

Table 273.—Master's degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group, major field of study, and sex of student: 1996–97

Major field of study	Total							Men							Women						
	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
All fields, total¹	414,882	302,541	28,224	15,187	18,477	1,924	48,529	178,165	124,060	8,871	6,115	8,879	729	29,511	236,717	178,481	19,353	9,072	9,598	1,195	19,018
Agriculture and natural resources	4,516	3,256	138	89	127	21	885	2,608	1,873	73	48	46	11	557	1,908	1,383	65	41	81	10	328
Architecture and related programs	4,034	2,620	160	198	255	17	784	2,336	1,512	90	108	118	9	499	1,698	1,108	70	90	137	8	285
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	1,651	1,114	122	91	100	24	200	739	525	44	48	38	7	77	912	589	78	43	62	17	123
Biological sciences/life sciences	6,466	4,519	246	188	582	23	908	3,035	2,188	72	100	254	11	410	3,431	2,331	174	88	328	12	498
Business	97,619	67,531	6,359	3,163	5,681	320	14,565	59,611	42,399	2,810	1,873	3,179	180	9,170	38,008	25,132	3,549	1,290	2,502	140	5,395
Communications	5,227	3,459	415	166	174	31	982	1,800	1,250	96	50	51	11	342	3,427	2,209	319	116	123	20	640
Communications technologies	374	198	23	11	15	2	125	204	117	8	6	6	2	65	170	81	15	5	9	0	60
Computer and information sciences	10,098	4,164	405	203	1,364	27	3,935	7,248	3,209	224	148	814	17	2,836	2,850	955	181	55	550	10	1,099
Construction trades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Education	110,087	89,783	9,630	4,904	1,990	619	3,161	25,806	20,886	2,146	1,201	444	159	970	84,281	68,897	7,484	3,703	1,546	460	2,191
Engineering	25,787	13,210	713	721	2,453	56	8,634	21,120	10,986	475	564	1,860	49	7,186	4,667	2,224	238	157	593	7	1,448
Engineering-related technologies	1,040	786	67	15	35	1	136	808	612	50	11	29	1	105	232	174	17	4	6	0	31
English language and literature/letters	7,722	6,500	318	241	231	55	377	2,733	2,344	70	107	63	20	129	4,989	4,156	248	134	168	35	248
Foreign languages and literatures	3,077	1,989	63	316	110	5	594	1,004	670	14	93	36	2	189	2,073	1,319	49	223	74	3	405
Health professions and related sciences	35,958	29,414	2,003	1,013	1,675	174	1,679	7,702	5,871	341	241	529	34	686	28,256	23,543	1,662	772	1,146	140	993
Home economics and vocational home economics	2,888	2,240	194	99	101	10	244	440	335	19	17	15	2	52	2,448	1,905	175	82	86	8	192
Law and legal studies	2,886	1,302	95	83	112	5	1,289	1,817	836	41	55	68	2	815	1,069	466	54	28	44	3	474
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	2,661	2,237	140	76	48	16	144	892	739	51	22	18	6	56	1,769	1,498	89	54	30	10	88
Library science	4,982	4,299	225	112	170	18	158	1,115	959	41	26	28	5	56	3,867	3,340	184	86	142	13	102
Mathematics	3,783	2,271	166	68	263	14	1,001	2,241	1,308	81	49	132	8	663	1,542	963	85	19	131	6	338
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	2,819	2,224	156	132	86	22	199	1,214	946	58	55	35	6	114	1,605	1,278	98	77	51	16	85
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	1,966	1,657	114	41	30	11	113	965	785	59	22	21	5	73	1,001	872	55	19	9	6	40
Philosophy and religion	1,252	1,005	37	38	66	3	103	745	588	21	22	46	2	66	507	417	16	16	20	1	37
Physical sciences and science technologies	5,563	3,316	150	111	321	17	1,648	3,752	2,275	77	70	176	12	1,142	1,811	1,041	73	41	145	5	506
Precision production trades	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective services	1,845	1,429	257	60	28	7	64	1,098	919	90	28	15	5	41	747	510	167	32	13	2	23
Psychology	14,353	11,558	1,170	716	389	104	416	3,852	3,132	268	199	89	37	127	10,501	8,426	902	517	300	67	289
Public administration and services	24,781	18,092	3,234	1,300	773	195	1,187	6,957	4,950	803	361	212	62	569	17,824	13,142	2,431	939	561	133	618
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	136	127	5	0	1	0	3	132	123	5	0	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	14,787	9,928	954	549	609	65	2,682	7,830	5,283	411	304	267	35	1,530	6,957	4,645	543	245	342	30	1,152
Theological studies and religious vocations	4,975	3,826	255	106	205	26	557	3,025	2,307	140	67	125	13	373	1,950	1,519	115	39	80	13	184
Transportation and material moving workers	919	819	39	27	11	10	13	863	779	30	25	10	9	10	56	40	9	2	1	1	3
Visual and performing arts	10,627	7,665	371	350	472	26	1,743	4,470	3,351	163	195	154	7	600	6,157	4,314	208	155	318	19	1,143

¹ 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. Excludes 2,782 men and 1,737 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—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; and "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey. (This table was prepared August 1999.)