

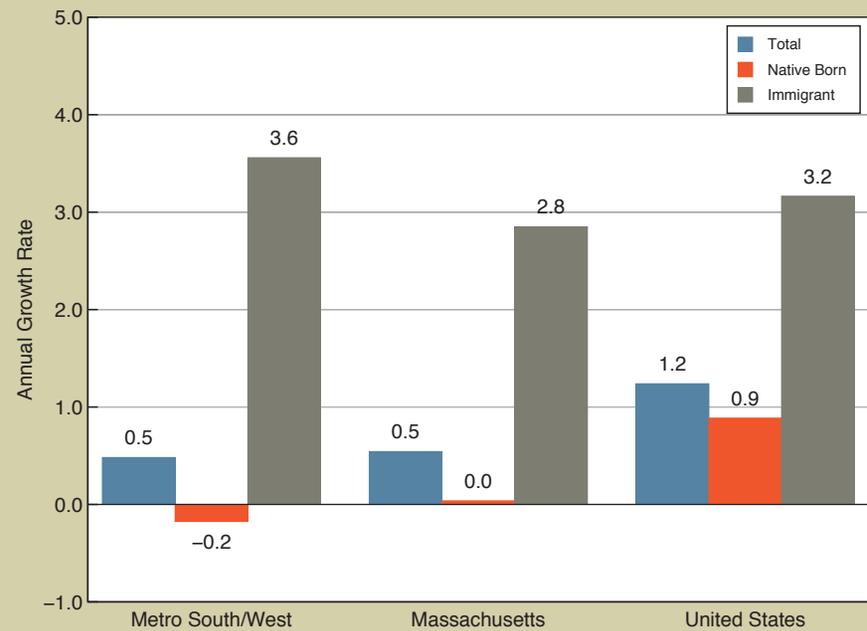
## GROWTH IN THE WORKING-AGE POPULATION BY NATIVITY STATUS

The immigrants in Metro South/West have been a major driver of growth in the working-age population (a region's potential labor supply, typically defined as people 16 years of age or older). Between 2000 and 2005-2007, the growth of working-age immigrants (3.6 percent) exceeded the growth of working-age immigrants in both Massachusetts and the United States. In recent years, the growth of working-age immigrants has slowed in Metro South/West, Massachusetts, and the United States.

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

**Note:** Working-age population is individuals 16 years of age or older and excludes institutionalized populations. Immigrants are individuals born outside the U.S.

Annual Growth Rate, 2000 to 2005-2007



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