

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

The modest growth of Associate's Degrees granted by institutions in Metro South/West was driven by increases in Services majors. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of Services degrees completed more than doubled in the region, nearly doubling the major's share of all Associate's Degrees completed in 2010 to 32 percent. This was similar to the experience of students earning Services degrees statewide, where the number of degree completions nearly doubled. In addition, Massachusetts also increased the number of completions in its two largest Associate's Degree majors: Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences and Health Sciences. In fact, the

number of students completing a Health Sciences Associate's Degree statewide increased by over 1,200 over the course of the decade. In comparison, the number of students completing Health Sciences Associate's Degrees in Metro South/West remained nearly the same.

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

Major Field of Study	Metro South/West				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	686	28.4	711	26.0	3,130	27.7	3,833	27.0
Health Sciences	439	18.2	440	16.1	2,302	20.4	3,559	25.1
Services	420	17.4	868	31.8	1,216	10.8	2,389	16.8
Business	420	17.4	338	12.4	2,198	19.5	2,250	15.8
Engineering & Computer Sciences	295	12.2	246	9.0	1,561	13.8	1,162	8.2
Education	53	2.2	63	2.3	293	2.6	442	3.1
Science & Mathematics	35	1.4	34	1.2	231	2.0	260	1.8
Legal	41	1.7	21	0.8	189	1.7	117	0.8
Other	25	1.0	10	0.4	179	1.6	185	1.3
Total	2,414	100.0	2,731	100.0	11,299	100.0	14,197	100.0