

**Table 268.—Associate degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group, major field of study, and sex of student: 1995–96**

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
<b>All fields, total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>553,625</b>	<b>425,028</b>	<b>51,672</b>	<b>38,163</b>	<b>23,091</b>	<b>5,556</b>	<b>10,115</b>	<b>218,977</b>	<b>168,858</b>	<b>17,854</b>	<b>15,700</b>	<b>10,204</b>	<b>1,989</b>	<b>4,372</b>	<b>334,648</b>	<b>256,170</b>	<b>33,818</b>	<b>22,463</b>	<b>12,887</b>	<b>3,567</b>	<b>5,743</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	6,182	5,851	56	113	22	68	72	4,218	4,028	35	60	11	42	42	1,964	1,823	21	53	11	26	30
Architecture and related programs	256	219	3	20	5	3	6	40	32	1	4	1	1	1	216	187	2	16	4	2	5
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	111	25	20	13	3	38	12	28	2	4	6	0	13	3	83	23	16	7	3	25	9
Biological sciences/life sciences	2,037	1,402	118	196	217	44	60	817	557	49	76	89	15	31	1,220	845	69	120	128	29	29
Business	107,168	78,779	12,620	7,611	4,585	938	2,635	32,323	24,059	3,405	2,142	1,500	206	1,011	74,845	54,720	9,215	5,469	3,085	732	1,624
Communications	2,187	1,678	201	148	101	11	48	1,077	836	104	82	41	4	10	1,110	842	97	66	60	7	38
Communications technologies	1,757	1,366	190	100	40	14	47	1,169	943	114	60	26	8	18	588	423	76	40	14	6	29
Computer and information sciences	9,658	6,727	1,242	717	563	165	244	4,954	3,605	483	351	313	67	135	4,704	3,122	759	366	250	98	109
Construction trades	2,141	1,832	85	68	116	27	13	2,035	1,748	80	62	108	24	13	1,066	84	5	6	8	3	0
Education	9,750	7,321	1,006	879	238	208	98	3,109	2,426	307	208	94	45	29	6,641	4,895	699	671	144	163	69
Engineering	2,197	1,692	155	119	149	12	70	1,914	1,481	126	100	135	10	62	283	211	29	19	14	2	8
Engineering-related technologies	33,002	25,646	2,929	2,481	1,406	245	295	28,871	22,566	2,392	2,212	1,254	204	243	4,131	3,080	537	269	152	41	52
English language and literature/letters	1,310	745	97	154	80	24	210	471	240	32	58	36	10	95	839	505	65	96	44	14	115
Foreign languages and literatures	607	417	11	101	26	1	51	163	114	2	28	9	0	10	444	303	9	73	17	1	41
Health professions and related sciences	101,872	84,750	8,302	4,143	3,169	823	685	17,295	13,684	1,363	1,050	893	142	163	84,577	71,066	6,939	3,093	2,276	681	522
Home economics and vocational home economics	8,192	5,791	1,089	716	328	87	181	757	475	93	61	96	9	23	7,435	5,316	996	655	232	78	158
Law and legal studies	9,106	7,217	1,041	620	133	65	30	1,119	779	170	113	33	16	8	7,987	6,438	871	507	100	49	22
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	174,970	131,859	15,401	13,754	8,307	1,815	3,834	67,994	51,496	5,351	5,313	3,410	657	1,767	106,976	80,363	10,050	8,441	4,897	1,158	2,067
Library science	94	75	4	4	11	0	13	9	1	1	2	0	0	81	66	3	3	9	0	0	0
Mathematics	758	449	37	110	105	9	48	463	268	27	68	62	7	31	295	181	10	42	43	2	17
Mechanics and repairers	12,524	9,974	870	737	661	137	145	11,723	9,396	781	683	615	122	126	801	578	89	54	46	15	19
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	8,611	6,637	901	511	400	72	90	4,212	3,215	461	265	191	33	47	4,399	3,422	440	246	209	39	43
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	936	734	101	54	20	7	20	545	418	63	33	15	4	12	391	316	38	21	5	3	8
Philosophy and religion	83	67	4	6	3	2	1	45	34	1	5	3	1	1	38	33	3	1	0	1	0
Physical sciences and science technologies	2,612	1,895	217	146	228	31	95	1,458	1,077	120	85	112	14	50	1,154	818	97	61	116	17	45
Precision production trades	10,217	8,315	455	771	509	89	78	8,119	6,615	356	639	374	75	60	2,098	1,700	99	132	135	14	18
Protective services	19,196	15,363	1,801	1,385	382	199	66	13,427	11,163	895	897	301	123	48	5,769	4,200	906	488	81	76	18
Psychology	1,583	1,117	150	182	59	43	32	406	272	43	52	21	6	12	1,177	845	107	130	38	37	20
Public administration and services	4,218	2,595	938	454	99	89	43	765	441	164	92	28	21	19	3,453	2,154	774	362	71	68	24
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	556	457	75	1	22	1	0	514	426	66	0	21	1	0	42	31	9	1	1	0	0
Social sciences and history	4,021	2,505	449	520	268	130	149	1,488	933	162	183	105	31	74	2,533	1,572	287	337	163	99	75
Theological studies and religious vocations	608	467	79	31	10	3	18	314	237	40	23	6	1	7	294	230	39	8	4	2	11
Transportation and material moving workers	1,571	1,269	132	58	60	5	47	1,325	1,083	104	55	46	5	32	246	186	28	3	14	0	15
Visual and performing arts	13,534	9,972	893	1,240	766	151	692	5,806	4,200	459	633	253	72	189	7,728	5,592	434	607	513	79	503

<sup>1</sup> Reported 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 537 men and 1,054 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—To facilitate trend comparisons, certain aggregations have been made of the degree fields as reported in the IPEDS "Completions" survey: "Agriculture and natural resources" includes Agricultural business and production,

Agricultural sciences, and Conservation and renewable natural resources; and "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey. (This table was prepared June 1998.)