

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE BACHELOR'S DEGREE MAJORS IN THE SOUTHEAST REGION (2000-2010)

From 2000 to 2006, the number of Bachelor's Degrees in the Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences field awarded by institutions in the Southeast region grew fairly steadily. It then leveled off through the end of the decade, with annual completions ending slightly below 2,000. In contrast, the number of completions in the Business field was consistently at about 800 between 2000 and 2008, before jumping to over 1,000 in both 2009 and 2010. However, the fastest growing major field of study in the region was actually Health Sciences. Beginning the decade with 277 graduates, the field declined in popularity to reach a decade low of 187 degrees in 2002. Thereafter, degree completions in the field increased nearly every year and grew at an annual rate of 11.8 percent between 2002 and 2010. As a result, Health Sciences degrees grew at an annual rate of 5.2 percent between 2000 and 2010, more than double the 2.0 percent annual completion growth rate in the field statewide.

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

