

Table 10.—Number of persons age 18 and over who hold a bachelor’s or higher degree, by field of study, sex, race/ethnicity, and age: 1996

[Numbers in thousands]

Field of study	Total	Sex		Race/ethnicity			Age		
		Males	Females	White, non-Hispanic	Black	Hispanic	18 to 29 years old	30 to 49 years old	50 years and over
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Total population, 18 and over	196,121	94,092	102,029	148,397	22,813	18,081	43,775	83,107	69,238
Number of persons with bachelor's or higher degree	40,543	21,084	19,459	34,090	2,640	1,515	6,787	21,976	11,780
Percent of population	20.7	22.4	19.1	23.0	11.6	8.4	15.5	26.4	17.0
Agriculture	484	421	63	414	18	27	51	276	156
Architecture	1,118	490	627	960	27	50	236	601	281
Business	8,019	5,241	2,778	6,726	606	286	1,333	4,790	1,897
Communications	895	452	443	773	56	39	281	514	100
Computer	913	621	292	704	91	41	172	659	83
Education	6,785	1,737	5,049	5,806	553	281	701	3,315	2,768
Engineering	2,913	2,656	256	2,452	74	61	425	1,480	1,009
Literature	1,093	315	777	955	46	46	231	491	370
Foreign language	297	79	218	246	11	18	56	126	114
Health sciences	1,611	295	1,316	1,301	108	55	339	894	378
Law	1,127	889	237	1,024	47	29	85	691	351
Liberal arts	2,030	883	1,149	1,670	139	96	404	1,011	616
Mathematics	736	479	257	612	79	23	134	394	209
Medicine and dentistry	996	731	265	794	7	72	85	559	352
Natural science	1,928	1,092	835	1,599	81	61	413	990	525
Nursing, public health	424	65	359	377	23	5	18	245	160
Philosophy	610	489	121	532	30	18	88	260	260
Pre-professional	147	66	80	101	22	21	60	51	35
Psychology	1,350	493	857	1,130	110	51	319	735	295
Social sciences	1,795	815	979	1,494	173	49	364	944	485
Other fields	5,273	2,774	2,500	4,419	342	187	988	2,947	1,338
Percentage distribution of degree holders, by field									
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Agriculture	1.2	2.0	0.3	1.2	0.7	1.8	0.8	1.3	1.3
Architecture	2.8	2.3	3.2	2.8	1.0	3.3	3.5	2.7	2.4
Business	19.8	24.9	14.3	19.7	23.0	18.9	19.6	21.8	16.1
Communications	2.2	2.1	2.3	2.3	2.1	2.6	4.1	2.3	0.8
Computer	2.3	2.9	1.5	2.1	3.4	2.7	2.5	3.0	0.7
Education	16.7	8.2	25.9	17.0	20.9	18.5	10.3	15.1	23.5
Engineering	7.2	12.6	1.3	7.2	2.8	4.0	6.3	6.7	8.6
Literature	2.7	1.5	4.0	2.8	1.7	3.0	3.4	2.2	3.1
Foreign language	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.7	0.4	1.2	0.8	0.6	1.0
Health sciences	4.0	1.4	6.8	3.8	4.1	3.6	5.0	4.1	3.2
Law	2.8	4.2	1.2	3.0	1.8	1.9	1.3	3.1	3.0
Liberal arts	5.0	4.2	5.9	4.9	5.3	6.3	6.0	4.6	5.2
Mathematics	1.8	2.3	1.3	1.8	3.0	1.5	2.0	1.8	1.8
Medicine and dentistry	2.5	3.5	1.4	2.3	0.3	4.8	1.3	2.5	3.0
Natural science	4.8	5.2	4.3	4.7	3.1	4.0	6.1	4.5	4.5
Nursing, public health	1.0	0.3	1.8	1.1	0.9	0.3	0.3	1.1	1.4
Philosophy	1.5	2.3	0.6	1.6	1.1	1.2	1.3	1.2	2.2
Pre-professional	0.4	0.3	0.4	0.3	0.8	1.4	0.9	0.2	0.3
Psychology	3.3	2.3	4.4	3.3	4.2	3.4	4.7	3.3	2.5
Social sciences	4.4	3.9	5.0	4.4	6.6	3.2	5.4	4.3	4.1
Other fields	13.0	13.2	12.8	13.0	13.0	12.3	14.6	13.4	11.4

NOTE: Data are based on a sample survey of the civilian noninstitutional population. Detail may not sum to totals due to rounding.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, *Survey of Income and Program Participation*, unpublished data. (This table was prepared April 2001.)