NUMBER OF FULL-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2000-2010)

Four-year institutions continue to account for most of the full-time enrollment in higher education institutions in Metro South/West, but their share fell over the past decade from 79.4 percent in 2000 to 77.8 percent in 2010. From 2000 to 2006, enrollment in four-year institutions in the region grew at an annualized rate of 2.2 percent. From 2006 to 2010, annual growth in enrollment in four-year institutions slowed to 1.0 percent. Conversely, enrollment in two-year institutions in Metro South/West grew more slowly at the beginning of the decade, growing at 1.1 percent between 2000 and 2006, but increased to an annualized growth rate of 6.4 percent between 2006 and 2010.