

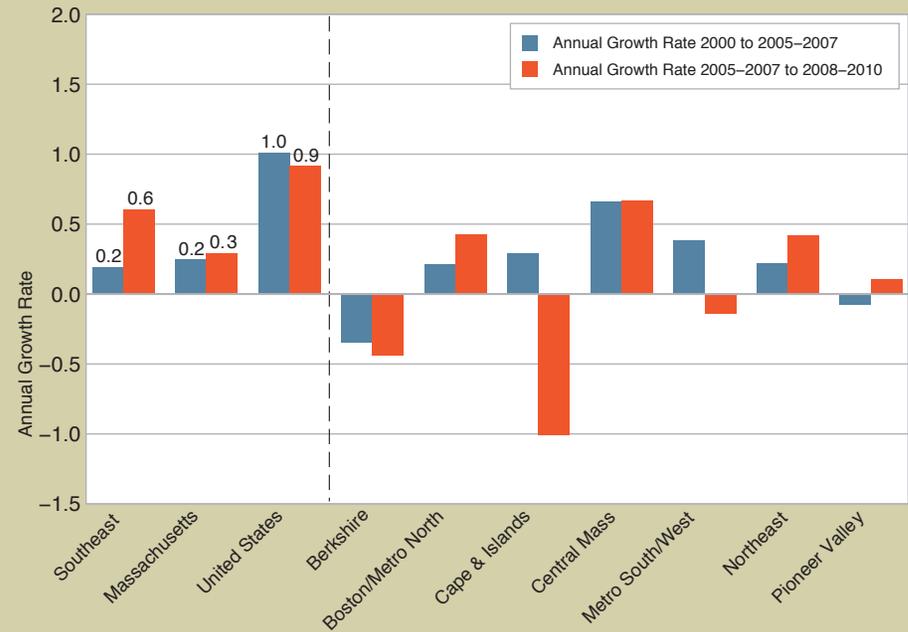
POPULATION GROWTH TRENDS

The Southeast region is the most populous regional labor market, accounting for 21.0 percent of the state's residents at the end of the decade. After growing at the same annual rate as Massachusetts (0.2 percent) early in the decade, the Southeast region outpaced the state in population growth toward the end of the decade, with an annual rate of 0.6 percent. While the region's population growth was one of the strongest in the state (second only to Central Mass), it lagged considerably behind the 0.9 percent annual growth in population nationwide between 2005-2007 and 2008-2010.

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

