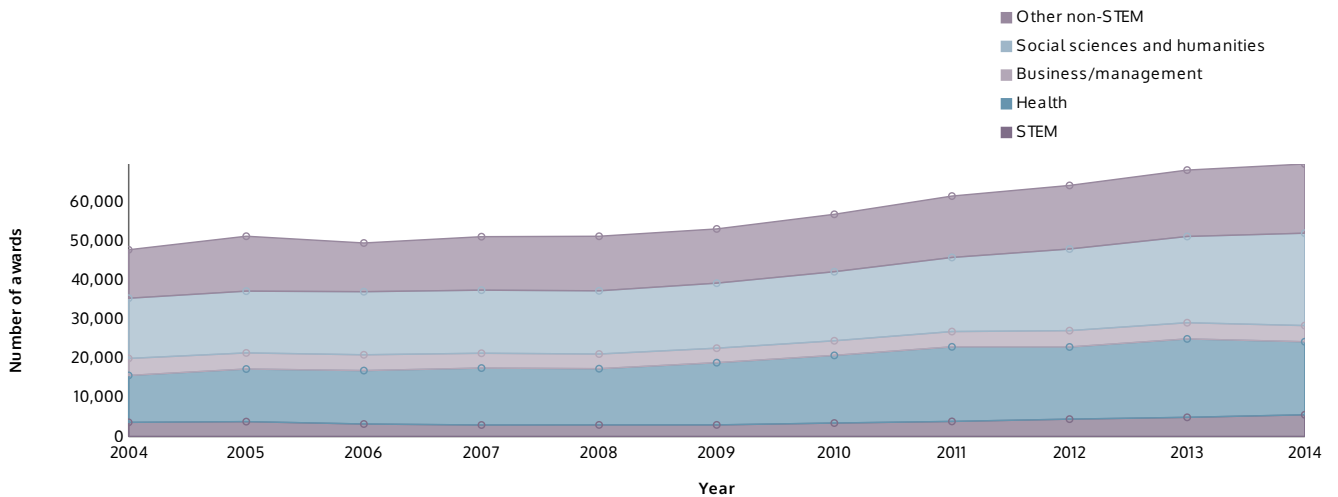


TRANSFER AND COMPLETION

NUMBER OF ASSOCIATE DEGREES AND CERTIFICATES AWARDED: ILLINOIS

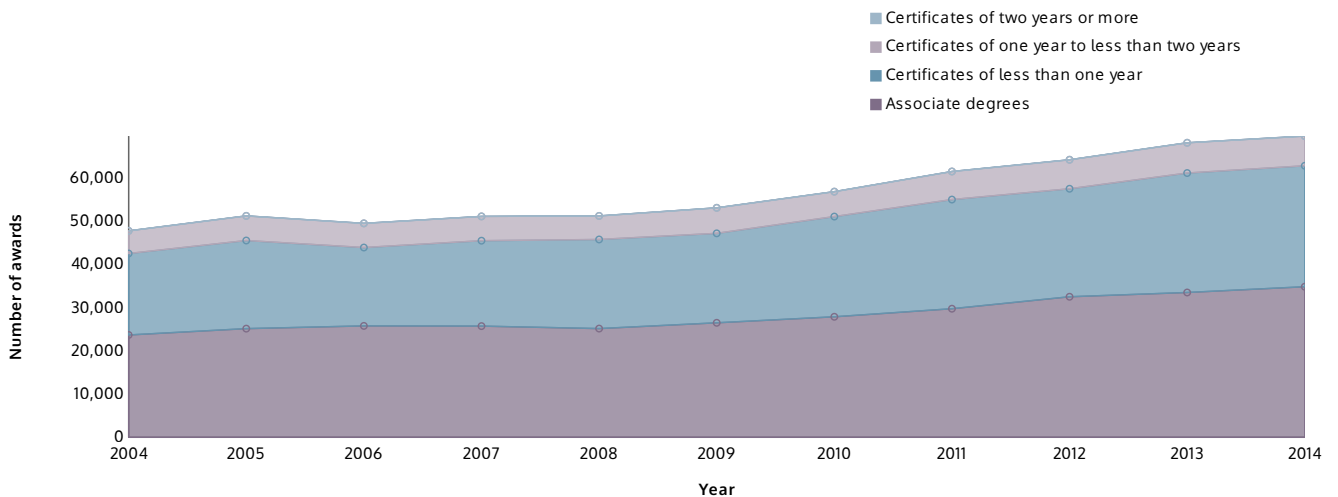
Number of associate degrees and certificates awarded

FIELD OF STUDY

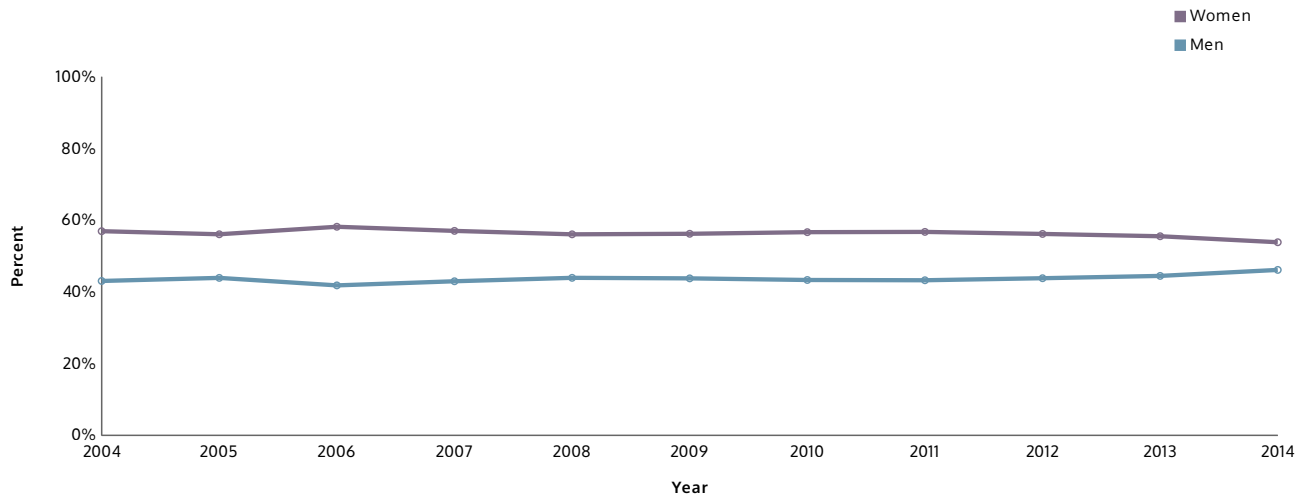


NOTE: STEM represents the fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Changes in the field of study categories preclude comparisons prior to 2003.

AWARD TYPE



GENDER



What Is Measured?

Number of associate degrees and certificates awarded

Who Is Counted?

All associate degree and certificate completers

What It Tells Us

In 2014, Illinois Community Colleges awarded 34,790 associate degrees, 27,942 certificates of less than one year, 6,863 certificates of one year to less than two years, and 0 certificates of two years or more, for a total of 69,595 subbaccalaureate credentials awarded.

Why It's Important

Government officials, foundations, and researchers are calling on U.S. postsecondary institutions to graduate more students with certificates and degrees, and as the largest single sector of postsecondary education, community colleges are a major focus of this effort. Labor market demand for jobs specifically requiring postsecondary education at the subbaccalaureate level is growing. The Bureau of Labor Statistics projects that 6 of the top 10 fastest-growing occupations between 2004 and 2014 will require a subbaccalaureate credential, the kind that is typically earned at a community college. Tracking the number of associate degrees and certificates community colleges issue each year shows how closely they are meeting this demand.

ABOUT THE DATA

Certificate requirements range from less than 1 credit to more than 100 credits and are reported in categories of full-time academic years required for completion. Not all states award certificates in all categories. Students who complete more than one award in the same year are counted multiple times.

Data from the most recent year may not be final and are subject to revision.

DATA SOURCE

[U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System \(IPEDS\).](#)