

TABLE E-1. Master's degrees, by field: 1997–2006

| Field | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 2003 | 2004 | 2005 | 2006 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| All fields | 420,954 | 431,871 | 456,260 | 466,645 | 481,132 | 511,603 | 555,537 | 567,875 | 586,029 |
| S&E | 93,485 | 93,918 | 95,683 | 98,986 | 99,173 | 107,910 | 118,470 | 120,025 | 120,337 |
| Sciences | 67,611 | 67,780 | 69,947 | 72,463 | 72,907 | 78,206 | 84,598 | 85,926 | 87,566 |
| Agricultural sciences | 3,927 | 3,862 | 3,858 | 3,752 | 4,019 | 3,955 | 4,221 | 4,171 | 4,089 |
| Biological sciences | 6,594 | 6,368 | 6,325 | 6,487 | 6,334 | 6,877 | 7,647 | 8,099 | 8,673 |
| Computer sciences | 10,489 | 11,752 | 14,529 | 16,341 | 16,582 | 19,248 | 19,853 | 17,820 | 16,594 |
| Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences | 1,435 | 1,426 | 1,345 | 1,363 | 1,406 | 1,491 | 1,570 | 1,685 | 1,727 |
| Atmospheric sciences | 177 | 199 | 156 | 140 | 141 | 167 | 179 | 255 | 239 |
| Earth sciences | 1,145 | 1,105 | 1,104 | 1,121 | 1,151 | 1,203 | 1,248 | 1,314 | 1,350 |
| Ocean sciences | 113 | 122 | 85 | 102 | 114 | 121 | 143 | 116 | 138 |
| Mathematics and statistics | 3,599 | 3,525 | 3,295 | 3,280 | 3,408 | 3,706 | 4,297 | 4,598 | 4,896 |
| Physical sciences | 4,141 | 3,969 | 3,512 | 3,737 | 3,624 | 3,702 | 4,030 | 4,116 | 4,311 |
| Astronomy | 93 | 101 | 102 | 93 | 112 | 123 | 150 | 159 | 146 |
| Chemistry | 2,268 | 2,173 | 1,908 | 2,009 | 1,866 | 1,830 | 2,056 | 1,912 | 2,097 |
| Physics | 1,497 | 1,401 | 1,244 | 1,376 | 1,353 | 1,453 | 1,637 | 1,846 | 1,887 |
| Other | 283 | 294 | 258 | 259 | 293 | 296 | 187 | 199 | 181 |
| Psychology | 13,633 | 13,146 | 13,708 | 14,335 | 14,041 | 14,469 | 15,298 | 16,076 | 16,775 |
| Social sciences | 23,793 | 23,732 | 23,375 | 23,168 | 23,493 | 24,758 | 27,682 | 29,361 | 30,501 |
| Anthropology | 1,111 | 1,098 | 950 | 1,092 | 1,017 | 1,043 | 1,098 | 1,107 | 1,156 |
| Area and ethnic studies | 1,587 | 1,550 | 1,529 | 1,515 | 1,497 | 1,514 | 1,617 | 1,681 | 2,025 |
| Economics | 2,804 | 2,843 | 2,515 | 2,492 | 2,651 | 2,951 | 3,201 | 3,504 | 3,337 |
| History of science | 18 | 22 | 24 | 26 | 35 | 25 | 25 | 29 | 41 |
| Linguistics | 642 | 568 | 553 | 552 | 520 | 525 | 574 | 611 | 621 |
| Political science and public administration | 13,368 | 13,151 | 13,035 | 12,929 | 13,183 | 14,115 | 15,766 | 17,354 | 17,939 |
| Sociology | 1,752 | 1,774 | 2,036 | 1,901 | 1,957 | 1,929 | 2,031 | 1,518 | 1,577 |
| Other | 2,511 | 2,726 | 2,733 | 2,661 | 2,633 | 2,656 | 3,370 | 3,557 | 3,805 |
| Engineering | 25,874 | 26,138 | 25,736 | 26,523 | 26,266 | 29,704 | 33,872 | 34,099 | 32,771 |
| Aerospace engineering | 625 | 584 | 560 | 611 | 682 | 735 | 870 | 946 | 1,082 |
| Chemical engineering | 1,345 | 1,372 | 1,352 | 1,368 | 1,267 | 1,365 | 1,506 | 1,506 | 1,432 |
| Civil engineering | 4,880 | 4,736 | 4,140 | 4,013 | 3,947 | 4,190 | 4,445 | 4,631 | 4,503 |
| Electrical engineering | 7,341 | 7,971 | 8,339 | 8,630 | 8,279 | 10,075 | 12,173 | 11,637 | 10,583 |
| Industrial engineering | 2,935 | 3,109 | 3,048 | 3,401 | 3,388 | 3,849 | 4,244 | 3,937 | 3,581 |
| Materials engineering | 724 | 698 | 759 | 709 | 630 | 720 | 800 | 790 | 768 |
| Mechanical engineering | 3,756 | 3,551 | 3,378 | 3,472 | 3,519 | 3,839 | 4,555 | 4,761 | 4,571 |
| Other | 4,268 | 4,117 | 4,160 | 4,319 | 4,554 | 4,931 | 5,279 | 5,891 | 6,251 |
| Non-S&E | 327,469 | 337,953 | 360,577 | 367,659 | 381,959 | 403,693 | 437,067 | 447,850 | 465,692 |

NOTE: Data not available for 1999.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, special tabulations of U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Completions Survey, 1997–2006.