

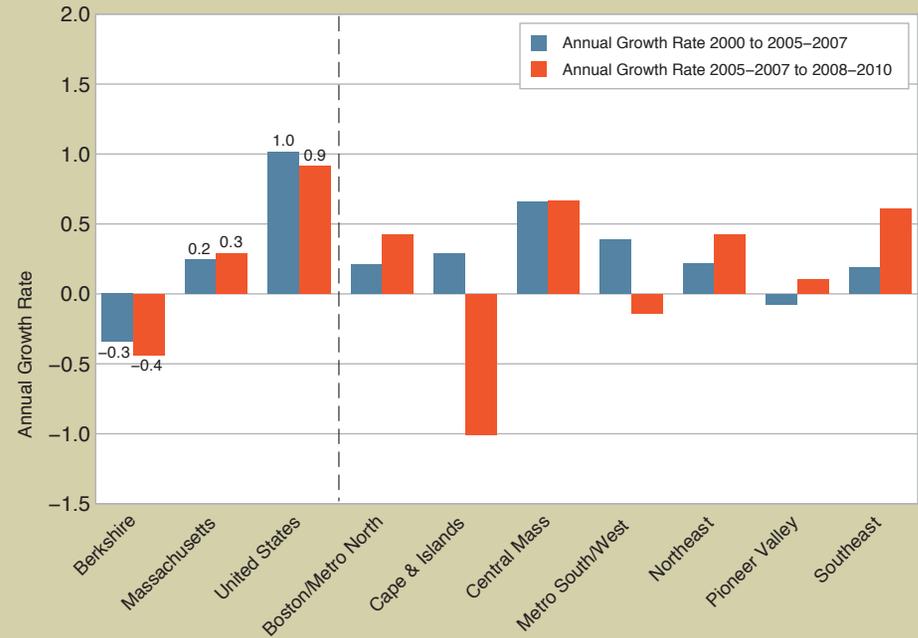
POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

Berkshire accounted for 1.8 percent of the state's residential population at the end of the decade, making it the smallest labor market by this measure. It was also the only region to decline in residential population from 2000 to 2005-2007 and also from 2005-2007 to 2008-2010. As such, the region experienced the largest decline in population over the past decade among Massachusetts regional labor markets. In comparison, the Cape & Islands was the only other region to decline in residential population in the past decade, while Pioneer Valley's population was virtually unchanged and the other five regional labor markets experienced increases.

Source: US Census Bureau 2000 Decennial Census Public Use Microdata Samples (PUMS) data files, 2005-2007 and 2008-2010 American Community Survey Public Use Micro Sample (PUMS) data files.

Note: The use of the three-year American Community Survey was necessary to capture accurate sample size for the small geographic areas. The three-year sample is representative of the demographic and employment characteristics of the region over a 36-month period.

Annual Growth Rates



Massachusetts Population Distribution Across Regional Labor Markets, 2008-2010

