

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

Most of the growth in Associate's Degrees granted by institutions in the Southeast region came from the Health Sciences field. Between 2000 and 2010, Health Sciences degrees grew at annual rate of 10.0 percent, and the field accounted for the largest share of the region's Associate's Degrees (31.7 percent) at the end of the decade. Massachusetts saw more modest gains in students earning Health Sciences degrees in the past decade (4.5 percent) and in 2010 its largest share of Associate's Degrees continued to be in the field of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences (27.0 percent). The Southeast region also experienced stronger growth in Education

degrees, which tripled between 2000 and 2010, while statewide completions increased by just over 50 percent. With state and regional completion patterns similar in most other major fields of study, Associate's Degree completions in Health Sciences and Education drove the region's stronger growth in total completions over the course of the decade.

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

Major Field of Study	Southeast				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	496	29.3	656	26.3	3,130	27.7	3,833	27.0
Health Sciences	304	17.9	792	31.7	2,302	20.4	3,559	25.1
Services	199	11.7	350	14.0	1,216	10.8	2,389	16.8
Business	375	22.1	420	16.8	2,198	19.5	2,250	15.8
Engineering & Computer Sciences	210	12.4	124	5.0	1,561	13.8	1,162	8.2
Education	30	1.8	95	3.8	293	2.6	442	3.1
Science & Mathematics	3	0.2	0	0.0	231	2.0	260	1.8
Legal	29	1.7	7	0.3	189	1.7	117	0.8
Other	49	2.9	53	2.1	179	1.6	185	1.3
Total	1,695	100.0	2,497	100.0	11,299	100.0	14,197	100.0