

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

With only two institutions granting Bachelor's Degrees in the Cape & Islands, the region's completions by degree are quite different from those statewide. Most notably, the region's STEM fields account for a majority of the Bachelor's Degree completions in the region (51.9 percent in 2010), a much larger share than statewide (17.4 percent in 2010). However, with only slight growth in Engineering & Computer Sciences degrees and a 50 percent drop in Science & Mathematics degrees, the share of degrees in the STEM fields has fallen over the course of the decade. The fastest growing major in the Cape & Islands has been Services (largely for Merchant Marine Officers), which more than doubled between 2000

and 2010. As such, Services degrees accounted for 35.8 percent of the Bachelor's Degrees in the region in 2010, making it much larger than the field statewide (6.1 percent). The emergence of Business as a field of study in the region has also helped to diminish the STEM fields' share of Bachelor's Degree completions. With only 24 degree completions in 2010, Business accounted for 12.4 percent of the region's degrees, making it the third largest major (ahead of Science & Mathematics).

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

Major Field of Study	Cape & Islands				Massachusetts			
	2000		2010		2000		2010	
	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)	Bachelor's Completed	Major's Share of Total (Percent)
Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences	0	0.0	0	0.0	18,891	44.6	23,405	44.8
Business	0	0.0	24	12.4	7,596	17.9	9,990	19.1
Science & Mathematics	28	20.6	14	7.3	3,818	9.0	5,054	9.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	80	58.8	86	44.6	3,726	8.8	3,997	7.7
Health Sciences	0	0.0	0	0.0	2,938	6.9	3,589	6.9
Services	28	20.6	69	35.8	2,495	5.9	3,170	6.1
Education	0	0.0	0	0.0	1,922	4.5	1,362	2.6
Legal	0	0.0	0	0.0	176	0.4	190	0.4
Other	0	0.0	0	0.0	797	1.9	1,466	2.8
<b>Total</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>193</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>42,376</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>52,223</b>	<b>100.0</b>