

Table 260.—Degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by control of institution, level of degree, and discipline division: 1996–97

Discipline division	Public institutions				Private institutions			
	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total	465,494	776,677	233,237	29,838	105,732	396,202	186,164	16,038
Agriculture and natural resources ¹	6,104	20,863	3,890	1,193	359	1,739	626	24
Architecture and related programs	256	6,038	2,845	87	60	1,906	1,189	48
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	72	3,238	923	96	12	2,601	728	86
Biological sciences/life sciences	2,045	41,702	4,505	3,350	71	22,273	1,961	1,462
Business ²	75,915	134,199	38,792	917	33,484	92,434	58,827	419
Communications	1,436	33,078	2,712	245	594	14,152	2,515	51
Communications technologies	1,604	423	93	0	139	115	281	4
Computer and information sciences	7,271	14,938	5,806	570	3,719	9,830	4,292	287
Construction trades	1,526	28	0	0	402	80	0	0
Education	9,339	77,846	69,244	5,080	1,187	27,387	40,843	1,671
Engineering	1,694	46,460	17,707	4,442	258	14,725	8,080	1,759
Engineering-related technologies	20,732	10,016	892	9	13,078	3,800	148	0
English language and literature/letters	1,374	33,418	5,668	1,190	81	15,927	2,054	385
Foreign languages and literatures	445	8,970	2,314	583	244	4,704	763	332
Health professions and related sciences	81,380	55,554	20,631	1,653	17,541	30,077	15,327	1,019
Home economics and vocational home economics	8,214	14,299	1,596	241	337	2,272	1,292	141
Law and legal studies	5,632	1,168	614	11	3,336	870	2,272	70
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	171,170	21,325	1,118	41	10,171	13,451	1,543	36
Library science	124	43	3,998	45	2	5	984	1
Mathematics	762	8,351	2,886	830	30	4,469	897	344
Mechanics and repairers	9,859	28	0	0	2,321	20	0	0
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	9,088	20,271	1,929	205	94	5,866	890	246
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	789	11,864	1,658	97	124	3,537	308	11
Philosophy and religion	44	3,049	436	235	45	4,636	816	358
Physical sciences and science technologies	2,470	12,759	4,207	3,241	56	6,772	1,356	1,233
Precision production trades	6,601	302	0	0	3,767	24	3	0
Protective services	18,890	19,759	1,132	31	999	5,406	713	0
Psychology	1,452	49,421	5,993	1,913	160	24,770	8,360	2,140
Public administration and services	3,917	14,974	15,349	308	353	5,675	9,432	210
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	554	2	136	0	2	2	0	0
Social sciences and history	3,694	82,077	9,423	2,509	362	42,814	5,364	1,480
Theological studies/religious vocations	0	0	0	0	574	5,591	4,975	1,395
Transportation and material moving workers	1,217	1,576	79	0	395	1,971	840	0
Visual and performing arts	6,654	28,638	5,718	716	6,939	21,445	4,909	344
Not classified by field of study	3,170	0	943	0	4,436	4,856	3,576	482

¹ Includes "Agricultural business and production," "Agricultural sciences," and "Conservation and renewable natural resources."

² 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, "Completions" survey, 1996–97 and "Consolidated" survey 1997. (This table was prepared June 1999.)