

TABLE 13. Percentage distribution of master's degrees awarded, by major field group: 1966–2006

| Academic year ending | All fields | Science and engineering fields |                                      |  |                                   |                   |            |                 |             | Non-S&E fields |
|----------------------|------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|
|                      |            | Total                          | Biological and agricultural sciences | Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences | Mathematics and computer sciences | Physical sciences | Psychology | Social sciences | Engineering |                |
| 1966                 | 100.0      | 29.2                           | 4.2                                  | 0.5                                    | 3.6                               | 3.0               | 1.7        | 6.5             | 9.7         | 70.8           |
| 1967                 | 100.0      | 28.5                           | 4.3                                  | 0.6                                    | 3.6                               | 2.8               | 1.8        | 6.6             | 8.8         | 71.5           |
| 1968                 | 100.0      | 27.5                           | 4.1                                  | 0.6                                    | 3.4                               | 2.5               | 1.8        | 6.5             | 8.6         | 72.5           |
| 1969                 | 100.0      | 26.9                           | 4.0                                  | 0.6                                    | 3.5                               | 2.4               | 1.9        | 6.7             | 7.8         | 73.1           |
| 1970                 | 100.0      | 25.6                           | 3.6                                  | 0.5                                    | 3.4                               | 2.3               | 1.9        | 6.4             | 7.4         | 74.4           |
| 1971                 | 100.0      | 24.4                           | 3.3                                  | 0.5                                    | 2.9                               | 2.2               | 1.9        | 6.4             | 7.1         | 75.6           |
| 1972                 | 100.0      | 23.8                           | 3.2                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.8                               | 1.9               | 2.1        | 6.5             | 6.6         | 76.2           |
| 1973                 | 100.0      | 23.5                           | 3.2                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.7                               | 1.8               | 2.2        | 6.7             | 6.3         | 76.5           |
| 1974                 | 100.0      | 22.4                           | 3.2                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.6                               | 1.6               | 2.4        | 6.6             | 5.5         | 77.6           |
| 1975                 | 100.0      | 21.5                           | 3.1                                  | 0.5                                    | 2.3                               | 1.5               | 2.4        | 6.6             | 5.2         | 78.5           |
| 1976                 | 100.0      | 20.8                           | 2.9                                  | 0.5                                    | 2.1                               | 1.2               | 2.5        | 6.4             | 5.1         | 79.2           |
| 1977                 | 100.0      | 21.2                           | 3.2                                  | 0.5                                    | 2.0                               | 1.1               | 2.6        | 6.7             | 5.0         | 78.8           |
| 1978                 | 100.0      | 21.5                           | 3.2                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.1                               | 1.2               | 2.6        | 6.7             | 5.1         | 78.5           |
| 1979                 | 100.0      | 21.3                           | 3.3                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.0                               | 1.2               | 2.7        | 6.4             | 5.1         | 78.7           |
| 1980                 | 100.0      | 21.4                           | 3.2                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.2                               | 1.1               | 2.6        | 6.3             | 5.3         | 78.6           |
| 1981                 | 100.0      | 21.7                           | 3.1                                  | 0.6                                    | 2.3                               | 1.1               | 2.7        | 6.3             | 5.5         | 78.3           |
| 1982                 | 100.0      | 22.4                           | 3.1                                  | 0.7                                    | 2.6                               | 1.2               | 2.6        | 6.3             | 5.9         | 77.6           |
| 1983                 | 100.0      | 23.3                           | 3.1                                  | 0.7                                    | 2.8                               | 1.1               | 2.9        | 6.1             | 6.5         | 76.7           |
| 1984                 | 100.0      | 24.0                           | 3.0                                  | 0.7                                    | 3.1                               | 1.2               | 2.8        | 6.0             | 7.1         | 76.0           |
| 1985                 | 100.0      | 24.6                           | 2.9                                  | 0.8                                    | 3.5                               | 1.3               | 3.0        | 6.0             | 7.3         | 75.4           |
| 1986                 | 100.0      | 24.8                           | 2.8                                  | 0.8                                    | 3.9                               | 1.3               | 2.9        | 5.9             | 7.3         | 75.2           |
| 1987                 | 100.0      | 25.0                           | 2.7                                  | 0.7                                    | 4.1                               | 1.2               | 2.8        | 5.9             | 7.6         | 75.0           |
| 1988                 | 100.0      | 24.5                           | 2.5                                  | 0.6                                    | 4.2                               | 1.2               | 2.6        | 5.7             | 7.6         | 75.5           |
| 1989                 | 100.0      | 24.6                           | 2.4                                  | 0.6                                    | 4.1                               | 1.2               | 2.8        | 5.8             | 7.6         | 75.4           |
| 1990                 | 100.0      | 23.9                           | 2.3                                  | 0.5                                    | 4.1                               | 1.2               | 2.9        | 5.6             | 7.4         | 76.1           |
| 1991                 | 100.0      | 23.2                           | 2.2                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.8                               | 1.1               | 2.9        | 5.6             | 7.1         | 76.8           |
| 1992                 | 100.0      | 22.9                           | 2.2                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.8                               | 1.1               | 2.8        | 5.6             | 7.1         | 77.1           |
| 1993                 | 100.0      | 23.3                           | 2.2                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.8                               | 1.1               | 2.8        | 5.6             | 7.5         | 76.7           |
| 1994                 | 100.0      | 23.5                           | 2.2                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.7                               | 1.1               | 3.0        | 5.8             | 7.4         | 76.5           |
| 1995                 | 100.0      | 23.6                           | 2.3                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.6                               | 1.1               | 3.3        | 5.8             | 7.2         | 76.4           |
| 1996                 | 100.0      | 23.3                           | 2.5                                  | 0.4                                    | 3.5                               | 1.1               | 3.2        | 5.9             | 6.8         | 76.7           |
| 1997                 | 100.0      | 22.2                           | 2.5                                  | 0.3                                    | 3.3                               | 1.0               | 3.2        | 5.7             | 6.1         | 77.8           |
| 1998                 | 100.0      | 21.7                           | 2.4                                  | 0.3                                    | 3.5                               | 0.9               | 3.0        | 5.5             | 6.1         | 78.3           |
| 1999                 | NA         | NA                             | NA                                   | NA                                     | NA                                | NA                | NA         | NA              | NA          | NA             |
| 2000                 | 100.0      | 21.0                           | 2.2                                  | 0.3                                    | 3.9                               | 0.8               | 3.0        | 5.1             | 5.6         | 79.0           |
| 2001                 | 100.0      | 21.2                           | 2.2                                  | 0.3                                    | 4.2                               | 0.8               | 3.1        | 5.0             | 5.7         | 78.8           |
| 2002                 | 100.0      | 20.6                           | 2.2                                  | 0.3                                    | 4.2                               | 0.8               | 2.9        | 4.9             | 5.5         | 79.4           |
| 2003                 | 100.0      | 21.1                           | 2.1                                  | 0.3                                    | 4.5                               | 0.7               | 2.8        | 4.8             | 5.8         | 78.9           |
| 2004                 | 100.0      | 21.3                           | 2.1                                  | 0.3                                    | 4.3                               | 0.7               | 2.8        | 5.0             | 6.1         | 78.7           |
| 2005                 | 100.0      | 21.1                           | 2.2                                  | 0.3                                    | 3.9                               | 0.7               | 2.8        | 5.2             | 6.0         | 78.9           |
| 2006                 | 100.0      | 20.5                           | 2.2                                  | 0.3                                    | 3.7                               | 0.7               | 2.9        | 5.2             | 5.6         | 79.5           |

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.

NOTES: Detail may not sum to total due to rounding. 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.