

## ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE CERTIFICATE MAJORS IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2000-2010)

The number and type of Certificates awarded by Southeast institutions fluctuated considerably from year to year during the past decade. For example, from 2000 to 2010, Health Sciences Certificates in the Southeast region grew at an annual rate of 15.7 percent. However, between 2000 and 2003 the region produced almost the same number of degrees annually before the number jumped more than fivefold between 2003 and 2006. Thereafter, Health Sciences completions changed little, finishing the decade with completion levels similar to those in 2006. The consistently large number of graduates with Health Sciences Certificates may reflect increasing demand for employees with such education and training from growing industries such as Health Care & Social Assistance. In comparison, the number of Services Certificates declined through between 2000 and 2006 (-4.9 percent), followed by rapid growth through the end of the decade (21.2 percent). Completions of Business and Engineering & Computer Sciences certificates fluctuated through most of the decade before increasing rapidly in recent years.

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

