

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREES AWARDED BY MAJOR FIELD OF STUDY (2000-2010)

Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences was the largest field of study for students earning an Associate's Degree in the region. It accounted for 56.6 percent of all Associate's Degrees completed in Berkshire in 2010, and the 196 degrees completed in the field was virtually unchanged from the number of completions in 2000. Similarly, the number of Business and Services degree completions was little changed. The region experienced a steep drop in completions in the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) fields of Engineering & Computer Sciences and Science & Mathematics. The only field of study with a notable increase

in completions in Berkshire between 2000 and 2010 was Health Sciences, with an annual rate of growth of 4.4 percent (nearly the same rate as Massachusetts). In contrast, Massachusetts also saw Associate's Degree completions grow in Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences, Services, Business, Education, Science & Mathematics, and Legal.

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

Major Field of Study	Berkshire				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Associate's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Associate's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Associate's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Associate's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	195	53.7	196	56.6	3,130	27.7	3,833	27.0
Health Sciences	39	10.7	60	17.3	2,302	20.4	3,559	25.1
Services	28	7.7	26	7.5	1,216	10.8	2,389	16.8
Business	48	13.2	52	15.0	2,198	19.5	2,250	15.8
Engineering & Computer Sciences	29	8.0	7	2.0	1,561	13.8	1,162	8.2
Education	0	0.0	0	0.0	293	2.6	442	3.1
Science & Mathematics	24	6.6	5	1.4	231	2.0	260	1.8
Legal	0	0.0	0	0.0	189	1.7	117	0.8
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	179	1.6	185	1.3
Total	363	100.0	346	100.0	11,299	100.0	14,197	100.0