

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

In Metro South/West, there were fewer Certificates granted in most major fields of study between 2000 and 2010. These losses were slightly offset by increases in the two largest fields of study: Health Sciences and Services. Health Sciences Certificates grew from 27 percent of the region's Certificates in 2000 to 36 percent in 2010. Despite this growth, this increase trailed behind the experience statewide, where the number of Health Science certificates more than doubled to account for almost 50 percent of Certificates in 2010. Services Certificates, the largest major in Metro South/West, had 59 more completions in 2010

in comparison with 2000 and accounted for 49 percent of the region's Certificates in 2010. 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.

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 Appendix D.

Major Field of Study	Metro South/West				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	214	27.3	285	36.1	2,080	27.8	5,638	47.7
Services	331	42.3	390	49.4	2,479	33.1	3,984	33.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	75	9.6	37	4.7	1,013	13.5	752	6.4
Business	39	5.0	22	2.8	709	9.5	513	4.3
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	32	4.1	12	1.5	271	3.6	424	3.6
Legal	26	3.3	14	1.8	132	1.8	189	1.6
Education	38	4.9	15	1.9	129	1.7	87	0.7
Science & Mathematics	17	2.2	6	0.8	248	3.3	80	0.7
Other	11	1.4	8	1.0	81	1.1	146	1.2
Total	783	100.0	789	100.0	7,494	100.0	11,813	100.0