

Table 252.—Doctor's degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by discipline division: 1970–71 to 1995–96

Discipline division	1970–71	1975–76	1980–81	1983–84	1984–85	1985–86	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total	32,107	34,064	32,958	33,209	32,943	33,653	34,041	34,870	35,720	38,371	39,294	40,659	42,132	43,185	44,446	44,652
Agriculture and natural resources	1,086	928	1,067	1,172	1,213	1,158	1,049	1,142	1,183	1,295	1,185	1,214	1,173	1,278	1,264	1,271
Architecture and related programs	36	82	93	84	89	73	92	98	86	103	135	132	148	161	141	141
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	144	188	162	141	140	159	134	142	114	131	167	155	178	155	186	184
Biological sciences/life sciences	3,645	3,392	3,718	3,437	3,432	3,358	3,419	3,629	3,520	3,844	4,093	4,243	4,435	4,534	4,645	4,780
Business	757	900	795	929	831	934	1,062	1,063	1,100	1,093	1,185	1,242	1,346	1,364	1,394	1,368
Communications	145	196	171	215	228	212	273	230	247	267	259	252	293	337	320	338
Communications technologies	0	8	11	4	6	11	2	4	6	6	15	3	8	8	1	7
Computer and information sciences	128	244	252	251	248	344	374	428	551	627	676	772	805	810	884	867
Education	6,041	7,202	7,279	6,911	6,612	6,605	6,407	6,060	6,337	6,502	6,187	6,864	7,030	6,908	6,905	6,676
Engineering	3,637	2,819	2,551	2,979	3,221	3,398	3,801	4,174	4,506	4,967	5,258	5,488	5,823	5,963	6,110	6,369
Engineering-related technologies	1	2	10	2	9	12	17	17	17	14	14	11	20	16	18	11
English language and literature/letters	1,650	1,672	1,164	1,018	1,041	991	961	981	1,022	1,078	1,184	1,273	1,341	1,344	1,561	1,535
Foreign languages and literatures	988	1,076	804	659	635	672	661	602	632	724	758	850	830	886	905	876
Health professions and related sciences	466	577	842	1,164	1,199	1,241	1,213	1,261	1,437	1,536	1,613	1,661	1,767	1,902	2,069	2,119
Home economics and vocational home economics	123	178	247	277	273	311	296	307	264	301	253	293	345	365	388	414
Law and legal studies	20	76	60	121	105	54	120	89	76	111	90	68	86	79	88	91
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	32	162	121	173	112	90	56	66	72	63	70	67	81	80	90	75
Library science	39	71	71	74	87	62	57	46	61	42	56	50	77	45	55	53
Mathematics	1,249	909	775	743	734	777	759	796	915	966	1,036	1,082	1,189	1,157	1,226	1,209
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	59	111	158	249	219	263	247	224	212	272	220	231	196	227	238	441
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	2	15	42	27	36	39	32	29	35	35	28	61	108	116	149	104
Philosophy and religion	554	554	410	442	468	477	421	405	465	439	456	475	448	528	507	549
Physical sciences and science technologies	4,390	3,431	3,141	3,306	3,403	3,551	3,673	3,809	3,858	4,164	4,290	4,391	4,393	4,650	4,483	4,571
Precision production trades	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective services	1	9	21	31	33	21	18	32	26	38	28	24	32	25	26	38
Psychology	2,144	3,157	3,576	3,535	3,447	3,593	3,560	3,480	3,685	3,811	3,932	3,373	3,651	3,563	3,822	3,711
Public administration and services	174	292	362	420	431	382	398	470	428	508	430	432	459	519	556	499
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	3,660	4,157	3,122	2,911	2,851	2,955	2,916	2,781	2,885	3,010	3,012	3,218	3,460	3,627	3,725	3,760
Theological studies/religious vocations	312	1,033	1,276	1,204	1,144	1,185	1,230	1,199	1,166	1,317	1,079	1,259	1,417	1,448	1,591	1,521
Transportation and material moving workers	3	3	3	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual and performing arts	621	620	654	730	696	722	793	727	753	849	838	906	882	1,054	1,080	1,067
Not classified by field of study	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	61	258	747	569	111	36	19	7

—Data not available or not applicable.

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.

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 May 1998.)