

**Table 291.—Earned degrees in the physical sciences<sup>1</sup> conferred by institutions of higher education, by level of degree and sex of student: 1959–60 to 1995–96**

Year	Bachelor's degrees			Master's degrees			Doctor's degrees		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1959–60 .....	16,007	14,013	1,994	3,376	3,049	327	1,838	1,776	62
1969–70 .....	21,439	18,522	2,917	5,935	5,093	842	4,312	4,077	235
1970–71 .....	21,412	18,459	2,953	6,367	5,521	846	4,390	4,144	246
1971–72 .....	20,745	17,663	3,082	6,287	5,404	883	4,103	3,830	273
1972–73 .....	20,696	17,626	3,070	6,257	5,414	843	4,006	3,738	268
1973–74 .....	21,178	17,674	3,504	6,062	5,186	876	3,626	3,373	253
1974–75 .....	20,778	16,992	3,786	5,807	4,969	838	3,626	3,325	301
1975–76 .....	21,465	17,353	4,112	5,466	4,648	818	3,431	3,132	299
1976–77 .....	22,497	17,996	4,501	5,331	4,450	881	3,341	3,022	319
1977–78 .....	22,986	18,090	4,896	5,561	4,620	941	3,133	2,821	312
1978–79 .....	23,207	17,985	5,222	5,451	4,461	990	3,102	2,752	350
1979–80 .....	23,410	17,864	5,546	5,219	4,248	971	3,089	2,705	384
1980–81 .....	23,952	18,064	5,888	5,284	4,200	1,084	3,141	2,765	376
1981–82 .....	24,052	17,866	6,186	5,514	4,318	1,196	3,286	2,835	451
1982–83 .....	23,381	16,993	6,388	5,290	4,157	1,133	3,269	2,811	458
1983–84 .....	23,651	17,116	6,535	5,576	4,268	1,308	3,306	2,815	491
1984–85 .....	23,704	17,069	6,635	5,796	4,452	1,344	3,403	2,851	552
1985–86 .....	21,717	15,755	5,962	5,902	4,470	1,432	3,551	2,963	588
1986–87 .....	20,070	14,372	5,698	5,629	4,219	1,410	3,673	3,039	634
1987–88 .....	17,806	12,389	5,417	5,733	4,324	1,409	3,809	3,123	686
1988–89 .....	17,186	12,077	5,109	5,723	4,199	1,524	3,858	3,088	770
1989–90 .....	16,066	11,031	5,035	5,449	4,010	1,439	4,164	3,356	808
1990–91 .....	16,344	11,176	5,168	5,309	3,837	1,472	4,290	3,447	843
1991–92 .....	16,960	11,431	5,529	5,374	3,909	1,465	4,391	3,429	962
1992–93 .....	17,545	11,825	5,720	5,366	3,808	1,558	4,393	3,432	961
1993–94 .....	18,400	12,223	6,177	5,679	4,018	1,661	4,650	3,642	1,008
1994–95 .....	19,177	12,497	6,680	5,753	4,013	1,740	4,483	3,428	1,055
1995–96 .....	19,647	12,578	7,069	5,847	3,966	1,881	4,571	3,515	1,056

<sup>1</sup> Includes degrees in physical sciences, general; astronomy; astrophysics; atmospheric science and meteorology; chemistry; geology; miscellaneous physical sciences; physics; science technologies; and other physical sciences.

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 July 1998.)