

TABLE 12. Master's degrees awarded, by major field group: 1966–2006

Academic year ending	Science and engineering fields									
	All fields	Total	Biological and agricultural sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	Non-S&E fields
1966	140,772	41,049	5,865	759	5,010	4,206	2,423	9,081	13,705	99,723
1967	157,892	44,988	6,712	971	5,733	4,405	2,898	10,348	13,921	112,904
1968	177,150	48,760	7,309	1,008	6,081	4,456	3,240	11,434	15,232	128,390
1969	194,414	52,382	7,799	1,124	6,735	4,755	3,738	12,983	15,248	142,032
1970	209,387	53,695	7,619	1,124	7,107	4,796	3,962	13,490	15,597	155,692
1971	231,486	56,454	7,604	1,227	6,789	5,115	4,438	14,914	16,367	175,032
1972	252,774	60,049	8,200	1,408	7,186	4,864	5,293	16,334	16,764	192,725
1973	264,525	62,046	8,514	1,470	7,146	4,769	5,882	17,720	16,545	202,479
1974	278,259	62,239	8,866	1,679	7,116	4,379	6,616	18,378	15,205	216,020
1975	293,651	63,198	9,030	1,503	6,637	4,298	7,104	19,459	15,167	230,453
1976	313,001	65,007	9,223	1,581	6,466	3,880	7,859	19,953	16,045	247,994
1977	318,241	67,397	10,060	1,659	6,496	3,641	8,320	21,209	16,012	250,844
1978	312,816	67,264	10,001	1,832	6,421	3,713	8,194	21,023	16,080	245,552
1979	302,075	64,226	10,016	1,777	6,101	3,650	8,031	19,372	15,279	237,849
1980	299,095	64,089	9,631	1,793	6,515	3,408	7,861	18,938	15,943	235,006
1981	296,798	64,366	9,107	1,876	6,787	3,366	8,039	18,740	16,451	232,432
1982	296,580	66,568	9,199	2,012	7,666	3,491	7,849	18,794	17,557	230,012
1983	290,931	67,733	9,136	1,959	8,177	3,285	8,439	17,851	18,886	223,198
1984	285,462	68,582	8,702	1,982	8,960	3,544	8,073	17,176	20,145	216,880
1985	287,213	70,578	8,208	2,160	10,004	3,605	8,481	17,148	20,972	216,635
1986	289,829	71,840	8,023	2,234	11,254	3,649	8,363	17,221	21,096	217,989
1987	290,532	72,603	7,775	2,051	11,808	3,574	8,165	17,160	22,070	217,929
1988	300,091	73,655	7,556	1,920	12,600	3,708	7,925	17,220	22,726	226,436
1989	311,050	76,425	7,523	1,819	12,829	3,876	8,652	17,983	23,743	234,625
1990	324,947	77,788	7,527	1,596	13,327	3,805	9,308	18,230	23,995	247,159
1991	338,498	78,368	7,406	1,499	12,956	3,777	9,802	18,915	24,013	260,130
1992	354,207	81,107	7,885	1,425	13,320	3,922	9,852	19,685	25,018	273,100
1993	370,973	86,425	8,112	1,397	14,100	3,965	10,412	20,775	27,664	284,548
1994	389,008	91,411	8,686	1,418	14,350	4,263	11,572	22,405	28,717	297,597
1995	399,428	94,309	9,069	1,483	14,495	4,241	13,132	23,259	28,630	305,119
1996	408,932	95,313	10,307	1,487	14,355	4,364	13,043	23,996	27,761	313,619
1997	420,954	93,485	10,521	1,435	14,088	4,141	13,633	23,793	25,874	327,469
1998	431,871	93,918	10,230	1,426	15,277	3,969	13,146	23,732	26,138	337,953
1999	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	456,260	95,683	10,183	1,345	17,824	3,512	13,708	23,375	25,736	360,577
2001	466,645	98,986	10,239	1,363	19,621	3,737	14,335	23,168	26,523	367,659
2002	481,132	99,173	10,353	1,406	19,990	3,624	14,041	23,493	26,266	381,959
2003	511,603	107,910	10,832	1,491	22,954	3,702	14,469	24,758	29,704	403,693
2004	555,537	118,470	11,868	1,570	24,150	4,030	15,298	27,682	33,872	437,067
2005	567,875	120,025	12,270	1,685	22,418	4,116	16,076	29,361	34,099	447,850
2006	586,029	120,337	12,762	1,727	21,490	4,311	16,775	30,501	32,771	465,692

NA = not available; detailed national data were not released by the National Center for Education Statistics for the academic year ending in 1999.

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTE: See appendix B for specific fields that are included in each category.

SOURCE: Tabulated by National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics; data from Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey.