

TABLE 16. Master's degrees awarded to women, by major field group: 1966–2006

Academic year ending	Science and engineering fields									Non-S&E fields
	All fields	Total	Biological and agricultural sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	
1966	47,588	5,469	1,219	45	1,018	483	798	1,830	76	42,119
1967	54,713	6,306	1,353	55	1,310	498	927	2,085	78	48,407
1968	63,401	7,209	1,631	71	1,361	564	1,011	2,472	99	56,192
1969	72,533	8,200	1,766	89	1,566	579	1,154	2,933	113	64,333
1970	83,241	9,722	1,964	125	1,809	722	1,478	3,455	169	73,519
1971	92,896	10,338	2,058	116	1,688	736	1,651	3,903	186	82,558
1972	102,689	11,328	2,186	152	1,777	736	2,033	4,173	271	91,361
1973	109,525	11,813	2,108	176	1,730	669	2,367	4,485	278	97,712
1974	119,915	12,711	2,233	197	1,793	690	2,630	4,821	347	107,204
1975	131,536	13,788	2,275	194	1,766	653	3,045	5,483	372	117,748
1976	145,256	15,015	2,471	220	1,690	605	3,671	5,790	568	130,241
1977	150,031	16,498	2,841	226	1,766	660	4,004	6,303	698	133,533
1978	151,108	17,230	3,020	290	1,717	653	4,263	6,444	843	133,878
1979	148,303	17,612	3,231	310	1,632	679	4,343	6,480	937	130,691
1980	147,936	18,085	3,129	336	1,800	638	4,464	6,595	1,123	129,851
1981	149,367	18,861	3,046	406	1,848	675	4,668	6,889	1,329	130,506
1982	150,639	20,011	3,303	452	2,220	747	4,621	7,093	1,575	130,628
1983	145,817	20,999	3,433	444	2,493	685	5,185	7,004	1,755	124,818
1984	141,464	21,533	3,399	465	2,775	846	5,093	6,855	2,100	119,931
1985	143,497	22,331	3,327	521	3,053	830	5,417	6,939	2,244	121,166
1986	145,897	23,219	3,344	517	3,530	913	5,426	7,089	2,400	122,678
1987	148,877	23,844	3,338	520	3,797	890	5,327	7,202	2,770	125,033
1988	154,688	23,835	3,244	487	3,841	891	5,326	7,238	2,808	130,853
1989	161,651	25,580	3,313	482	3,996	1,040	5,838	7,829	3,082	136,071
1990	170,922	26,558	3,447	378	4,151	1,051	6,283	7,979	3,269	144,364
1991	181,603	27,927	3,431	383	4,247	1,074	6,808	8,627	3,357	153,676
1992	191,908	28,950	3,658	368	4,121	1,088	6,923	9,123	3,669	162,958
1993	201,220	30,971	3,731	391	4,327	1,171	7,484	9,773	4,094	170,249
1994	212,246	33,441	4,171	424	4,222	1,233	8,285	10,683	4,423	178,805
1995	220,230	35,791	4,329	451	4,365	1,283	9,397	11,334	4,632	184,439
1996	228,572	37,453	5,048	436	4,356	1,450	9,373	12,038	4,752	191,119
1997	239,497	38,262	5,213	487	4,468	1,333	9,918	12,148	4,695	201,235
1998	246,810	38,583	5,063	494	4,884	1,440	9,540	11,999	5,163	208,227
1999	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	265,026	41,470	5,329	513	6,366	1,215	10,293	12,414	5,340	223,556
2001	273,639	43,393	5,592	564	6,897	1,301	10,858	12,553	5,628	230,246
2002	283,035	43,472	5,666	572	6,970	1,326	10,672	12,692	5,574	239,563
2003	300,845	46,711	6,077	612	7,768	1,324	11,100	13,646	6,184	254,134
2004	328,202	51,672	6,743	701	8,145	1,513	11,950	15,485	7,135	276,530
2005	337,818	53,051	7,090	712	7,089	1,529	12,632	16,392	7,607	284,767
2006	351,877	54,075	7,223	768	6,522	1,627	13,237	17,186	7,512	297,802

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.