

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

The majority of part-time enrollees at post-secondary educational institutions are in public two-year institutions. In the Southeast region, part-time enrollment at public two-year institutions increased at a sluggish annual rate of 0.9 percent between 2000 and 2010. As such, the region's enrollment growth 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 the Southeast region declined over the past decade, while growing nationwide. The fastest growth in

part-time enrollment occurred at less-than-two-year institutions. And while a majority of such enrollees are at private institutions, most of the region's growth actually came from rising public enrollment. In contrast, growth in part-time enrollment at less-than-two-year institutions came almost exclusively from private institutions in Massachusetts and the United States.

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

		Less-than-Two-Year Institutions			Two-Year Institutions			Four-Year Institutions		
		Southeast	MA	US	Southeast	MA	US	Southeast	MA	US
Public	Enrollment 2000	22	25	31,407	10,438	48,506	3,509,639	3,068	22,160	1,045,388
	Enrollment 2010	64	65	27,264	11,416	58,043	4,247,674	2,301	16,120	1,380,877
	Absolute Change	42	40	-4,143	978	9,537	738,035	-767	-6,040	335,489
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	11.3	10.0	-1.4	0.9	1.8	1.9	-2.8	-3.1	2.8
Private	Enrollment 2000	418	1,522	31,827	322	3,536	66,870	1,579	27,425	476,690
	Enrollment 2010	429	2,633	44,382	156	1,554	61,006	896	19,155	775,694
	Absolute Change	11	1,111	12,555	-166	-1,982	-5,864	-683	-8,270	299,004
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	0.3	5.6	3.4	-7.0	-7.9	-0.9	-5.5	-3.5	5.0
Total	Enrollment 2000	440	1,547	63,234	10,760	52,042	3,576,509	4,647	49,585	1,522,078
	Enrollment 2010	493	2,698	71,646	11,572	59,597	4,308,680	3,197	35,275	2,156,571
	Absolute Change	53	1,151	8,412	812	7,555	732,171	-1,450	-14,310	634,493
	<i>Annual Growth Rate (Percent)</i>	1.1	5.7	1.3	0.7	1.4	1.9	-3.7	-3.3	3.5