

Table 272.—Master’s degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group and sex of student: 1976–77 to 1996–97

Year	Number of degrees conferred							Percentage distribution of degrees conferred to U.S. citizens					
	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Total							Total					
1976–77 ¹	316,602	266,061	21,037	6,071	5,122	967	17,344	100.0	88.9	7.0	2.0	1.7	0.3
1978–79 ²	300,255	249,360	19,418	5,555	5,496	999	19,427	100.0	88.8	6.9	2.0	2.0	0.4
1980–81 ³	294,183	241,216	17,133	6,461	6,282	1,034	22,057	100.0	88.6	6.3	2.4	2.3	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	280,421	223,628	13,939	6,864	7,782	1,256	26,952	100.0	88.2	5.5	2.7	3.1	0.5
1986–87 ⁵	289,349	228,874	13,873	7,044	8,559	1,103	29,896	100.0	88.2	5.3	2.7	3.3	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	309,770	242,764	14,095	7,277	10,335	1,086	34,213	100.0	88.1	5.1	2.6	3.8	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	322,465	251,690	15,446	7,950	10,577	1,101	35,701	100.0	87.8	5.4	2.8	3.7	0.4
1990–91 ^{5,8}	328,645	255,281	16,139	8,386	11,180	1,136	36,523	100.0	87.4	5.5	2.9	3.8	0.4
1991–92 ^{5,9}	348,682	268,371	18,116	9,358	12,658	1,273	38,906	100.0	86.6	5.8	3.0	4.1	0.4
1992–93 ^{5,10}	368,701	278,829	19,780	10,665	13,866	1,407	44,154	100.0	85.9	6.1	3.3	4.3	0.4
1993–94 ^{5,11}	385,419	288,288	21,937	11,913	15,267	1,697	46,317	100.0	85.0	6.5	3.5	4.5	0.5
1994–95 ^{5,12}	397,052	292,784	24,171	12,907	16,842	1,621	48,727	100.0	84.1	6.9	3.7	4.8	0.5
1995–96 ^{5,13}	405,521	297,558	25,801	14,412	18,161	1,778	47,811	100.0	83.2	7.2	4.0	5.1	0.5
1996–97 ^{5,14}	414,882	302,541	28,224	15,187	18,477	1,924	48,529	100.0	82.6	7.7	4.1	5.0	0.5
	Men							Men					
1976–77 ¹	167,396	139,210	7,781	3,268	3,123	521	13,493	100.0	90.5	5.1	2.1	2.0	0.3
1978–79 ²	152,637	124,058	7,070	2,786	3,325	495	14,903	100.0	90.1	5.1	2.0	2.4	0.4
1980–81 ³	145,666	115,562	6,158	3,085	3,773	503	16,587	100.0	89.5	4.8	2.4	2.9	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	139,417	106,059	5,200	3,059	4,842	581	19,674	100.0	88.6	4.3	2.6	4.0	0.5
1986–87 ⁵	141,269	105,572	5,153	3,331	5,239	518	21,456	100.0	88.1	4.3	2.8	4.4	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	148,872	109,715	5,175	3,325	6,048	476	24,133	100.0	88.0	4.1	2.7	4.8	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	152,926	112,877	5,539	3,586	6,002	463	24,459	100.0	87.9	4.3	2.8	4.7	0.4
1990–91 ^{5,8}	151,796	111,224	5,709	3,670	6,319	459	24,415	100.0	87.3	4.5	2.9	5.0	0.4
1991–92 ^{5,9}	159,543	116,096	6,054	4,132	7,062	523	25,676	100.0	86.7	4.5	3.1	5.3	0.4
1992–93 ^{5,10}	168,754	120,225	6,821	4,735	7,544	586	28,843	100.0	85.9	4.9	3.4	5.4	0.4
1993–94 ^{5,11}	175,355	123,854	7,413	5,113	8,225	691	30,059	100.0	85.2	5.1	3.5	5.7	0.5
1994–95 ^{5,12}	178,123	123,809	8,103	5,490	8,920	659	31,142	100.0	84.2	5.5	3.7	6.1	0.4
1995–96 ^{5,13}	178,661	124,514	8,442	5,833	9,373	704	29,795	100.0	83.6	5.7	3.9	6.3	0.5
1996–97 ^{5,14}	178,165	124,060	8,871	6,115	8,879	729	29,511	100.0	83.5	6.0	4.1	6.0	0.5
	Women							Women					
1976–77 ¹	149,206	126,851	13,256	2,803	1,999	446	3,851	100.0	87.3	9.1	1.9	1.4	0.3
1978–79 ²	147,618	125,302	12,348	2,769	2,171	504	4,524	100.0	87.6	8.6	1.9	1.5	0.4
1980–81 ³	148,517	125,654	10,975	3,376	2,509	533	5,470	100.0	87.8	7.7	2.4	1.8	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	141,004	117,569	8,739	3,805	2,940	673	7,278	100.0	87.9	6.5	2.8	2.2	0.5
1986–87 ⁵	148,080	123,302	8,720	3,713	3,320	585	8,440	100.0	88.3	6.2	2.7	2.4	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	160,898	133,049	8,920	3,952	4,287	610	10,080	100.0	88.2	5.9	2.6	2.8	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	169,539	138,813	9,907	4,364	4,575	638	11,242	100.0	87.7	6.3	2.8	2.9	0.4
1990–91 ^{5,8}	176,849	144,057	10,430	4,716	4,861	677	12,108	100.0	87.4	6.3	2.9	3.0	0.4
1991–92 ^{5,9}	189,139	152,275	12,062	5,226	5,596	750	13,230	100.0	86.6	6.9	3.0	3.2	0.4
1992–93 ^{5,10}	199,947	158,604	12,959	5,930	6,322	821	15,311	100.0	85.9	7.0	3.2	3.4	0.4
1993–94 ^{5,11}	210,064	164,434	14,524	6,800	7,042	1,006	16,258	100.0	84.8	7.5	3.5	3.6	0.5
1994–95 ^{5,12}	218,929	168,975	16,068	7,417	7,922	962	17,585	100.0	83.9	8.0	3.7	3.9	0.5
1995–96 ^{5,13}	226,860	173,044	17,359	8,579	8,788	1,074	18,016	100.0	82.9	8.3	4.1	4.2	0.5
1996–97 ^{5,14}	236,717	178,481	19,353	9,072	9,598	1,195	19,018	100.0	82.0	8.9	4.2	4.4	0.5

¹ Excludes 387 men and 175 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available. ¹¹ Excludes 730 men and 921 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
² Excludes 733 men and 91 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available. ¹² Excludes 475 men and 102 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
³ Excludes 1,377 men and 179 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available. ¹³ Excludes 420 men and 360 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁴ Excludes 3,973 men and 1,857 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available. ¹³ Excludes 2,782 and 1,737 whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁵ 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.
⁶ Excludes 482 men and 369 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁷ Excludes 727 men and 1,109 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁸ Excludes 4,686 men and 3,837 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁹ Excludes 2,299 men and 1,857 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹⁰ Excludes 504 men and 380 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—For years 1984–85 to 1996–97, 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. Because of rounding, percents may not add to 100.0.

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 August 1999.)