

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE MAJORS IN BOSTON/METRO NORTH (2000-2010)

In large part, the growth in the number of Associate's Degrees granted in Boston/Metro North over the decade is due to the spike in Health Sciences and Services degrees granted in 2010. In fact, the total number of Associate's Degrees granted in the region declined at an annual rate of 1.2 percent from 2000 to 2009. Health Sciences Associate's Degree completions began the decade at 499 degrees and declined to reach a low of 270 in 2003. Thereafter, the number of Health Sciences Degrees increased to 567 in 2007 and 2008. After a slight drop in 2009, the number of Health Science Associate Degrees increased by over 300 to reach 865, the highest level of the decade. In comparison, Services degree completions ranged from 150 to 300 a year throughout the decade before jumping to their peak of 525 in 2010.

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

