

**Table 267. Master's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by racial/ethnic group and sex of student:
Selected years, 1976–77 to 2001–02**

Year	Number of degrees conferred							Percentage distribution of degrees conferred						
	Total	White, non- Hispanic	Black, non- Hispanic	His- panic	Asian/ Pacific Islander	Amer- ican Indian/ Alaska Native	Non- resident alien	Total	White, non- Hispanic	Black, non- Hispanic	His- panic	Asian/ Pacific Is- lander	Amer- ican Indian/ Alaska Native	Non- resident alien
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Total														
1976–77 ¹	316,602	266,061	21,037	6,071	5,122	967	17,344	100.0	84.0	6.6	1.9	1.6	0.3	5.5
1978–79 ²	300,255	249,360	19,418	5,555	5,496	999	19,427	100.0	83.0	6.5	1.9	1.8	0.3	6.5
1980–81 ³	294,183	241,216	17,133	6,461	6,282	1,034	22,057	100.0	82.0	5.8	2.2	2.1	0.4	7.5
1984–85 ⁴	280,421	223,628	13,939	6,864	7,782	1,256	26,952	100.0	79.7	5.0	2.4	2.8	0.4	9.6
1986–87	289,349	228,874	13,873	7,044	8,559	1,103	29,896	100.0	79.1	4.8	2.4	3.0	0.4	10.3
1988–89 ⁵	309,770	242,764	14,095	7,277	10,335	1,086	34,213	100.0	78.4	4.6	2.3	3.3	0.4	11.0
1989–90	324,301	254,299	15,336	7,892	10,439	1,090	35,245	100.0	78.4	4.7	2.4	3.2	0.3	10.9
1990–91	337,168	261,232	16,616	8,887	11,650	1,178	37,605	100.0	77.5	4.9	2.6	3.5	0.3	11.2
1991–92	352,838	271,177	18,256	9,521	12,960	1,280	39,644	100.0	76.9	5.2	2.7	3.7	0.4	11.2
1992–93	369,585	279,827	19,744	10,638	13,863	1,405	44,108	100.0	75.7	5.3	2.9	3.8	0.4	11.9
1993–94	387,070	289,536	21,986	11,933	15,411	1,699	46,505	100.0	74.8	5.7	3.1	4.0	0.4	12.0
1994–95	397,629	293,345	24,166	12,905	16,847	1,621	48,745	100.0	73.8	6.1	3.2	4.2	0.4	12.3
1995–96	406,301	298,133	25,822	14,442	18,216	1,778	47,910	100.0	73.4	6.4	3.6	4.5	0.4	11.8
1996–97	419,401	305,005	28,403	15,440	19,061	1,940	49,552	100.0	72.7	6.8	3.7	4.5	0.5	11.8
1997–98	430,164	308,196	30,155	16,248	21,133	2,053	52,379	100.0	71.6	7.0	3.8	4.9	0.5	12.2
1998–99	439,986	313,487	32,541	17,838	22,072	2,016	52,032	100.0	71.2	7.4	4.1	5.0	0.5	11.8
1999–2000	457,056	320,485	35,874	19,253	23,218	2,246	55,980	100.0	70.1	7.8	4.2	5.1	0.5	12.2
2000–01	468,476	320,480	38,265	21,543	24,283	2,481	61,424	100.0	68.4	8.2	4.6	5.2	0.5	13.1
2001–02	482,118	327,635	40,373	22,387	25,414	2,626	63,683	100.0	68.0	8.4	4.6	5.3	0.5	13.2
Men														
1976–77 ¹	167,396	139,210	7,781	3,268	3,123	521	13,493	100.0	83.2	4.6	2.0	1.9	0.3	8.1
1978–79 ²	152,637	124,058	7,070	2,786	3,325	495	14,903	100.0	81.3	4.6	1.8	2.2	0.3	9.8
1980–81 ³	145,666	115,562	6,158	3,085	3,773	501	16,587	100.0	79.3	4.2	2.1	2.6	0.3	11.4
1984–85 ⁴	139,417	106,059	5,200	3,059	4,842	583	19,674	100.0	76.1	3.7	2.2	3.5	0.4	14.1
1986–87	141,269	105,572	5,153	3,331	5,239	518	21,456	100.0	74.7	3.6	2.4	3.7	0.4	15.2
1988–89 ⁵	148,872	109,715	5,175	3,325	6,048	476	24,133	100.0	73.7	3.5	2.2	4.1	0.3	16.2
1989–90	153,653	114,203	5,474	3,548	5,896	455	24,077	100.0	74.3	3.6	2.3	3.8	0.3	15.7
1990–91	156,482	114,419	5,916	3,936	6,575	488	25,148	100.0	73.1	3.8	2.5	4.2	0.3	16.1
1991–92	161,842	117,512	6,112	4,220	7,234	529	26,235	100.0	72.6	3.8	2.6	4.5	0.3	16.2
1992–93	169,258	120,783	6,803	4,722	7,545	584	28,821	100.0	71.4	4.0	2.8	4.5	0.3	17.0
1993–94	176,085	124,409	7,424	5,122	8,298	692	30,140	100.0	70.7	4.2	2.9	4.7	0.4	17.1
1994–95	178,598	124,277	8,097	5,487	8,923	659	31,155	100.0	69.6	4.5	3.1	5.0	0.4	17.4
1995–96	179,081	124,847	8,445	5,843	9,400	705	29,841	100.0	69.7	4.7	3.3	5.2	0.4	16.7
1996–97	180,947	125,552	8,960	6,246	9,218	734	30,237	100.0	69.4	5.0	3.5	5.1	0.4	16.7
1997–98	184,375	125,605	9,652	6,512	10,262	782	31,562	100.0	68.1	5.2	3.5	5.6	0.4	17.1
1998–99	186,148	126,674	10,058	7,032	10,491	771	31,122	100.0	68.1	5.4	3.8	5.6	0.4	16.7
1999–2000	191,792	128,046	11,212	7,635	11,047	836	33,016	100.0	66.8	5.8	4.0	5.8	0.4	17.2
2000–01	194,351	125,993	11,568	8,271	11,349	917	36,253	100.0	64.8	6.0	4.3	5.8	0.5	18.7
2001–02	199,120	128,770	11,796	8,431	11,749	994	37,380	100.0	64.7	5.9	4.2	5.9	0.5	18.8
Women														
1976–77 ¹	149,206	126,851	13,256	2,803	1,999	446	3,851	100.0	85.0	8.9	1.9	1.3	0.3	2.6
1978–79 ²	147,618	125,302	12,348	2,769	2,171	504	4,524	100.0	84.9	8.4	1.9	1.5	0.3	3.1
1980–81 ³	148,517	125,654	10,975	3,376	2,509	533	5,470	100.0	84.6	7.4	2.3	1.7	0.4	3.7
1984–85 ⁴	141,004	117,569	8,739	3,805	2,940	673	7,278	100.0	83.4	6.2	2.7	2.1	0.5	5.2
1986–87	148,080	123,302	8,720	3,713	3,320	585	8,440	100.0	83.3	5.9	2.5	2.2	0.4	5.7
1988–89 ⁵	160,898	133,049	8,920	3,952	4,287	610	10,080	100.0	82.7	5.5	2.5	2.7	0.4	6.3
1989–90	170,648	140,096	9,862	4,344	4,543	635	11,168	100.0	82.1	5.8	2.5	2.7	0.4	6.5
1990–91	180,686	146,813	10,700	4,951	5,075	690	12,457	100.0	81.3	5.9	2.7	2.8	0.4	6.9
1991–92	190,996	153,665	12,144	5,301	5,726	751	13,409	100.0	80.5	6.4	2.8	3.0	0.4	7.0
1992–93	200,327	159,044	12,941	5,916	6,318	821	15,287	100.0	79.4	6.5	3.0	3.2	0.4	7.6
1993–94	210,985	165,127	14,562	6,811	7,113	1,007	16,365	100.0	78.3	6.9	3.2	3.4	0.5	7.8
1994–95	219,031	169,068	16,069	7,418	7,924	962	17,590	100.0	77.2	7.3	3.4	3.6	0.4	8.0
1995–96	227,220	173,286	17,377	8,599	8,816	1,073	18,069	100.0	76.3	7.6	3.8	3.9	0.5	8.0
1996–97	238,454	179,453	19,443	9,194	9,843	1,206	19,315	100.0	75.3	8.2	3.9	4.1	0.5	8.1
1997–98	245,789	182,591	20,503	9,736	10,871	1,271	20,817	100.0	74.3	8.3	4.0	4.4	0.5	8.5
1998–99	253,838	186,813	22,483	10,806	11,581	1,245	20,910	100.0	73.6	8.9	4.3	4.6	0.5	8.2
1999–2000	265,264	192,439	24,662	11,618	12,171	1,410	22,964	100.0	72.5	9.3	4.4	4.6	0.5	8.7
2000–01	274,125	194,487	26,697	13,272	12,934	1,564	25,171	100.0	70.9	9.7	4.8	4.7	0.6	9.2
2001–02	282,998	198,865	28,577	13,956	13,665	1,632	26,303	100.0	70.3	10.1	4.9	4.8	0.6	9.3

¹ Excludes 387 men and 175 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

² Excludes 733 men and 91 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

³ Excludes 1,377 men and 179 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

⁴ Excludes 3,973 men and 1,857 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

⁵ Excludes 482 men and 369 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

native procedures. (See Guide to Sources for details.) Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys 1976–77 through 1984–85, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys, 1986–87 through 1998–99, and Fall 2000 through Fall 2002 surveys. (This table was prepared August 2003.)

NOTE: For years 1984–85 to 2001–02, reported racial/ethnic distributions of students by level of degree, field of degree, and sex were used to estimate race/ethnicity for students whose race/ethnicity was not reported. Data for 1998–99 were imputed using alter-