

NUMBER OF DEGREE COMPLETIONS BY DEGREE TYPE: BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2000-2010)

Adding up Bachelor's Degrees, Associate's Degrees, and Certificates, the total number of people awarded postsecondary degrees by institutions in Boston/Metro North grew at an annual rate of 2.4 percent between 2000 and 2010. This growth was similar to that in Massachusetts (2.5 percent) but trailed the growth in the United States (3.7 percent). The low growth in the supply of new graduates suggests that Boston/Metro North may need to rely on commuters from other regional labor markets and states to meet the needs of its employers who seek to create new high- and middle-skill jobs as the economy continues to recover. While the region may be able to attract highly mobile populations, such as recent college graduates with Bachelor's Degrees, the region may face challenges filling positions requiring Associate's Degrees or Certificates, which are often filled by less-mobile populations.

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

