ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE MAJORS IN THE NORTHEAST REGION (2000-2010)

For the most part, the largest fields of study for Associate's Degrees in the Northeast region have been growing consistently over the course of the decade. After an initial decline in Business degrees in 2001 and Health Science degrees in 2001 and 2002, four of the five largest Associate's Degree majors in the region have had more completions nearly every year. The exception has been Engineering & Computer Sciences. After beginning the decade with completions growing at an annual rate of 13.0 percent between 2000 and 2004, the number of completions in the field declined at an annual rate of 20.6 percent between 2004 and 2008. Despite recent increases in Associate's Degrees in Engineering & Computer Science, the number of degrees completed in 2010 was fewer than those completed in 2000.

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

