

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

Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences is the most common field of study for a Bachelor's Degree in Berkshire and Massachusetts, and the field accounted for a much larger share of completions in Berkshire (65.5 percent) than statewide (44.8 percent) in 2010. Over the past decade, students earning Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences degrees declined at an annual rate 0.5 percent in Berkshire while growing 2.2 percent statewide. Combine this with only a small increase in Science & Mathematics completions (the second largest major) and a sizeable drop in Business completions (the third largest major), and it is not surprising the

region produced fewer Bachelor's Degrees in 2010 than in 2000. In contrast, Massachusetts experienced notable growth of Bachelor's Degree completions in nearly every major field of study, save for a decline in Education degrees.

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

Major Field of Study	Berkshire				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	617	66.6	584	65.5	18,891	44.6	23,405	44.8
Business	88	9.5	67	7.5	7,596	17.9	9,990	19.1
Science & Mathematics	161	17.4	162	18.2	3,818	9.0	5,054	9.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	25	2.7	25	2.8	3,726	8.8	3,997	7.7
Health Sciences	0	0.0	5	0.6	2,938	6.9	3,589	6.9
Services	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,495	5.9	3,170	6.1
Education	14	1.5	16	1.8	1,922	4.5	1,362	2.6
Legal	0	0.0	0	0.0	176	0.4	190	0.4
Other	22	2.4	33	3.7	797	1.9	1,466	2.8
Total	927	100.0	892	100.0	42,376	100.0	52,223	100.0