EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS AWARDING THE MOST DEGREES IN PIONEER VALLEY (2010)

Public institutions play a large role in postsecondary educational attainment in Pioneer Valley, although the share they account for varies by degree type. Holyoke and Springfield Technical Community Colleges together accounted for more than one-quarter of the Certificates completed in 2010. However, nearly 60 percent of Certificates were awarded by the region’s private institutions, led by the Branford Hall Career Institute (35.4 percent). In comparison, the region’s three community colleges—Holyoke, Springfield Technical, and Greenfield—accounted for nearly all of the Associate’s Degrees completed in the region in 2010 (92.9 percent). The region’s two public colleges, University of Massachusetts–Amherst and Westfield State University, also accounted for a majority (57.0 percent) of Bachelor’s Degree completions in Pioneer Valley that year. However, the region’s private institutions also played a considerable role in granting Bachelor’s Degrees. Led by Springfield College (9.6 percent), the nine private institutions in Pioneer Valley accounted for 43.0 percent of Bachelor’s Degree completions in 2010.


Note: See the on-line Data Appendix for a full list of degree completions by institution.