

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREE MAJORS IN BERKSHIRE (2000-2010)

Although the total number of Bachelor's Degrees completed in Berkshire declined over the past decade, the number of completions in the major fields of study year-to-year fluctuated less than was the case with Certificates and Associate's Degrees. For example, completions in Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences declined at an annual rate of 3.9 percent between 2000 and 2002, followed by 2.1 percent growth to reach peak completions in 2007, and subsequently declining 2.6 percent annually through 2010. Science & Mathematics completions followed a similar pattern, hitting a trough in 2002 and peak in 2006, followed by a moderate drop-off toward the end of the decade. Business degrees saw a more persistent annual decline in completions through most of the decade, falling at an annual rate of 9.1 percent between 2000 and 2007, followed by moderate completion increases in recent years. Completions in the smaller fields of study, Engineering & Computer Science and Education, were more volatile from year-to-year.

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

