

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

Growth in part-time enrollment in Metro South/West has occurred only at two-year institutions. Between 2000 and 2010, the overall part-time enrollment at two-year institutions in Metro South/West grew at an annual rate of 2.6 percent. This was the result of a 3.2 percent annual growth in enrollment at public two-year institutions in the region, which exceeded the growth of public two-year institutions in Massachusetts (1.8 percent) and in the United States (1.9 percent). In contrast, part-time enrollment in less-than-two-year institutions stagnated in the

Metro South/West but grew at a robust annual rate of 5.7 percent statewide, due largely to growing enrollment in private institutions. Part-time enrollment in four-year institutions has actually declined in both Metro South/West and Massachusetts over the past decade.

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

		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	0	25	31,407	6,286	48,506	3,509,639	1,213	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	0	65	27,264	8,646	58,043	4,247,674	726	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	0	40	-4,143	2,360	9,537	738,035	-487	-6,040	335,489
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>NA</i>	<i>10.0</i>	<i>-1.4</i>	<i>3.2</i>	<i>1.8</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-5.0</i>	<i>-3.1</i>	<i>2.8</i>
Private	Enrollment 2000	166	1,522	31,827	558	3,536	66,870	3,768	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	166	2,633	44,382	191	1,554	61,006	1,780	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	0	1,111	12,555	-367	-1,982	-5,864	-1,988	-8,270	299,004
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>5.6</i>	<i>3.4</i>	<i>-10.2</i>	<i>-7.9</i>	<i>-0.9</i>	<i>-7.2</i>	<i>-3.5</i>	<i>5.0</i>
Total	Enrollment 2000	166	1,547	63,234	6,844	52,042	3,576,509	4,981	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	166	2,698	71,646	8,837	59,597	4,308,680	2,506	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	0	1,151	8,412	1,993	7,555	732,171	-2,475	-14,310	634,493
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	<i>0.0</i>	<i>5.7</i>	<i>1.3</i>	<i>2.6</i>	<i>1.4</i>	<i>1.9</i>	<i>-6.6</i>	<i>-3.3</i>	<i>3.5</i>