

TABLE 18. Women as a percentage of all master's degree recipients, 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	33.8	13.3	20.8	5.9	20.3	11.5	32.9	20.2	0.6	42.2
1967	34.7	14.0	20.2	5.7	22.9	11.3	32.0	20.1	0.6	42.9
1968	35.8	14.8	22.3	7.0	22.4	12.7	31.2	21.6	0.6	43.8
1969	37.3	15.7	22.6	7.9	23.3	12.2	30.9	22.6	0.7	45.3
1970	39.8	18.1	25.8	11.1	25.5	15.1	37.3	25.6	1.1	47.2
1971	40.1	18.3	27.1	9.5	24.9	14.4	37.2	26.2	1.1	47.2
1972	40.6	18.9	26.7	10.8	24.7	15.1	38.4	25.5	1.6	47.4
1973	41.4	19.0	24.8	12.0	24.2	14.0	40.2	25.3	1.7	48.3
1974	43.1	20.4	25.2	11.7	25.2	15.8	39.8	26.2	2.3	49.6
1975	44.8	21.8	25.2	12.9	26.6	15.2	42.9	28.2	2.5	51.1
1976	46.4	23.1	26.8	13.9	26.1	15.6	46.7	29.0	3.5	52.5
1977	47.1	24.5	28.2	13.6	27.2	18.1	48.1	29.7	4.4	53.2
1978	48.3	25.6	30.2	15.8	26.7	17.6	52.0	30.7	5.2	54.5
1979	49.1	27.4	32.3	17.4	26.7	18.6	54.1	33.5	6.1	54.9
1980	49.5	28.2	32.5	18.7	27.6	18.7	56.8	34.8	7.0	55.3
1981	50.3	29.3	33.4	21.6	27.2	20.1	58.1	36.8	8.1	56.1
1982	50.8	30.1	35.9	22.5	29.0	21.4	58.9	37.7	9.0	56.8
1983	50.1	31.0	37.6	22.7	30.5	20.9	61.4	39.2	9.3	55.9
1984	49.6	31.4	39.1	23.5	31.0	23.9	63.1	39.9	10.4	55.3
1985	50.0	31.6	40.5	24.1	30.5	23.0	63.9	40.5	10.7	55.9
1986	50.3	32.3	41.7	23.1	31.4	25.0	64.9	41.2	11.4	56.3
1987	51.2	32.8	42.9	25.4	32.2	24.9	65.2	42.0	12.6	57.4
1988	51.5	32.4	42.9	25.4	30.5	24.0	67.2	42.0	12.4	57.8
1989	52.0	33.5	44.0	26.5	31.1	26.8	67.5	43.5	13.0	58.0
1990	52.6	34.1	45.8	23.7	31.1	27.6	67.5	43.8	13.6	58.4
1991	53.6	35.6	46.3	25.6	32.8	28.4	69.5	45.6	14.0	59.1
1992	54.2	35.7	46.4	25.8	30.9	27.7	70.3	46.3	14.7	59.7
1993	54.2	35.8	46.0	28.0	30.7	29.5	71.9	47.0	14.8	59.8
1994	54.6	36.6	48.0	29.9	29.4	28.9	71.6	47.7	15.4	60.1
1995	55.1	38.0	47.7	30.4	30.1	30.3	71.6	48.7	16.2	60.4
1996	55.9	39.3	49.0	29.3	30.3	33.2	71.9	50.2	17.1	60.9
1997	56.9	40.9	49.5	33.9	31.7	32.2	72.7	51.1	18.1	61.5
1998	57.1	41.1	49.5	34.6	32.0	36.3	72.6	50.6	19.8	61.6
1999	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	58.1	43.3	52.3	38.1	35.7	34.6	75.1	53.1	20.7	62.0
2001	58.6	43.8	54.6	41.4	35.2	34.8	75.7	54.2	21.2	62.6
2002	58.8	43.8	54.7	40.7	34.9	36.6	76.0	54.0	21.2	62.7
2003	58.8	43.3	56.1	41.0	33.8	35.8	76.7	55.1	20.8	63.0
2004	59.1	43.6	56.8	44.6	33.7	37.5	78.1	55.9	21.1	63.3
2005	59.5	44.2	57.8	42.3	31.6	37.1	78.6	55.8	22.3	63.6
2006	60.0	44.9	56.6	44.5	30.3	37.7	78.9	56.3	22.9	63.9

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.