

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

While the majority of part-time students are in public two-year institutions in both Massachusetts and the United States, the majority of part-time student enrollments in Boston/Metro North are at four-year institutions. However, in 2010 there were fewer students enrolled part-time at four-year institutions in the region than in 2000; their enrollment declined at an annual rate of 2.4 percent over the past decade. In comparison, part-time enrollment at both less-than-two-year and two-year institutions in the region grew over the same time period. At two-year institutions, the increase in part-time students was the result of increasing enrollments at

public institutions, which was large enough to offset declining enrollment in private institutions. For less-than-two-year institutions, the growth came exclusively from private institutions (Boston/Metro North has no public less-than-two-year institutions).

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

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Boston/ Metro North	MA	US	Boston/ Metro North	MA	US	Boston/ Metro North	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	0	25	31,407	5,606	48,506	3,509,639	5,586	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	0	65	27,264	8,948	58,043	4,247,674	4,029	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	0	40	-4,143	3,342	9,537	738,035	-1,557	-6,040	335,489
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	NA	10.0	-1.4	4.8	1.8	1.9	-3.2	-3.1	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	757	1,522	31,827	2,579	3,536	66,870	16,485	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	1,033	2,633	44,382	795	1,554	61,006	13,315	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	276	1,111	12,555	-1,784	-1,982	-5,864	-3,170	-8,270	299,004
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	3.2	5.6	3.4	-11.1	-7.9	-0.9	-2.1	-3.5	5.0
Total	Enrollment 2000	757	1,547	63,234	8,185	52,042	3,576,509	22,071	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	1,033	2,698	71,646	9,743	59,597	4,308,680	17,344	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	276	1,151	8,412	1,558	7,555	732,171	-4,727	-14,310	634,493
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	3.2	5.7	1.3	1.8	1.4	1.9	-2.4	-3.3	3.5