NUMBER OF PART-TIME ENROLLEES BY TYPE OF DEGREE GRANTING INSTITUTION IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2000-2010)

While part-time enrollment in two-year institutions in the Southeast region increased over the past decade, this is mostly due to increases in recent years. Between 2000 and 2007, part-time enrollment in two-year institutions declined at an annual rate of 0.9 percent. But between 2007 and 2010, part-time enrollment increased at an annual rate of 4.6 percent. The small numbers of enrollments at less-than-two-year institutions was much more volatile, declining at an annual rate of 14.0 percent between 2000 and 2006 before growing at a robust 29.0 percent annually between 2006 and 2010. In comparison, part-time enrollment at four-year institutions experienced a steep rate of decline between 2000 and 2006 (–4.8 percent annually) and continued to erode through the end of the decade (–1.9 percent annually between 2006 and 2010).