

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

Almost 60 percent of the Bachelor's Degrees produced by institutions in the Northeast region are in two fields of study: Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences (35.2 percent) and Business (23.4 percent). The share of Business graduates in the region is somewhat higher than the share in Massachusetts as a whole (23.4 percent versus 19.1 percent). In contrast to Massachusetts, the institutions in the region have a slightly lower concentration of degrees in the Science, Engineering, Technology, and Mathematics (STEM) fields, due to a smaller share of Science & Mathematics degrees. However, Engineering & Computer Science degree completions

in the Northeast region increased at an annual rate of 4.1 percent and accounted for nearly 50 percent of the additional 271 degrees granted statewide between 2000 and 2010. In the region and Massachusetts, the only Bachelor's Degree major to decline over the decade was Education.

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

Major Field of Study	Northeast				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	1,059	35.0	1,444	35.2	18,891	44.6	23,405	44.8
Business	726	24.0	961	23.4	7,596	17.9	9,990	19.1
Science & Mathematics	168	5.6	249	6.1	3,818	9.0	5,054	9.7
Engineering & Computer Sciences	271	9.0	404	9.9	3,726	8.8	3,997	7.7
Health Sciences	286	9.4	403	9.8	2,938	6.9	3,589	6.9
Services	299	9.9	460	11.2	2,495	5.9	3,170	6.1
Education	218	7.2	174	4.2	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	6	0.1	797	1.9	1,466	2.8
Total	3,027	100.0	4,101	100.0	42,376	100.0	52,223	100.0