

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE CERTIFICATE MAJORS IN PIONEER VALLEY (2000–2010)

The number and type of Certificates awarded by Pioneer Valley institutions fluctuated considerably from year to year. For example, from 2000 to 2010, Health Sciences Certificates in the region grew at an annual rate of 5.3 percent. However, the number of degrees actually peaked in the middle of the decade, with Health Sciences certificates growing at an annual rate of 19.0 percent between 2000 and 2005. Certificates in this field of study then declined in 2006 and 2007 before growing modestly through the end of decade. The consistently large share of certificates in Health Sciences may reflect an increasing demand for employees with such education and training from growing industries such as Health Care & Social Assistance. In comparison, the declining completions of Certificates in fields, such as Business, may reflect a demand for higher levels of educational attainment in such fields.

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

