

**Table 283.—Earned degrees in the biological/life sciences conferred by institutions of higher education, by level of degree and sex of student: 1951–52 to 1996–97**

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
1951–52 .....	11,094	8,212	2,882	2,307	1,908	399	764	680	84
1953–54 .....	9,279	6,710	2,569	1,610	1,287	323	1,077	977	100
1955–56 .....	12,423	9,515	2,908	1,759	1,379	380	1,025	908	117
1959–60 .....	15,576	11,654	3,922	2,154	1,668	486	1,205	1,086	119
1965–66 .....	26,916	19,368	7,548	4,232	3,085	1,147	2,097	1,792	305
1967–68 .....	31,826	22,986	8,840	5,506	3,959	1,547	2,784	2,345	439
1969–70 .....	34,034	23,919	10,115	5,800	3,975	1,825	3,289	2,820	469
1970–71 .....	35,743	25,333	10,410	5,728	3,805	1,923	3,645	3,050	595
1971–72 .....	37,293	26,323	10,970	6,101	4,087	2,014	3,653	3,031	622
1972–73 .....	42,233	29,636	12,597	6,263	4,354	1,909	3,636	2,926	710
1973–74 .....	48,340	33,245	15,095	6,552	4,555	1,997	3,439	2,740	699
1974–75 .....	51,741	34,612	17,129	6,550	4,587	1,963	3,384	2,641	743
1975–76 .....	54,275	35,520	18,755	6,582	4,497	2,085	3,392	2,663	729
1976–77 .....	53,605	34,218	19,387	7,114	4,718	2,396	3,397	2,671	726
1977–78 .....	51,502	31,705	19,797	6,806	4,400	2,406	3,309	2,511	798
1978–79 .....	48,846	29,191	19,655	6,831	4,265	2,566	3,542	2,636	906
1979–80 .....	46,370	26,828	19,542	6,510	4,098	2,412	3,636	2,690	946
1980–81 .....	43,216	24,149	19,067	5,978	3,654	2,324	3,718	2,666	1,052
1981–82 .....	41,639	22,754	18,885	5,874	3,426	2,448	3,743	2,654	1,089
1982–83 .....	39,982	21,564	18,418	5,696	3,214	2,482	3,341	2,266	1,075
1983–84 .....	38,640	20,558	18,082	5,406	2,996	2,410	3,437	2,381	1,056
1984–85 .....	38,445	20,064	18,381	5,059	2,647	2,412	3,432	2,307	1,125
1985–86 .....	38,524	19,993	18,531	5,013	2,616	2,397	3,358	2,229	1,129
1986–87 .....	38,121	19,657	18,464	4,952	2,538	2,414	3,419	2,225	1,194
1987–88 .....	36,755	18,245	18,510	4,784	2,423	2,361	3,629	2,349	1,280
1988–89 .....	36,059	17,953	18,106	4,961	2,492	2,469	3,520	2,234	1,286
1989–90 .....	37,204	18,312	18,892	4,869	2,395	2,474	3,844	2,394	1,450
1990–91 .....	39,530	19,412	20,118	4,765	2,302	2,463	4,093	2,577	1,516
1991–92 .....	42,941	20,798	22,143	4,785	2,301	2,484	4,243	2,620	1,623
1992–93 .....	47,038	22,842	24,196	4,756	2,343	2,413	4,435	2,664	1,771
1993–94 .....	51,383	25,050	26,333	5,196	2,465	2,731	4,534	2,690	1,844
1994–95 .....	55,984	26,687	29,297	5,393	2,602	2,791	4,645	2,771	1,874
1995–96 .....	60,994	28,849	32,145	6,157	2,902	3,255	4,780	2,773	2,007
1996–97 .....	63,975	29,470	34,505	6,466	3,035	3,431	4,812	2,738	2,074

NOTE.—Includes degrees in biology; biochemistry and biophysics; botany; cell and molecular biology; microbiology/bacteriology; zoology; and other biological 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 June 1999.)