

Table 262.—Number of institutions of higher education conferring degrees, by level of degree and discipline division: 1996–97

Discipline division	Total number of institutions awarding degrees				Number of public institutions awarding degrees				Number of private institutions awarding degrees			
	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Total	2,470	1,868	1,391	504	1,291	557	499	225	1,179	1,311	892	279
Agricultural business and production ..	324	126	60	33	313	97	56	33	11	29	4	0
Agricultural sciences	100	128	78	51	94	114	75	51	6	14	3	0
Architecture and related programs	43	170	115	25	36	109	87	18	7	61	28	7
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	36	386	112	38	32	172	68	19	4	214	44	19
Biological sciences/life sciences	190	1,245	425	221	176	475	309	149	14	770	116	72
Business management and administrative services	1,742	1,408	767	120	1,141	500	359	81	601	908	408	39
Communications	249	910	235	48	206	373	164	39	43	537	71	9
Communications technologies	163	31	12	2	150	17	3	0	13	14	9	2
Computer and information sciences ...	767	1,059	344	124	535	436	214	87	232	623	130	37
Conservation and renewable natural resources	129	311	116	50	118	159	93	45	11	152	23	5
Consumer and personal services	252	11	2	0	207	6	0	0	45	5	2	0
Construction trades	188	12	0	0	174	5	0	0	14	7	0	0
Education	407	1,128	877	223	317	425	425	154	90	703	452	69
Engineering	259	403	261	177	238	219	172	130	21	184	89	47
Engineering-related technologies	1,022	293	64	2	824	207	53	2	198	86	11	0
English language and literature/letters	139	1,249	420	136	124	480	297	92	15	769	123	44
Foreign languages and literatures	75	838	195	87	68	381	140	56	7	457	55	31
Health professions and related sciences	1,396	970	584	154	1,011	433	311	110	385	537	273	44
Home economics	98	316	189	42	84	208	123	33	14	108	66	9
Law and legal studies	495	144	68	15	320	49	26	4	175	95	42	11
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	1,326	709	161	16	1,019	296	80	7	307	413	81	9
Library science	29	12	68	13	28	11	57	12	1	1	11	1
Marketing operations/marketing and distribution	451	167	19	1	351	63	4	0	100	104	15	1
Mathematics	145	1,137	332	159	133	478	251	108	12	659	81	51
Mechanics and repairers	577	8	0	0	529	5	0	0	48	3	0	0
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	194	622	205	62	176	265	137	42	18	357	68	20
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	135	540	133	27	125	247	114	25	10	293	19	2
Philosophy and religion	32	835	189	95	24	286	86	50	8	549	103	45
Physical sciences	153	1,054	342	201	144	459	248	137	9	595	94	64
Precision production trades	681	26	1	0	573	21	0	0	108	5	1	0
Protective services	825	466	117	8	747	248	87	8	78	218	30	0
Psychology	168	1,251	551	242	143	464	309	130	25	787	242	112
Public administration and services	261	641	347	81	224	297	234	51	37	344	113	30
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	3	2	1	0	2	1	1	0	1	1	0	0
Science technologies	113	17	3	3	104	8	3	3	9	9	0	0
Social sciences and history	233	1,298	417	172	198	489	296	116	35	809	121	56
Theological studies/religious vocations	89	325	247	106	0	0	0	0	89	325	247	106
Transportation and material moving workers	108	75	6	0	94	38	4	0	14	37	2	0
Visual and performing arts	596	1,224	376	98	435	448	232	64	161	776	144	34
Vocational home economics	532	34	5	0	507	18	4	0	25	16	1	0
Not classified by field of study	49	16	23	9	11	0	2	0	38	16	21	9

NOTE.—Data represent programs, not organizational units within institutions.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, "Completions" survey, 1996–97 and "Consolidated" survey, 1997. (This table was prepared June 1999.)