

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

The growth in Associate's Degrees in Boston/Metro North came largely from Health Sciences and Services. Between 2000 and 2010, the number of Services degrees completed quadrupled in the region, leapfrogging it to the third largest major. This was similar to the experience of students earning Services degrees statewide, where the number of degree completions nearly doubled. However, the region lagged the state in the overall growth of Associate's Degrees, mostly due to the region's two largest fields of study at the beginning of the decade (Business and Engineering

& Computer Sciences) seeing fewer completions in 2010 than in 2000. Health Sciences was the most common major for Associate's Degrees completed in Boston/Metro North in 2010. In contrast, throughout the decade the largest major among Associate's Degrees statewide continued to be Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences.

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

Major Field of Study	Boston/Metro North				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	450	18.6	545	18.3	3,130	27.7	3,833	27.0
Health Sciences	499	20.6	865	29.1	2,302	20.4	3,559	25.1
Services	130	5.4	525	17.6	1,216	10.8	2,389	16.8
Business	584	24.1	471	15.8	2,198	19.5	2,250	15.8
Engineering & Computer Sciences	578	23.9	339	11.4	1,561	13.8	1,162	8.2
Education	94	3.9	130	4.4	293	2.6	442	3.1
Science & Mathematics	12	0.5	64	2.2	231	2.0	260	1.8
Legal	66	2.7	27	0.9	189	1.7	117	0.8
Other	7	0.3	10	0.3	179	1.6	185	1.3
Total	2,420	100.0	2,976	100.0	11,299	100.0	14,197	100.0