

**Table 253.—Associate degrees and other subbaccalaureate awards conferred by institutions of higher education, by length of curriculum, sex of student, and field of study: 1996–97**

Field of study	Less than 1-year awards			1- to less than 4-year awards			Associate degrees		
	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women	Total	Men	Women
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>106,766</b>	<b>48,675</b>	<b>58,091</b>	<b>142,446</b>	<b>57,376</b>	<b>85,070</b>	<b>571,226</b>	<b>223,948</b>	<b>347,278</b>
Agriculture and natural resources, total .....	2,566	2,117	449	1,704	1,188	516	6,463	4,329	2,134
Agricultural business and production .....	2,375	1,995	380	1,520	1,049	471	4,176	2,756	1,420
Agricultural sciences .....	142	87	55	46	32	14	845	431	414
Conservation and renewable natural resources .....	49	35	14	138	107	31	1,442	1,142	300
Architecture and related programs .....	9	2	7	40	7	33	316	56	260
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies .....	170	42	128	114	15	99	84	32	52
Biological/life sciences .....	31	24	7	507	310	197	2,116	769	1,347
Business management and administrative services .....	17,668	5,479	12,189	24,873	3,851	21,022	95,532	26,301	69,231
Accounting .....	1,302	269	1,033	3,910	719	3,191	16,017	3,229	12,788
Business, general .....	560	258	302	988	270	718	11,385	4,056	7,329
Business administration and management .....	2,214	979	1,235	2,528	848	1,680	29,804	10,725	19,079
Business and management, other .....	4,133	2,224	1,909	2,229	634	1,595	12,166	3,482	8,684
Business data processing .....	2,772	1,078	1,694	2,365	799	1,566	8,553	4,008	4,545
Secretarial and related programs .....	6,687	671	6,016	12,853	581	12,272	17,607	801	16,806
Communications .....	413	262	151	150	85	65	2,030	985	1,045
Communications technologies .....	200	149	51	408	255	153	1,743	1,091	652
Computer and information sciences .....	4,081	1,885	2,196	4,013	2,024	1,989	10,990	5,860	5,130
Construction trades .....	2,370	2,190	180	4,169	3,918	251	1,928	1,829	99
Consumer and personal services .....	2,818	604	2,214	6,686	1,545	5,141	8,211	5,115	3,096
Education .....	780	168	612	743	65	678	10,526	3,356	7,170
Engineering .....	92	72	20	57	51	6	1,952	1,681	271
Engineering-related technologies .....	2,374	1,984	390	7,250	6,380	870	33,810	29,452	4,358
English language and literature/letters .....	169	59	110	22	8	14	1,455	528	927
Foreign languages and literatures .....	307	104	203	49	12	37	689	231	458
Health professions and related sciences .....	33,549	7,688	25,861	46,637	6,660	39,977	98,921	15,970	82,951
Dental assisting .....	1,005	65	940	3,930	176	3,754	4,866	279	4,587
Emergency medical technician-ambulance and paramedic .....	6,686	4,186	2,500	1,793	1,234	559	1,048	726	322
Medical lab technician .....	136	38	98	522	293	229	2,641	608	2,033
Medical assisting .....	4,347	457	3,890	5,966	237	5,729	5,019	244	4,775
Nursing assisting .....	10,163	926	9,237	316	35	281	13	0	13
Practical nursing .....	527	67	460	20,953	2,167	18,786	429	37	392
Nursing, R.N. and other .....	2,838	388	2,450	2,407	268	2,139	53,103	6,495	46,608
Health sciences, other .....	7,847	1,561	6,286	10,750	2,250	8,500	31,802	7,581	24,221
Home economics and vocational home economics .....	5,313	1,255	4,058	4,566	441	4,125	8,551	715	7,836
Law and legal studies .....	663	85	578	1,779	306	1,473	8,968	1,105	7,863
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities .....	1,088	348	740	405	145	260	181,341	69,572	111,769
Library science .....	108	5	103	69	14	55	126	17	109
Marketing operations/marketing and distribution .....	2,211	742	1,469	1,511	374	1,137	5,656	1,335	4,321
Mathematics .....	9	8	1	1	1	0	792	443	349
Mechanics and repairers .....	5,064	4,567	497	16,386	15,549	837	12,180	11,388	792
Multi/interdisciplinary studies .....	385	61	324	128	65	63	9,182	4,398	4,784
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies .....	101	36	65	147	52	95	913	554	359
Philosophy and religion .....	54	16	38	45	19	26	89	51	38
Physical sciences .....	93	56	37	97	64	33	2,526	1,281	1,245
Physical sciences, other .....	15	11	4	24	18	6	1,728	856	872
Science technologies .....	78	45	33	73	46	27	798	425	373
Precision production trades .....	3,984	3,367	617	8,588	7,119	1,469	10,368	8,033	2,335
Protective services .....	10,399	8,197	2,202	3,686	2,725	961	19,889	13,588	6,301
Criminal justice and corrections .....	8,229	6,192	2,037	2,899	2,049	850	16,644	10,745	5,899
Fire control and safety .....	2,152	1,995	157	662	607	55	2,638	2,447	191
Protective services, other .....	18	10	8	125	69	56	607	396	211
Psychology .....	26	5	21	18	3	15	1,612	377	1,235
Public administration and services .....	405	113	292	375	100	275	4,270	667	3,603
R.O.T.C. and military technologies .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	556	521	35
Social sciences and history .....	7	1	6	30	9	21	4,056	1,550	2,506
Theological studies/religious vocations .....	42	9	33	509	276	233	574	321	253
Transportation and material moving workers .....	6,309	5,540	769	740	629	111	1,612	1,349	263
Visual and performing arts .....	879	453	426	3,545	2,012	1,533	13,593	5,872	7,721
Fine arts, general .....	14	5	9	90	37	53	1,516	574	942
Design and music .....	656	353	303	3,033	1,726	1,307	10,459	4,548	5,911
Visual and performing arts, other .....	209	95	114	422	249	173	1,618	750	868
Not classified by field of study .....	2,029	982	1,047	2,399	1,099	1,300	7,606	3,226	4,380

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