

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 the Southeast region, Massachusetts, and the United States. Enrollment in public two- and four-year institutions in the Southeast region grew more robustly than enrollment in private institutions and exceeded the growth rates of public institutions in both Massachusetts and the United States. In fact, full-time enrollment at public institutions in the region accounted for 98.3 percent of all enrollment at two-year institutions and 67.3 percent at four-year institutions in 2010, exceeding both state and national shares. In contrast, full-time enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions

increased more than sixfold over the course of the decade and was almost entirely at private institutions at the end of the decade.

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		
		Southeast	MA	US	Southeast	MA	US	Southeast	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	211	382	43,504	6,495	31,002	2,008,336	10,249	58,489	3,733,341
	Enrollment 2010	138	316	42,117	9,653	44,278	2,922,622	14,584	73,940	4,904,272
	Absolute Change	-73	-66	-1,387	3,158	13,276	914,286	4,335	15,451	1,170,931
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	-4.2	-1.9	-0.3	4.0	3.6	3.8	3.6	2.4	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	229	3,427	138,260	203	5,796	259,071	6,116	125,640	1,863,471
	Enrollment 2010	2,706	9,609	277,341	164	5,457	457,134	7,092	153,139	3,000,813
	Absolute Change	2,477	6,182	139,081	-39	-339	198,063	976	27,499	1,137,342
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	28.0	10.9	7.2	-2.1	-0.6	5.8	1.5	2.0	4.9
Total	Enrollment 2000	440	3,809	181,764	6,698	36,798	2,267,407	16,365	184,129	5,596,812
	Enrollment 2010	2,844	9,925	319,458	9,817	49,735	3,379,756	21,676	227,079	7,905,085
	Absolute Change	2,404	6,116	137,694	3,119	12,937	1,112,349	5,311	42,950	2,308,273
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	20.5	10.1	5.8	3.9	3.1	4.1	2.9	2.1	3.5