

**Table 255.—Bachelor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by discipline division: 1970–71 to 1999–2000**

Discipline division	1970–71	1975–76	1980–81	1985–86	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>839,730</b>	<b>925,746</b>	<b>935,140</b>	<b>987,823</b>	<b>1,018,755</b>	<b>1,051,344</b>	<b>1,094,538</b>	<b>1,136,553</b>	<b>1,165,178</b>	<b>1,169,275</b>	<b>1,160,134</b>	<b>1,164,792</b>	<b>1,172,879</b>	<b>1,184,406</b>	<b>1,200,303</b>	<b>1,237,875</b>
Agriculture and natural resources .....	12,672	19,402	21,886	16,823	13,492	12,900	13,124	15,124	16,778	18,070	19,841	21,431	22,602	23,284	23,930	24,247
Architecture and related programs .....	5,570	9,146	9,455	9,119	9,150	9,364	9,781	8,753	9,167	8,975	8,756	8,352	7,944	7,652	8,246	8,462
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies .....	2,582	3,577	2,887	3,178	4,102	4,613	4,884	5,342	5,481	5,573	5,706	5,786	5,839	6,153	6,252	6,381
Biological sciences/life sciences .....	35,743	54,275	43,216	38,524	36,059	37,204	39,530	42,941	47,038	51,383	55,984	60,994	63,975	65,868	65,014	63,532
Business .....	114,729	142,034	198,983	237,319	246,399	248,698	249,311	256,603	256,842	246,654	234,323	227,102	226,633	233,119	242,236	257,709
Communications .....	10,324	20,045	29,428	41,666	47,405	50,114	51,650	54,257	53,874	51,164	48,104	47,320	47,230	49,385	51,384	55,760
Communications technologies .....	478	1,237	1,854	1,410	1,204	1,194	1,123	720	832	663	699	683	538	729	935	1,150
Computer and information sciences .....	2,388	5,652	15,121	41,889	30,454	27,257	25,083	24,557	24,200	24,200	24,404	24,098	24,768	26,852	29,345	36,195
Education .....	176,307	154,437	108,074	87,114	96,913	105,112	110,807	108,006	107,781	107,600	106,079	105,509	105,233	105,968	107,172	108,168
Engineering .....	44,898	38,388	63,287	76,225	66,099	63,609	61,531	61,206	61,973	62,220	62,342	62,114	61,185	59,910	57,918	58,427
Engineering-related technologies .....	5,148	7,943	11,713	19,435	18,903	17,713	17,119	16,335	16,078	16,005	15,812	15,323	13,972	14,000	13,986	14,128
English language and literature/letters ..	64,342	42,006	32,254	34,552	42,470	47,519	51,841	54,951	56,133	53,924	51,901	50,698	49,345	49,708	50,535	50,920
Foreign languages and literatures .....	20,536	16,484	11,273	10,984	11,693	12,386	13,133	13,903	14,387	14,378	13,775	13,952	13,674	14,451	14,962	14,968
Health professions and related sciences	25,226	53,958	63,649	64,396	59,005	58,302	59,070	61,720	67,089	74,421	79,855	84,036	85,631	84,379	82,622	78,458
Home economics and vocational home economics .....	11,167	17,409	18,370	14,889	14,160	14,491	14,892	14,898	15,100	15,522	15,345	15,803	16,571	17,296	17,689	17,779
Law and legal studies .....	545	531	776	1,197	1,976	1,592	1,758	2,144	2,056	2,171	2,032	2,052	2,038	2,017	1,901	1,925
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities .....	7,481	18,855	21,643	21,336	26,388	27,985	30,526	32,174	33,456	33,397	33,356	33,997	34,776	33,202	34,772	36,104
Library science .....	1,013	843	375	155	121	77	90	97	83	62	50	58	48	73	78	154
Mathematics .....	24,937	16,329	11,433	17,147	15,994	15,176	15,310	14,783	14,812	14,396	13,723	13,143	12,820	12,328	12,539	12,070
Multi/interdisciplinary studies .....	6,286	13,588	12,848	13,489	15,168	16,267	17,561	20,647	23,955	25,167	26,033	26,515	26,137	26,163	26,581	27,460
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies .....	1,621	5,182	5,729	4,620	4,376	4,582	4,315	8,446	9,859	11,470	12,889	13,983	15,401	16,781	18,064	19,111
Philosophy and religion .....	8,146	8,447	6,776	6,239	6,425	6,868	7,315	7,526	7,781	7,546	7,276	7,388	7,685	8,207	8,263	8,366
Physical sciences and science technologies .....	21,412	21,465	23,952	21,717	17,186	16,066	16,344	16,960	17,545	18,400	19,177	19,647	19,531	19,416	18,337	18,385
Precision production trades .....	—	—	—	400	482	528	460	378	388	420	353	401	326	407	386	393
Protective services .....	2,045	12,507	13,707	12,704	14,698	15,354	16,806	18,855	20,902	23,009	24,157	24,810	25,165	25,076	24,601	24,877
Psychology .....	38,187	50,278	41,068	40,628	48,910	53,952	58,655	63,513	66,728	69,259	72,083	73,291	74,191	73,972	73,536	74,060
Public administration and services .....	5,466	15,440	16,707	11,887	13,162	13,908	14,350	15,987	16,775	17,815	18,586	19,849	20,649	20,408	20,287	20,185
R.O.T.C. and military technologies .....	357	952	42	256	198	196	183	184	11	19	27	7	4	3	2	7
Social sciences and history .....	155,324	126,396	100,513	93,840	108,151	118,083	125,107	133,974	135,703	133,680	128,154	126,479	124,891	125,040	124,658	127,101
Theological studies/religious vocations ..	3,744	5,520	5,841	5,607	5,318	5,200	4,813	4,729	5,433	5,434	5,578	5,358	5,591	5,903	6,280	6,809
Transportation and material moving workers .....	662	1,282	1,801	1,837	2,062	2,387	2,622	3,598	3,930	3,923	3,698	3,561	3,547	3,206	3,383	3,395
Visual and performing arts .....	30,394	42,138	40,479	37,241	38,227	39,934	42,186	46,522	47,761	49,053	48,690	49,296	50,083	52,077	54,404	58,791
Not classified by field of study .....	0	0	0	0	2,405	2,713	13,258	6,720	5,247	3,302	1,346	1,756	4,856	1,373	5	2,398

—Not available.

NOTE: The new Classification of Instructional Programs was initiated in 1991–92. The figures for earlier years have been reclassified when necessary to make them conform to the new taxonomy. To facilitate trend comparisons, certain aggregations have been made of the degree fields as reported in the IPEDS "Completions" survey: "Agriculture and natural resources" includes Agricultural business and production, Agricultural sciences, and Conservation and renewable natural resources; "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/

marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services; and "Engineering-related technologies" includes Engineering-related technologies, Mechanics and repairers, and Construction trades. Data for 1998–99 imputed using alternative procedures. (See *Guide to Sources* for details.)

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys. (This table was prepared August 2001.)