

Table 289. Degrees Earned by Level and Race/Ethnicity: 1990 to 2006

[For school year ending in year shown. Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Level of degree and race/ethnicity	Total					Percent distribution		
	1990	1995	2000 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	1990	2000 ¹	2006 ¹
Associate's degrees, total	455,102	539,691	564,933	696,660	713,066	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	376,816	420,656	408,772	475,513	485,297	82.8	72.4	68.1
Black, non-Hispanic	34,326	47,067	60,221	86,402	89,784	7.5	10.7	12.6
Hispanic	21,504	35,962	51,573	78,557	80,854	4.7	9.1	11.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	13,066	20,677	27,782	33,669	35,201	2.9	4.9	4.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,430	5,482	6,497	8,435	8,552	0.8	1.2	1.2
Nonresident alien	5,960	9,847	10,088	14,084	13,378	1.3	1.8	1.9
Bachelor's degrees, total	1,051,344	1,160,134	1,237,875	1,439,264	1,485,242	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	887,151	914,610	929,106	1,049,141	1,075,561	84.4	75.1	72.4
Black, non-Hispanic	61,046	87,236	108,013	136,122	142,420	5.8	8.7	9.6
Hispanic	32,829	54,230	75,059	101,124	107,588	3.1	6.1	7.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	39,230	60,502	77,912	97,209	102,376	3.7	6.3	6.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	4,390	6,610	8,719	10,307	10,940	0.4	0.7	0.7
Nonresident alien	26,698	36,946	39,066	45,361	46,357	2.5	3.2	3.1
Master's degrees, total	324,301	397,629	457,056	574,618	594,065	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	254,299	293,345	320,485	379,350	393,357	78.4	70.1	66.2
Black, non-Hispanic	15,336	24,166	35,874	54,482	58,976	4.7	7.8	9.9
Hispanic	7,892	12,905	19,253	31,485	32,438	2.4	4.2	5.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	10,439	16,847	23,218	32,783	34,029	3.2	5.1	5.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,090	1,621	2,246	3,295	3,504	0.3	0.5	0.6
Nonresident alien	35,245	48,745	55,980	73,223	71,761	10.9	12.2	12.1
Doctor's degrees, total	38,371	44,446	44,808	52,631	56,067	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	26,221	27,846	27,843	30,261	31,601	68.3	62.1	56.4
Black, non-Hispanic	1,149	1,667	2,246	3,056	3,122	3.0	5.0	5.6
Hispanic	780	984	1,305	1,824	1,882	2.0	2.9	3.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,225	2,689	2,420	2,911	3,257	3.2	5.4	5.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	98	130	160	237	230	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nonresident alien	8,898	11,130	10,834	14,342	15,975	23.2	24.2	28.5
First-professional degrees, total	70,988	75,800	80,057	87,289	87,655	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	60,487	59,402	59,637	63,429	63,590	85.2	74.5	72.5
Black, non-Hispanic	3,409	4,747	5,555	6,313	6,223	4.8	6.9	7.1
Hispanic	2,425	3,231	3,865	4,445	4,446	3.4	4.8	5.1
Asian or Pacific Islander	3,362	6,396	8,584	10,501	10,645	4.7	10.7	12.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	257	413	564	564	710	0.4	0.7	0.8
Nonresident alien	1,048	1,611	1,852	2,037	2,041	1.5	2.3	2.3

¹ In this table, data beginning in 2000 reflect the new classification of institutions. See footnote 1, Table 269.