	-1.9	-0.3	2.2	3.6	3.8	0.1	2.4	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	509	3,427	138,260	1,260	5,796	259,071	23,683	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	317	9,609	277,341	2,362	5,457	457,134	28,667	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	-192	6,182	139,081	1,102	-339	198,063	4,984	27,499	1,137,342
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	-4.6	10.9	7.2	6.5	-0.6	5.8	1.9	2.0	4.9
Total	Enrollment 2000	614	3,809	181,764	6,335	36,798	2,267,407	26,766	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	373	9,925	319,458	8,688	49,735	3,379,756	31,788	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	-241	6,116	137,694	2,353	12,937	1,112,349	5,022	42,950	2,308,273
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	-4.9	10.1	5.8	3.2	3.1	4.1	1.7	2.1	3.5