NUMBER OF PART-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN PIONEER VALLEY (2000–2010)

Part-time enrollment at two-year institutions in Pioneer Valley increased over the course of the past decade, with recent growth driving this trend. Between 2000 and 2006, part-time enrollment at two-year institutions actually declined at an annual rate of 0.9 percent. But between 2006 and 2010, part-time enrollment increased at an annual rate of 3.9 percent. In comparison, part-time enrollment at four-year institutions experienced an even steeper decline between 2000 and 2006 (-6.1 percent), before declining at a more modest annual rate of 0.6 percent between 2006 and 2010. The small number of part-time enrollees at less-than-two-year institutions increased at an annual rate of 8.5 percent between 2000 and 2008 to 115 enrollees and then nearly quadrupled to 404 enrollees at the end of the decade.