

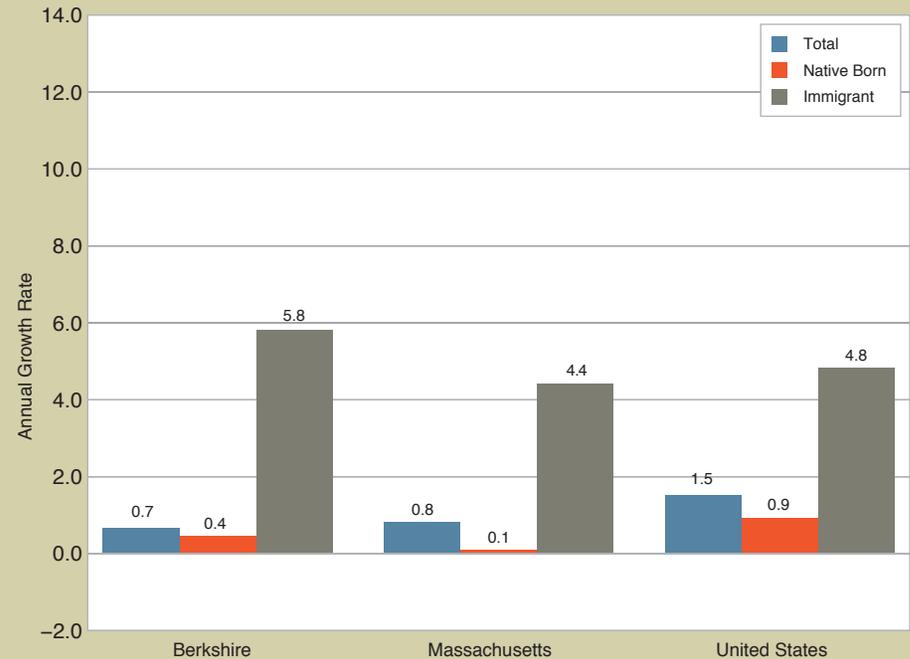
GROWTH IN THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE BY NATIVITY STATUS

The civilian labor force consists of residents 16 years of age or older who are either working or unemployed but actively looking for work (a region's actual labor supply). And while residential and working-age populations have been declining or stagnating over the past decade in Berkshire, the region's civilian labor force has actually grown. With both native-born and immigrants growth between 2000 and 2005-2007, the civilian labor force grew at an annual rate of 0.7 percent, nearly keeping pace with Massachusetts but trailing the United States. However, between 2005-2007 and 2008-2010, the native-born civilian labor force declined at an annual rate of 1.3 percent, while immigrants in the labor force continued to grow (by 13.1 percent). With immigrants accounting for only 7.0 percent of Berkshire's civilian labor force in 2008-2010, their gains were not enough to offset losses of the native-born, and the civilian labor force declined at an annual rate of 0.5 percent at the end of the decade. However, growth in the earlier part of the decade was enough to result in annual civilian labor force growth of 0.3 percent over the course of the entire decade.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census PUMS data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey PUMS data files.

Note: The civilian labor force consists of all individuals 16 years of age or older who are classified as employed or unemployed and actively looking for work. Immigrants are individuals born outside the country.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005-2007



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