

**Table 296. Earned degrees in economics, history, political science and government, and sociology conferred by degree-granting institutions, by level of degree: Selected years, 1949–50 to 2001–02**

Year	Economics			History			Political science and government			Sociology		
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
1949–50 .....	14,568	921	200	13,542	1,801	275	6,336	710	127	7,870	552	98
1959–60 .....	7,453	708	237	14,737	1,794	342	6,596	722	201	7,147	440	161
1969–70 .....	17,197	1,988	794	43,386	5,049	1,038	25,713	2,105	525	30,436	1,813	534
1970–71 .....	15,758	1,995	721	44,663	5,157	991	27,482	2,318	700	33,263	1,808	574
1971–72 .....	15,231	2,224	794	43,695	5,217	1,133	28,135	2,451	758	35,216	1,944	636
1975–76 .....	14,741	2,087	763	28,400	3,658	1,014	28,302	2,191	723	27,634	2,009	729
1976–77 .....	15,296	2,158	758	25,433	3,393	921	26,411	2,222	641	24,713	1,830	714
1977–78 .....	15,661	1,995	706	23,004	3,033	813	26,069	2,069	636	22,750	1,611	599
1978–79 .....	16,409	1,955	712	21,019	2,536	756	25,628	2,037	563	20,285	1,415	612
1979–80 .....	17,863	1,821	677	19,301	2,367	712	25,457	1,938	535	18,881	1,341	583
1980–81 .....	18,753	1,911	727	18,301	2,237	643	24,977	1,875	484	17,272	1,240	610
1981–82 .....	19,876	1,964	677	17,146	2,210	636	25,658	1,954	513	16,042	1,145	558
1982–83 .....	20,517	1,972	734	16,467	2,041	575	25,791	1,829	435	14,105	1,112	522
1983–84 .....	20,719	1,891	729	16,643	1,940	561	25,719	1,769	457	13,145	1,008	520
1984–85 .....	20,711	1,992	749	16,049	1,921	468	25,834	1,500	441	11,968	1,022	480
1985–86 .....	21,602	1,937	789	16,415	1,961	497	26,439	1,704	439	12,271	965	504
1986–87 .....	22,378	1,855	750	16,997	2,021	534	26,817	1,618	435	12,239	950	451
1987–88 .....	22,911	1,847	770	18,207	2,093	517	27,207	1,579	391	13,024	984	452
1988–89 .....	23,454	1,886	827	20,159	2,121	487	30,450	1,598	452	14,435	1,135	451
1989–90 .....	23,923	1,950	806	22,476	2,369	570	33,560	1,580	480	16,035	1,198	432
1990–91 .....	23,488	1,951	802	24,541	2,591	606	35,737	1,772	468	17,550	1,260	465
1991–92 .....	23,423	2,106	866	26,966	2,754	644	37,805	1,908	535	19,568	1,347	501
1992–93 .....	21,321	2,292	879	27,774	2,952	690	37,931	1,943	529	20,896	1,521	536
1993–94 .....	19,496	2,521	869	27,503	3,009	752	36,097	2,147	616	22,368	1,639	530
1994–95 .....	17,673	2,400	910	26,598	3,091	816	33,013	2,019	637	22,886	1,748	546
1995–96 .....	16,674	2,533	916	26,005	2,898	805	30,775	2,024	634	24,071	1,772	527
1996–97 .....	16,539	2,433	968	25,214	2,901	873	28,969	1,909	686	24,672	1,731	591
1997–98 .....	17,074	2,435	928	25,726	2,895	937	28,044	1,957	705	24,806	1,737	596
1998–99 .....	17,611	2,323	810	24,794	2,633	921	27,418	1,681	696	24,933	1,943	515
1999–2000 .....	18,441	2,168	851	25,247	2,573	984	27,635	1,627	693	25,598	1,996	595
2000–01 .....	19,437	2,139	851	25,090	2,365	931	27,792	1,596	688	25,268	1,845	546
2001–02 .....	20,927	2,330	826	26,001	2,420	924	29,354	1,641	625	25,202	1,928	534

NOTE: Political science and government excludes degrees in public administration and international relations. Data for 1998–99 were 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" 1970–71 through 1985–86 surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey, 1986–87 through 1998–99, and Fall 2000 through Fall 2002 surveys. (This table was prepared August 2003.)