

**Table 278.—First-professional degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group and sex of student: 1976–77 to 1996–97**

Year	Number of degrees conferred							Percentage distribution of degrees conferred to U.S. citizens					
	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
	Total							Total					
1976–77 <sup>1</sup>	63,953	58,422	2,537	1,076	1,021	196	701	100.0	92.4	4.0	1.7	1.6	0.3
1978–79 <sup>2</sup>	68,611	62,430	2,836	1,283	1,205	216	641	100.0	91.8	4.2	1.9	1.8	0.3
1980–81 <sup>3</sup>	71,340	64,551	2,931	1,541	1,456	192	669	100.0	91.3	4.1	2.2	2.1	0.3
1984–85 <sup>4</sup>	71,057	63,219	3,029	1,884	1,816	248	861	100.0	90.1	4.3	2.7	2.6	0.4
1986–87	71,617	62,688	3,420	2,051	2,270	304	884	100.0	88.6	4.8	2.9	3.2	0.4
1988–89	70,856	61,214	3,148	2,269	2,976	264	985	100.0	87.6	4.5	3.2	4.3	0.4
1989–90 <sup>5</sup>	70,744	60,240	3,410	2,427	3,362	257	1,048	100.0	86.4	4.9	3.5	4.8	0.4
1990–91 <sup>6</sup>	71,515	60,327	3,575	2,527	3,755	261	1,070	100.0	85.6	5.1	3.6	5.3	0.4
1991–92 <sup>7</sup>	72,129	59,800	3,560	2,766	4,455	296	1,252	100.0	84.4	5.0	3.9	6.3	0.4
1992–93 <sup>8</sup>	74,960	60,830	4,100	2,984	5,160	368	1,518	100.0	82.8	5.6	4.1	7.0	0.5
1993–94	75,418	60,140	4,444	3,134	5,892	371	1,437	100.0	81.3	6.0	4.2	8.0	0.5
1994–95	75,800	59,402	4,747	3,231	6,397	412	1,611	100.0	80.1	6.4	4.4	8.6	0.6
1995–96 <sup>9</sup>	76,641	59,456	5,016	3,476	6,617	463	1,613	100.0	79.2	6.7	4.6	8.8	0.6
1996–97 <sup>10</sup>	77,815	59,852	5,251	3,553	7,037	511	1,611	100.0	78.5	6.9	4.7	9.2	0.7
	Men							Men					
1976–77 <sup>1</sup>	51,980	47,777	1,761	893	776	159	614	100.0	93.0	3.4	1.7	1.5	0.3
1978–79 <sup>2</sup>	52,425	48,123	1,783	989	860	150	520	100.0	92.7	3.4	1.9	1.7	0.3
1980–81 <sup>3</sup>	52,194	47,629	1,772	1,131	991	134	537	100.0	92.2	3.4	2.2	1.9	0.3
1984–85 <sup>4</sup>	47,501	42,630	1,623	1,239	1,152	176	681	100.0	91.1	3.5	2.6	2.5	0.4
1986–87	46,523	41,149	1,835	1,303	1,420	183	633	100.0	89.7	4.0	2.8	3.1	0.4
1988–89	45,046	39,399	1,618	1,374	1,819	148	688	100.0	88.8	3.6	3.1	4.1	0.3
1989–90 <sup>5</sup>	43,778	37,850	1,672	1,450	1,963	135	708	100.0	87.9	3.9	3.4	4.6	0.3
1990–91 <sup>6</sup>	43,601	37,348	1,672	1,506	2,178	144	753	100.0	87.2	3.9	3.5	5.1	0.3
1991–92 <sup>7</sup>	43,812	36,939	1,603	1,635	2,593	157	885	100.0	86.1	3.7	3.8	6.0	0.4
1992–93 <sup>8</sup>	44,821	37,157	1,777	1,762	2,858	190	1,077	100.0	84.9	4.1	4.0	6.5	0.4
1993–94	44,707	36,573	1,902	1,781	3,214	222	1,015	100.0	83.7	4.4	4.1	7.4	0.5
1994–95	44,853	36,146	2,077	1,836	3,491	222	1,081	100.0	82.6	4.7	4.2	8.0	0.5
1995–96 <sup>9</sup>	44,679	35,732	2,107	1,947	3,533	256	1,104	100.0	82.0	4.8	4.5	8.1	0.6
1996–97 <sup>10</sup>	45,067	35,749	2,178	1,951	3,798	289	1,102	100.0	81.3	5.0	4.4	8.6	0.7
	Women							Women					
1976–77 <sup>1</sup>	11,973	10,645	776	183	245	37	87	100.0	89.6	6.5	1.5	2.1	0.3
1978–79 <sup>2</sup>	16,186	14,307	1,053	294	345	66	121	100.0	89.1	6.6	1.8	2.1	0.4
1980–81 <sup>3</sup>	19,146	16,922	1,159	410	465	58	132	100.0	89.0	6.1	2.2	2.4	0.3
1984–85 <sup>4</sup>	23,556	20,589	1,406	645	664	72	180	100.0	88.1	6.0	2.8	2.8	0.3
1986–87	25,094	21,539	1,585	748	850	121	251	100.0	86.7	6.4	3.0	3.4	0.5
1988–89	25,810	21,815	1,530	895	1,157	116	297	100.0	85.5	6.0	3.5	4.5	0.5
1989–90 <sup>5</sup>	26,966	22,390	1,738	977	1,399	122	340	100.0	84.1	6.5	3.7	5.3	0.5
1990–91 <sup>6</sup>	27,914	22,979	1,903	1,021	1,577	117	317	100.0	83.3	6.9	3.7	5.7	0.4
1991–92 <sup>7</sup>	28,317	22,861	1,957	1,131	1,862	139	367	100.0	81.8	7.0	4.0	6.7	0.5
1992–93 <sup>8</sup>	30,139	23,673	2,323	1,222	2,302	178	441	100.0	79.7	7.8	4.1	7.8	0.6
1993–94	30,711	23,567	2,542	1,353	2,678	149	422	100.0	77.8	8.4	4.5	8.8	0.5
1994–95	30,947	23,256	2,670	1,395	2,906	190	530	100.0	76.5	8.8	4.6	9.6	0.6
1995–96 <sup>9</sup>	31,962	23,724	2,909	1,529	3,084	207	509	100.0	75.4	9.2	4.9	9.8	0.7
1996–97 <sup>10</sup>	32,748	24,103	3,073	1,602	3,239	222	509	100.0	74.8	9.5	5.0	10.0	0.7

<sup>1</sup> Excludes 394 men and 12 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.  
<sup>2</sup> Excludes 227 men and 10 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.  
<sup>3</sup> Excludes 598 men and 18 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.  
<sup>4</sup> Excludes 2,954 men and 1,052 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.  
<sup>5</sup> Excludes 183 men and 61 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.  
<sup>6</sup> Excludes 245 men and 188 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.  
<sup>7</sup> Excludes 1,259 men and 758 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.  
<sup>8</sup> Excludes 332 men and 95 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

<sup>9</sup> Excludes 69 men and 24 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.  
<sup>10</sup> Excludes 497 men and 418 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—For years 1984–85 to 1996–97, 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. Because of rounding, percents may not add to 100.0.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys. (This table was prepared August 1999.)