

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

The majority of students enrolled part-time at post-secondary educational institutions are attending public two-year institutions. In Berkshire, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at a sluggish annual rate of 0.1 percent between 2000 and 2010. The region's enrollment lagged behind the rates in Massachusetts and the United States. Reflecting a similar pattern as Massachusetts, part-time enrollment in both public and private four-year institutions in Berkshire has declined over the past decade, while growing nationwide. A majority of part-time students at four-year institutions are enrolled in the region's public institu-

tions; in contrast, the majority of part-time enrollments at four-year institutions statewide are at private institutions.

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

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Berkshire	MA	US	Berkshire	MA	US	Berkshire	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	0	25	31,407	1,507	48,506	3,509,639	309	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	0	65	27,264	1,521	58,043	4,247,674	208	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	0	40	-4,143	14	9,537	738,035	-101	-6,040	335,489
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	NA	10.0	-1.4	0.1	1.8	1.9	-3.9	-3.1	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	1	1,522	31,827	0	3,536	66,870	45	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	0	2,633	44,382	0	1,554	61,006	43	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	-1	1,111	12,555	0	-1,982	-5,864	-2	-8,270	299,004
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	NA	5.6	3.4	NA	-7.9	-0.9	-0.5	-3.5	5.0
Total	Enrollment 2000	1	1,547	63,234	1,507	52,042	3,576,509	354	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	0	2,698	71,646	1,521	59,597	4,308,680	251	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	-1	1,151	8,412	14	7,555	732,171	-103	-14,310	634,493
	Annual Growth Rate (Percent)	NA	5.7	1.3	0.1	1.4	1.9	-3.4	-3.3	3.5