

North Shore Adult Education Partnership: *New Faces, Changing Needs*

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- **908,271** of 6,437,193 (total population) **Massachusetts citizens** are foreign born.
- Immigrants **account for 14.1%** (one in seven) of the entire population of Massachusetts.



From 2000-2005, the MA resident workforce showed no growth, (but for MA immigrants this number would have showed a decline in growth)

The national labor force grew by nearly 5%.

MA ranks 48th in the nation. in this regard

Without continued immigration, MA may lose a Congressional seat in 2010.



In Mass. Immigrants Hold the Economic Fabric Together

- **Between 2003-2005, the MA labor force contracted by 1.7%. It was the only state in the nation to decline each year during this time period. Meanwhile, the nation's labor force expanded by 3.1%.**

From 2000 to 2005, the state lost, on net, 233,000 residents to other states. In relative terms, the state lost 3.6% of its 2000 population.*

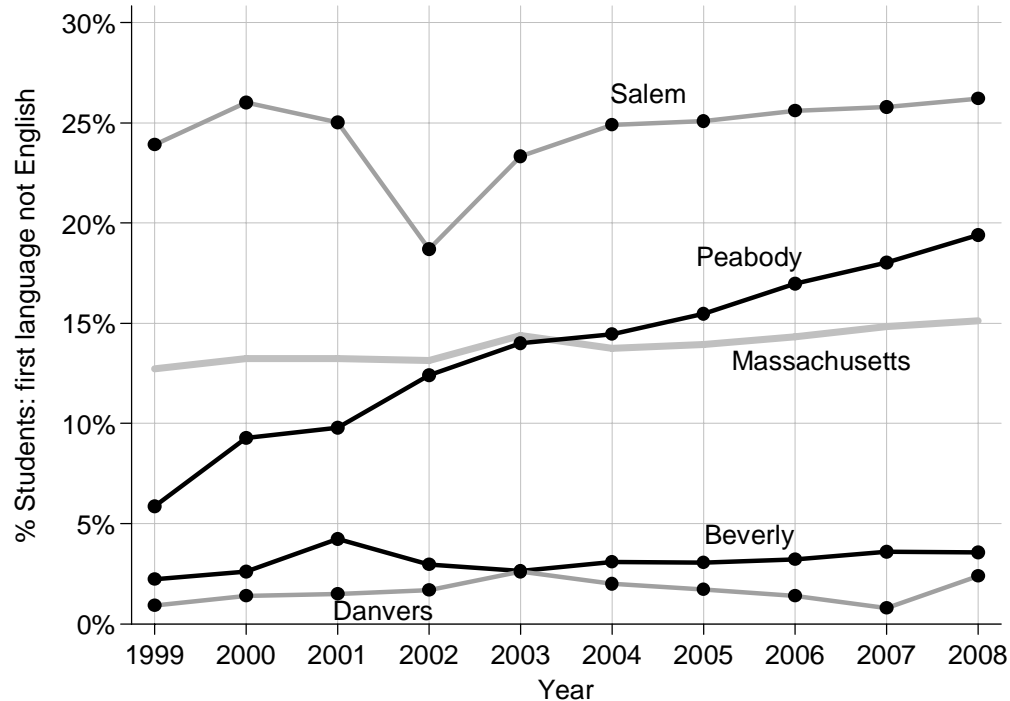
- ***(MassINC. and MIRA 2008)**



The North Shore has Become a More Diverse Region

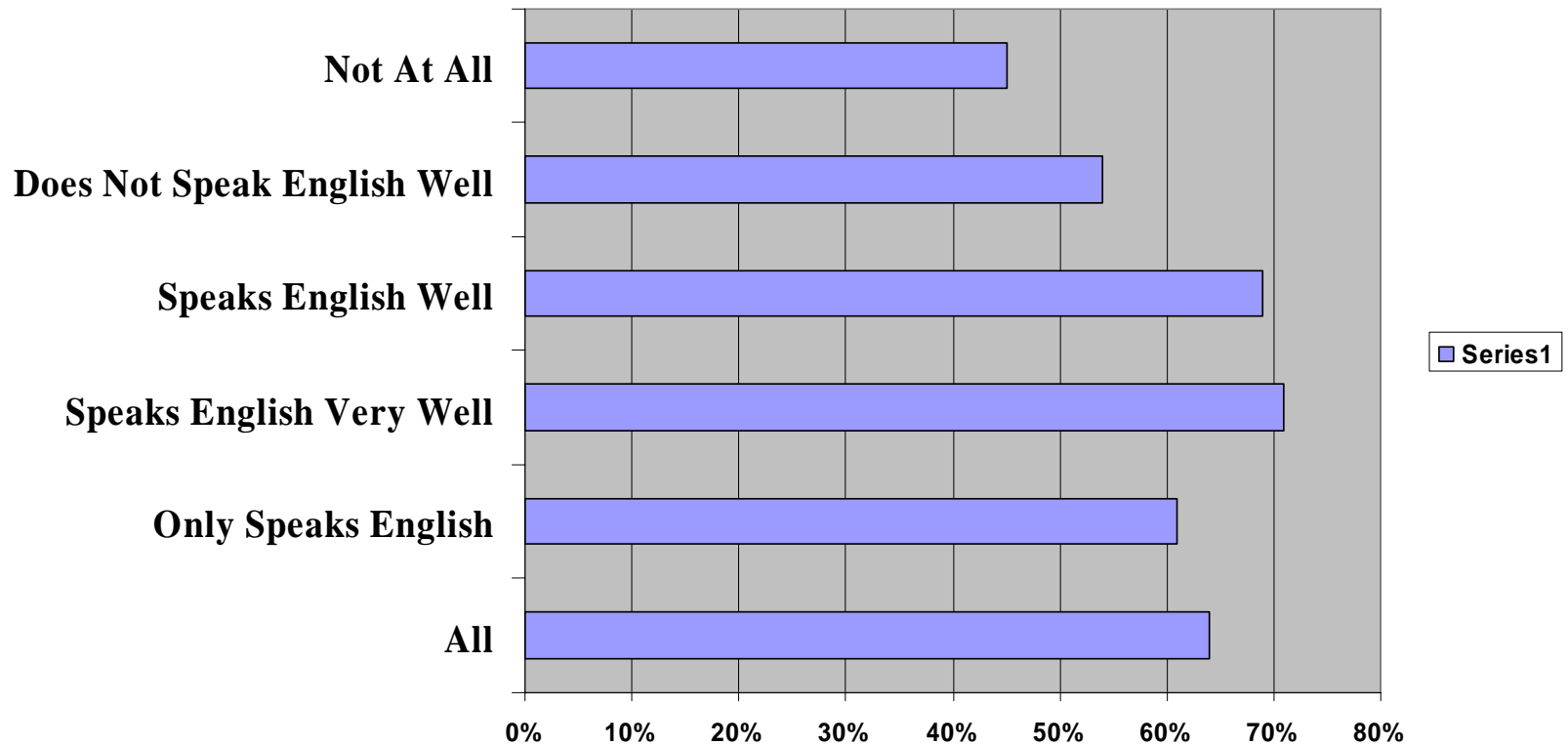
- In 2008, 27.2% of North Shore adult students are American-born, while 72.8% are immigrants.
- The largest immigrant groups among enrolled adult learners are people who have emigrated from the Dominican Republic (17.9%), Brazil (15.4%) and Albania (9.3%).
- In 2008, adult education providers in these communities reported having students reflecting the cultures of **19 countries** in addition to the United States and U.S. territories.

North Shore ELL (English Language Learners) Students



Data from the MA. Dept of Education shows the percentage of students (all grades) whose first language is not English. There has been a dramatic increase for Peabody while Salem has stayed at a high level. Beverly and Danvers are relatively unchanged.

Employment Rates Among the Foreign Born Populations of Massachusetts by English-Speaking Proficiency





The Demand for ABE/ESOL far Outstrips Available Services

- Over 40% of the adults who try to enroll in ABE each year cannot enroll because there are inadequate resources to fund needed programming. (MA Dept. of Education Sept. 2007)
- Approximately 24,000 adults are currently on waiting lists for ABE program as funded by the MA DESE due to inadequate funding.*
- Waiting lists vary from 2 to 8 mos. For ABE and 3 mos. To 2 years for ESOL.*
- *MCAE (Massachusetts Coalition for Adult Education) data



ESSEX COUNTY: Projected Growth of Immigration

- **POPULATION PROJECTION 2025**

The current rate of population change between 1990-00, if continued, would result in a population in 2025 of 875,000. That is an increase of 21% over the 2000 population.

Creating Policy that Makes Sense

NO EXIT

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