

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

Between 2000 and 2010, the number of full-time students enrolled at less-than-two-, two-, and four-year institutions increased in Berkshire, Massachusetts, and the United States. However, enrollment growth at each type of institution in Berkshire trailed that of both the state and the nation. There are no private two-year institutions in Berkshire, so enrollment at two-year institutions in the region lagged because of slow growth at public two-year institutions. In contrast, regional growth in full-time enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions trailed due to slower growth at private institutions. Enrollment at four-year institutions faltered mainly due to the much smaller enrollment growth at private institutions (0.1 percent) in the region, much lower than the growth

experienced both statewide and nationally. However, growth in full-time enrollment at public four-year institutions in Berkshire (3.1 percent) outpaced both the state and national trends.

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

**Note:** Enrollment data are from the fall semester of the academic year. For example, 2010 enrollment is from the fall of 2009 of the 2009-2010 academic year. Enrollment data are provided by the type of institution. Students can earn different types of degrees within an institution. For example, the enrollment at a community college would be categorized as being in a two-year institution for all students enrolled that year. However, students at community colleges complete different type of programs, such as Certificates and Associate's Degrees.

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Berkshire	MA	US	Berkshire	MA	US	Berkshire	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	0	382	43,504	921	31,002	2,008,336	1,083	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	0	316	42,117	1,080	44,278	2,922,622	1,467	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	0	-66	-1,387	159	13,276	914,286	384	15,451	1,170,931
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	NA	-1.9	-0.3	1.6	3.6	3.8	3.1	2.4	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	146	3,427	138,260	0	5,796	259,071	2,440	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	235	9,609	277,341	0	5,457	457,134	2,473	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	89	6,182	139,081	0	-339	198,063	33	27,499	1,137,342
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	4.9	10.9	7.2	NA	-0.6	5.8	0.1	2.0	4.9
Total	Enrollment 2000	146	3,809	181,764	921	36,798	2,267,407	3,523	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	235	9,925	319,458	1,080	49,735	3,379,756	3,940	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	89	6,116	137,694	159	12,937	1,112,349	417	42,950	2,308,273
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	4.9	10.1	5.8	1.6	3.1	4.1	1.1	2.1	3.5