

CERTIFICATES AWARDED BY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (2000-2010)

In Berkshire, the increase in the number of Certificates granted mostly came in Health Sciences and Services. Health Sciences, the largest field of study, had the largest increase in completions, increasing the major's share of Certificate completion in the region from 33.2 percent in 2000 to 55.6 percent in 2010. While the Health Sciences field accounts for a larger share of Certificate completions in Berkshire than it does statewide, the regional annual growth of completions in this field actually trailed the statewide rate (3.8 percent versus 10.5 percent). The completion of Certificates in Services grew at the fastest pace in the region and more than doubled in the past decade, but that field of study accounted for a smaller share of Certificates than was the case statewide in 2010 (20.4 percent versus 33.7 percent). Services Certificates include a large range of

areas of specialization, including Cosmetology, Law Enforcement, Construction Trades, Sports & Fitness Studies, Library Sciences, Social Work, Appliance Installation & Repair, Welding Technology, and Construction Equipment Operations. Growth rates in the completions of Certificates in Health Sciences and Services were offset by steep drops in the completion of Engineering & Computer Sciences, Legal, and Business Certificates.

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

Note: For major fields of study by degree type for the United States, see the on-line Data Appendix.

Major Field of Study	Berkshire				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Certificates Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Health Sciences	75	33.2	109	64.0	2,080	27.8	5,638	47.7
Services	18	8.0	40	17.0	2,479	33.1	3,984	33.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	23	10.2	2	0.8	1,013	13.5	752	6.4
Business	83	36.7	30	12.1	709	9.5	513	4.3
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	0	0.0	0	0.0	271	3.6	424	3.6
Legal	24	10.6	4	1.6	132	1.8	189	1.6
Education	3	1.3	11	4.5	129	1.7	87	0.7
Science & Mathematics	0	0.0	0	0.0	248	3.3	80	0.7
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	81	1.1	146	1.2
Total	226	100.0	196	100.0	7,494	100.0	11,813	100.0