

Table 273. First-professional 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	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaska Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American 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	63,953	58,422	2,537	1,076	1,021	196	701	100.0	91.4	4.0	1.7	1.6	0.3	1.1
1978–79 ²	68,611	62,430	2,836	1,283	1,205	216	641	100.0	91.0	4.1	1.9	1.8	0.3	0.9
1980–81 ³	71,340	64,551	2,931	1,541	1,456	192	669	100.0	90.5	4.1	2.2	2.0	0.3	0.9
1984–85 ⁴	71,057	63,219	3,029	1,884	1,816	248	861	100.0	89.0	4.3	2.7	2.6	0.3	1.2
1986–87	71,617	62,688	3,420	2,051	2,270	304	884	100.0	87.5	4.8	2.9	3.2	0.4	1.2
1988–89	70,856	61,214	3,148	2,269	2,976	264	985	100.0	86.4	4.4	3.2	4.2	0.4	1.4
1989–90	70,988	60,487	3,409	2,425	3,362	257	1,048	100.0	85.2	4.8	3.4	4.7	0.4	1.5
1990–91	71,948	60,631	3,588	2,547	3,835	261	1,086	100.0	84.3	5.0	3.5	5.3	0.4	1.5
1991–92	74,146	61,170	3,628	2,867	4,841	298	1,342	100.0	82.5	4.9	3.9	6.5	0.4	1.8
1992–93	75,387	61,165	4,132	2,996	5,176	370	1,548	100.0	81.1	5.5	4.0	6.9	0.5	2.1
1993–94	75,418	60,143	4,444	3,131	5,892	371	1,437	100.0	79.7	5.9	4.2	7.8	0.5	1.9
1994–95	75,800	59,402	4,747	3,231	6,396	413	1,611	100.0	78.4	6.3	4.3	8.4	0.5	2.1
1995–96	76,734	59,525	5,022	3,475	6,627	463	1,622	100.0	77.6	6.5	4.5	8.6	0.6	2.1
1996–97	78,730	60,280	5,301	3,615	7,374	514	1,646	100.0	76.6	6.7	4.6	9.4	0.7	2.1
1997–98	78,598	59,443	5,499	3,552	7,757	561	1,786	100.0	75.6	7.0	4.5	9.9	0.7	2.3
1998–99	78,439	58,720	5,333	3,864	8,152	612	1,758	100.0	74.9	6.8	4.9	10.4	0.8	2.2
1999–2000	80,057	59,637	5,555	3,865	8,584	564	1,852	100.0	74.5	6.9	4.8	10.7	0.7	2.3
2000–01	79,707	58,598	5,416	3,806	9,261	543	2,083	100.0	73.5	6.8	4.8	11.6	0.7	2.6
2001–02	80,698	58,874	5,811	3,965	9,584	581	1,883	100.0	73.0	7.2	4.9	11.9	0.7	2.3
Men														
1976–77 ¹	51,980	47,777	1,761	893	776	159	614	100.0	91.9	3.4	1.7	1.5	0.3	1.2
1978–79 ²	52,425	48,123	1,783	989	860	150	520	100.0	91.8	3.4	1.9	1.6	0.3	1.0
1980–81 ³	52,194	47,629	1,772	1,131	991	134	537	100.0	91.3	3.4	2.2	1.9	0.3	1.0
1984–85 ⁴	47,501	42,630	1,623	1,239	1,152	176	681	100.0	89.7	3.4	2.6	2.4	0.4	1.4
1986–87	46,523	41,149	1,835	1,303	1,420	183	633	100.0	88.4	3.9	2.8	3.1	0.4	1.4
1988–89	45,046	39,399	1,618	1,374	1,819	148	688	100.0	87.5	3.6	3.1	4.0	0.3	1.5
1989–90	43,961	38,036	1,671	1,449	1,962	135	708	100.0	86.5	3.8	3.3	4.5	0.3	1.6
1990–91	43,846	37,533	1,679	1,517	2,211	144	762	100.0	85.6	3.8	3.5	5.0	0.3	1.7
1991–92	45,071	37,849	1,645	1,695	2,775	159	948	100.0	84.0	3.6	3.8	6.2	0.4	2.1
1992–93	45,153	37,415	1,801	1,771	2,871	192	1,103	100.0	82.9	4.0	3.9	6.4	0.4	2.4
1993–94	44,707	36,574	1,902	1,780	3,214	222	1,015	100.0	81.8	4.3	4.0	7.2	0.5	2.3
1994–95	44,853	36,147	2,077	1,835	3,490	223	1,081	100.0	80.6	4.6	4.1	7.8	0.5	2.4
1995–96	44,748	35,786	2,112	1,947	3,539	256	1,108	100.0	80.0	4.7	4.4	7.9	0.6	2.5
1996–97	45,564	36,008	2,201	1,985	3,959	290	1,121	100.0	79.0	4.8	4.4	8.7	0.6	2.5
1997–98	44,911	35,172	2,310	1,973	4,017	291	1,148	100.0	78.3	5.1	4.4	8.9	0.6	2.6
1998–99	44,339	34,271	2,197	2,064	4,333	333	1,141	100.0	77.3	5.0	4.7	9.8	0.8	2.6
1999–2000	44,239	34,004	2,313	2,095	4,372	285	1,170	100.0	76.9	5.2	4.7	9.9	0.6	2.6
2000–01	42,862	32,717	2,110	1,977	4,518	278	1,262	100.0	76.3	4.9	4.6	10.5	0.6	2.9
2001–02	42,507	32,224	2,223	2,045	4,613	292	1,110	100.0	75.8	5.2	4.8	10.9	0.7	2.6
Women														
1976–77 ¹	11,973	10,645	776	183	245	37	87	100.0	88.9	6.5	1.5	2.0	0.3	0.7
1978–79 ²	16,186	14,307	1,053	294	345	66	121	100.0	88.4	6.5	1.8	2.1	0.4	0.7
1980–81 ³	19,146	16,922	1,159	410	465	58	132	100.0	88.4	6.1	2.1	2.4	0.3	0.7
1984–85 ⁴	23,556	20,589	1,406	645	664	72	180	100.0	87.4	6.0	2.7	2.8	0.3	0.8
1986–87	25,094	21,539	1,585	748	850	121	251	100.0	85.8	6.3	3.0	3.4	0.5	1.0
1988–89	25,810	21,815	1,530	895	1,157	116	297	100.0	84.5	5.9	3.5	4.5	0.4	1.2
1989–90	27,027	22,451	1,738	976	1,400	122	340	100.0	83.1	6.4	3.6	5.2	0.5	1.3
1990–91	28,102	23,098	1,909	1,030	1,624	117	324	100.0	82.2	6.8	3.7	5.8	0.4	1.2
1991–92	29,075	23,321	1,983	1,172	2,066	139	394	100.0	80.2	6.8	4.0	7.1	0.5	1.4
1992–93	30,234	23,750	2,331	1,225	2,305	178	445	100.0	78.6	7.7	4.1	7.6	0.6	1.5
1993–94	30,711	23,569	2,542	1,351	2,678	149	422	100.0	76.7	8.3	4.4	8.7	0.5	1.4
1994–95	30,947	23,255	2,670	1,396	2,906	190	530	100.0	75.1	8.6	4.5	9.4	0.6	1.7
1995–96	31,986	23,739	2,910	1,528	3,088	207	514	100.0	74.2	9.1	4.8	9.7	0.6	1.6
1996–97	33,166	24,272	3,100	1,630	3,415	224	525	100.0	73.2	9.3	4.9	10.3	0.7	1.6
1997–98	33,687	24,271	3,189	1,579	3,740	270	638	100.0	72.0	9.5	4.7	11.1	0.8	1.9
1998–99	34,100	24,449	3,136	1,800	3,819	279	617	100.0	71.7	9.2	5.3	11.2	0.8	1.8
1999–2000	35,818	25,633	3,242	1,770	4,212	279	682	100.0	71.6	9.1	4.9	11.8	0.8	1.9
2000–01	36,845	25,881	3,306	1,829	4,743	265	821	100.0	70.2	9.0	5.0	12.9	0.7	2.2
2001–02	38,191	26,650	3,588	1,920	4,971	289	773	100.0	69.8	9.4	5.0	13.0	0.8	2.0

¹ Excludes 394 men and 12 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.² Excludes 227 men and 10 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.³ Excludes 598 men and 18 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.⁴ Excludes 2,954 men and 1,052 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.

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-

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.)