

ANNUAL COMPLETIONS BY TOP FIVE ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE MAJORS IN PIONEER VALLEY (2000–2010)

In Pioneer Valley, the number and share of students earning Associate's Degrees in the largest majors was fairly consistent over the course of the decade, with only modest increases in the four largest majors. The number of completions in Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences, Health Sciences, and Business increased at a more rapid pace in the first half of the decade before leveling off in the second half, with only slightly more degrees being completed in those majors in 2010 than in 2005. In comparison, students earning Services degrees declined at an annual rate of 1.7 percent between 2000 and 2005, before increasing at annual rate of 6.3 percent between 2005 and 2010. As a result, Services majors accounted for a majority of the growth in Associate's Degrees completed in Pioneer Valley in the second half of the decade. On the other hand, the number of students earning Engineering & Computer Sciences degrees consistently declined on an annual basis throughout the decade, dropping from the fourth largest major in 2000 to fifth largest in 2010.

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

