

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

Central Mass and Massachusetts have similar concentrations of Bachelor's Degrees in most major fields of study, with the largest number in Arts, Humanities, & Social Services. The major difference is the region's much higher concentration in the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) fields (Engineering & Computer Sciences and Science & Mathematics majors), mostly due to a much higher concentration in Engineering & Computer Sciences (12.5 percent) than in Massachusetts (7.7 percent). And while Central Mass and Massachusetts have had similar annual rates of growth in Bachelor's Degree completions (2.1 percent) over the course of the decade, they have dif-

fered by fields of study. While the region and state had similar annual rates of growth in Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences in the past decade, the annual growth in Bachelor's Degree completions in Central Mass has been strongest in the Business (4.6 percent) and Services (8.0 percent) degrees, whereas in Massachusetts the stronger annual growth has been in Science & Mathematics (2.8 percent) and Health Sciences (2.0 percent) degrees.

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

Major Field of Study	Central Mass				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	1,636	42.2	2,011	42.3	18,891	44.6	23,405	44.8
Business	545	14.1	851	17.9	7,596	17.9	9,990	19.1
Science & Mathematics	391	10.1	471	9.9	3,818	9.0	5,054	9.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	581	15.0	593	12.5	3,726	8.8	3,997	7.7
Health Sciences	329	8.5	267	5.6	2,938	6.9	3,589	6.9
Services	152	3.9	327	6.9	2,495	5.9	3,170	6.1
Education	211	5.4	141	3.0	1,922	4.5	1,362	2.6
Legal	8	0.2	11	0.2	176	0.4	190	0.4
Other	21	0.5	77	1.6	797	1.9	1,466	2.8
Total	3,874	100.0	4,749	100.0	42,376	100.0	52,223	100.0