

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE CERTIFICATE MAJORS IN THE NORTHEAST REGION (2000-2010)

The number and type of Certificates awarded by institutions in the Northeast region fluctuated considerably from year to year. For example, from 2000 to 2010, Health Science Certificates grew at an annual rate of 13.5 percent. However, between 2000 and 2003 the region produced almost the same number of degrees annually before nearly tripling between 2003 and 2005. The number then declined slightly before rebounding in 2010, this time more than tripling the level from the beginning of the decade. The continued upward movement in Health Science Certificates may reflect increasing demand for employees with such education and training from growing industries, including Health Care & Social Assistance. In comparison, the number of Service Certificates has increased at a fairly stable rate over the course of the decade, possibly reflecting a consistent demand for employees with such education and training to work in service industries, including Administrative & Support Services.

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

