

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREE MAJORS IN METRO SOUTH/WEST (2000-2010)

From 2000 to 2010, the number of Bachelor's Degrees in the Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences and Business fields awarded by institutions in Metro South/West grew steadily. In contrast, STEM degrees have ebbed and flowed throughout the decade. Science & Mathematics Bachelor's Degree completions were consistently around 430 per year for most of the early 2000s before rebounding with growth of 6.8 percent annually between 2004 and 2010 to end the decade with a high of 634 Science & Mathematics degrees completed. In contrast, the number of completed Engineering & Computer Sciences degrees experienced a short boom between 2000 and 2002 (20.8 percent annual rate of growth), which was then followed by a decline from 2002 to 2010 (5.0 percent annual rate of decline).

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

