ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE MAJORS IN BERKSHIRE (2000-2010)

As with Certificates, the number of students earning Associate's Degrees in the largest majors has been volatile in Berkshire. For example, at the start of the decade Arts, Humanities, & Social Science completions fell sharply, but they quickly rebounded to reach a decade high of 211 in 2004. Thereafter, completions in the field declined through 2008 before rebounding modestly in 2009 and 2010. Completions in Health Sciences, the second largest field of study, ebbed and flowed from year to year before reaching a peak of 69 in 2007 and moderating slightly to 60 in 2010. Similar movements occurred in the Business and Services fields. Engineering was the only field of study to see a perennial drop in completions, starting the decade at a peak of 29 completions and dropping to only seven in 2010.

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

