

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE CERTIFICATE MAJORS IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2000-2010)

The number and type of Certificates awarded by Metro South/West institutions can fluctuate considerably from year to year. For example, from 2000 to 2010, Services Certificates in Metro South/West grew at an annual rate of 1.7 percent. However, if the comparison was between 2000 and 2009, then Services Certificate completions declined at an annual rate of 6.7 percent. In fact, the number of Service Certificates spiked in 2007 and 2008 but declined again in 2009 to reach their lowest level in the past 10 years. In comparison, the number of Health Science Certificates has increased at a fairly stable rate over the course of the decade, possibly reflecting persistent demand for employees with such education and training from growing industries, such as Health Care & Social Assistance.

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

