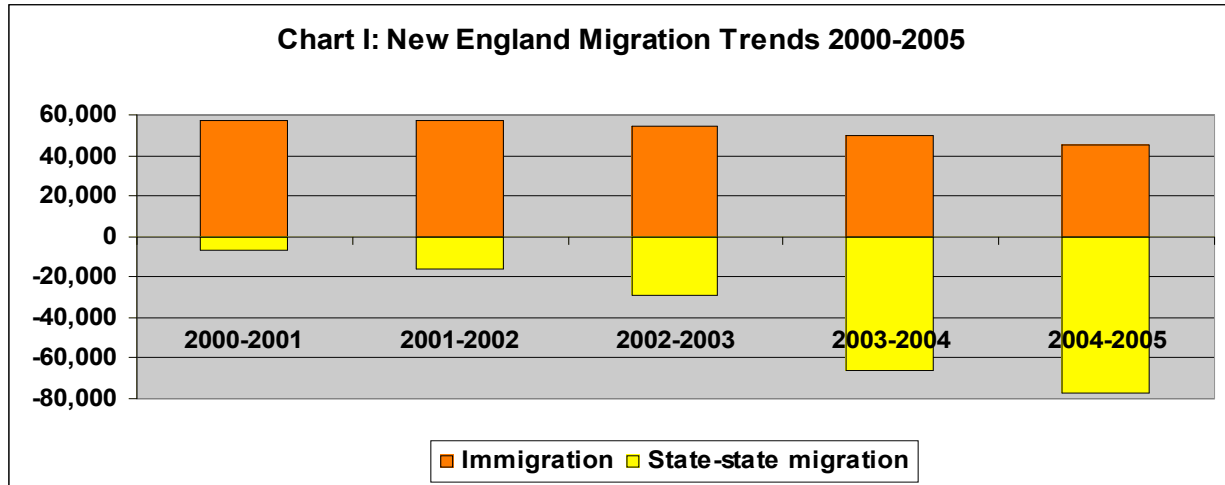


New England's Higher Education Imperative

Demographic Trends & Consequences

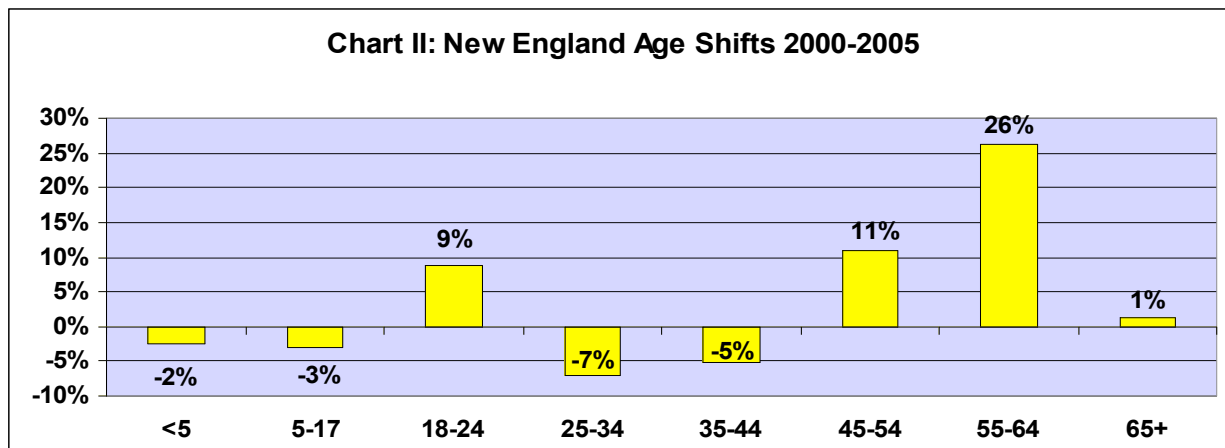
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- New England is smallest, oldest & one of the slowest growing regions in the nation
- In-migration, once a source of growth, is slowing and increasingly negative



Source: Census Bureau

- This region has been losing both children & women in the childbearing age range
- These trends mean that this region's college students may soon be in sharp decline



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- Demographic reality of 15-24 year olds: New England has 2m & rest of US has 40m
- Latin America has 100 million & growing, but rest of world has over 1,000 million

Bottom line: Unless many more of the region's high school kids attend college here (an unlikely event) thinking globally is not just a nice concept, it is a survival imperative.