

Table 279.—First-professional degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group, major field of study, and sex of student: 1996–97

Major field of study	Total							Men							Women						
	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
All fields¹	77,815	59,852	5,251	3,553	7,037	511	1,611	45,067	35,749	2,178	1,951	3,798	289	1,102	32,748	24,103	3,073	1,602	3,239	222	509
Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.)	3,784	2,498	190	185	659	19	233	2,387	1,701	75	95	355	12	149	1,397	797	115	90	304	7	84
Medicine (M.D.)	15,571	11,095	1,123	703	2,377	111	162	9,121	6,741	429	398	1,378	70	105	6,450	4,354	694	305	999	41	57
Optometry (O.D.)	1,264	929	31	41	198	5	60	591	482	6	17	53	1	32	673	447	25	24	145	4	28
Osteopathic medicine (D.O.)	2,011	1,676	72	50	181	17	15	1,297	1,091	35	32	120	11	8	714	585	37	18	61	6	7
Pharmacy (Pharm.D.)	2,708	1,829	265	58	466	12	78	961	709	67	18	126	9	32	1,747	1,120	198	40	340	3	46
Podiatry (Pod.D. or D.P.) or podiatric medicine (D.P.M.)	614	473	27	24	65	3	22	423	339	9	19	41	2	13	191	134	18	5	24	1	9
Veterinary medicine (D.V.M.)	2,188	1,988	54	71	45	14	16	731	657	23	25	16	5	5	1,457	1,331	31	46	29	9	11
Chiropractic medicine (D.C. or D.C.M.)	3,654	2,986	62	90	196	18	302	2,658	2,165	37	60	139	12	245	996	821	25	30	57	6	57
Law (LL.B. or J.D.)	40,079	31,672	2,951	2,211	2,534	298	413	22,548	18,445	1,205	1,198	1,298	158	244	17,531	13,227	1,746	1,013	1,236	140	169
Theology (M.Div., M.H.L., B.D., or Ord.)	5,859	4,632	472	120	311	14	310	4,323	3,394	292	89	270	9	269	1,536	1,238	180	31	41	5	41
Other	83	74	4	0	5	0	0	27	25	0	0	2	0	0	56	49	4	0	3	0	0

¹Reported racial/ethnic distributions of students by level of degree, field of degree, and sex were used to estimate race/ethnicity for students whose race/ethnicity was not reported. Excludes 497 men and 418 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey. (This table was prepared August 1999.)