

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

Nearly 60 percent of the Bachelor's Degrees awarded by institutions in the Southeast region are in two fields of study: Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences (41.2 percent) and Business (22.3 percent). The share of Business graduates in the region is slightly higher than the share in Massachusetts (19.1 percent) while the share of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences degrees statewide is slightly lower (44.8 percent). In contrast with Massachusetts, the institutions in the region have a slightly lower concentration of degrees in the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, with smaller shares of degrees in both Science

& Mathematics and Engineering & Computer Sciences. Instead, Bachelor's Degrees in the Southeast region tend to be more concentrated in Health Sciences, Services, and Education than is the case statewide. While most major fields of study had an increasing number of completions over the course of the decade, the Southeast region experienced declines in the Education and Legal fields.

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

Major Field of Study	Southeast				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	1,604	43.4	1,897	41.2	18,891	44.6	23,405	44.8
Business	692	18.7	1,030	22.3	7,596	17.9	9,990	19.1
Science & Mathematics	251	6.8	326	7.1	3,818	9.0	5,054	9.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	138	3.7	184	4.0	3,726	8.8	3,997	7.7
Health Sciences	277	7.5	458	9.9	2,938	6.9	3,589	6.9
Services	383	10.4	404	8.8	2,495	5.9	3,170	6.1
Education	326	8.8	279	6.1	1,922	4.5	1,362	2.6
Legal	6	0.2	1	0.0	176	0.4	190	0.4
Other	11	0.3	30	0.7	797	1.9	1,466	2.8
Total	3,698	100.0	4,609	100.0	42,376	100.0	52,223	100.0