

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

The region's strong growth in Associate's Degree completions over the past decade has translated into increased completions in nearly every major field of study. Completions of Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences degrees, the largest field of study, increased at an annual rate of 3.5 percent between 2000 and 2010, outpacing the statewide growth of Associate's Degrees in the field (2.0 percent). However, the major's share of Associate's Degree completions in the Cape & Islands fell from 37.7 percent in 2000 to 34.5 percent because of stronger growth in other major fields of study. The largest total increase in Associate's Degree completions between 2000

and 2010 came in Health Sciences (up from 78 to 123 degrees), while the largest annual rate of growth occurred in Business (7.4 percent). The region's small number of completions in the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) fields of Engineering & Computer Sciences and Science & Mathematics doubled over the course of the decade while declining statewide.

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

Major Field of Study	Cape & Islands				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	106	37.7	149	34.5	3,130	27.7	3,833	27.0
Health Sciences	78	27.8	123	28.5	2,302	20.4	3,559	25.1
Services	24	8.5	33	7.6	1,216	10.8	2,389	16.8
Business	28	10.0	57	13.2	2,198	19.5	2,250	15.8
Engineering & Computer Sciences	11	3.9	21	4.9	1,561	13.8	1,162	8.2
Education	19	6.8	24	5.6	293	2.6	442	3.1
Science & Mathematics	1	0.4	7	1.6	231	2.0	260	1.8
Legal	1	0.4	0	0.0	189	1.7	117	0.8
Other	13	4.6	18	4.2	179	1.6	185	1.3
Total	281	100.0	432	100.0	11,299	100.0	14,197	100.0