

**Earned master's degrees, by sex and field: Selected years, 1985–2005**

Sex/field	1985	1987	1989	1991	1993	1995	1997	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
<b>Both sexes</b>													
All fields .....	287,213	290,532	311,050	338,498	370,973	399,428	420,954	456,260	466,645	481,132	511,603	555,537	567,875
S&E.....	70,578	72,603	76,425	78,368	86,425	94,309	93,485	95,683	98,986	99,173	107,910	118,470	120,025
Engineering.....	20,972	22,070	23,743	24,013	27,664	28,630	25,874	25,736	26,523	26,266	29,704	33,872	34,099
Aerospace.....	605	737	855	941	1,047	821	625	560	611	682	735	870	946
Chemical.....	1,814	1,386	1,321	1,025	1,220	1,369	1,345	1,352	1,368	1,267	1,365	1,506	1,506
Civil.....	3,542	3,267	3,296	3,404	4,438	5,168	4,880	4,140	4,013	3,947	4,190	4,445	4,631
Electrical.....	5,649	6,895	7,849	7,942	8,828	8,743	7,341	8,339	8,630	8,279	10,075	12,173	11,637
Industrial.....	1,463	1,728	1,823	2,039	2,745	2,873	2,935	3,048	3,401	3,388	3,849	4,244	3,937
Materials.....	713	765	815	787	849	852	724	759	709	630	720	800	790
Mechanical.....	3,272	3,380	3,703	3,680	4,169	4,368	3,756	3,378	3,472	3,519	3,839	4,555	4,761
Other.....	3,914	3,912	4,081	4,195	4,368	4,436	4,268	4,160	4,319	4,554	4,931	5,279	5,891
Science.....	49,606	50,533	52,682	54,355	58,761	65,679	67,611	69,947	72,463	72,907	78,206	84,598	85,926
Natural sciences.....	23,977	25,208	26,047	25,638	27,574	29,288	30,185	32,864	34,960	35,373	38,979	41,618	40,489
Agricultural sciences.....	3,113	2,776	2,570	2,600	3,272	3,574	3,927	3,858	3,752	4,019	3,955	4,221	4,171
Biological sciences.....	5,095	4,999	4,953	4,806	4,840	5,495	6,594	6,325	6,487	6,334	6,877	7,647	8,099
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.....	2,160	2,051	1,819	1,499	1,397	1,483	1,435	1,345	1,363	1,406	1,491	1,570	1,685
Atmospheric sciences.....	236	216	206	172	202	203	177	156	140	141	167	179	255
Earth sciences.....	1,806	1,729	1,511	1,195	1,052	1,142	1,145	1,104	1,121	1,151	1,203	1,248	1,314
Oceanography.....	118	106	102	132	143	138	113	85	102	114	121	143	116
Mathematics/computer sciences.....	10,004	11,808	12,829	12,956	14,100	14,495	14,088	17,824	19,621	19,990	22,954	24,150	22,418
Computer sciences.....	7,101	8,481	9,399	9,324	10,349	10,563	10,489	14,529	16,341	16,582	19,248	19,853	17,820
Mathematics/statistics.....	2,903	3,327	3,430	3,632	3,751	3,932	3,599	3,295	3,280	3,408	3,706	4,297	4,598
Physical sciences.....	3,605	3,574	3,876	3,777	3,965	4,241	4,141	3,512	3,737	3,624	3,702	4,030	4,116
Astronomy.....	91	71	100	98	135	119	93	102	93	112	123	150	159
Chemistry.....	1,734	1,750	1,800	1,676	1,853	2,105	2,268	1,908	2,009	1,866	1,830	2,056	1,912
Physics.....	1,523	1,543	1,739	1,725	1,781	1,826	1,497	1,244	1,376	1,353	1,453	1,637	1,846
Other physical sciences.....	257	210	237	278	196	191	283	258	259	293	296	187	199
Social/behavioral sciences.....	25,629	25,325	26,635	28,717	31,187	36,391	37,426	37,083	37,503	37,534	39,227	42,980	45,437
Psychology.....	8,481	8,165	8,652	9,802	10,412	13,132	13,633	13,708	14,335	14,041	14,469	15,298	16,076
Social sciences.....	17,148	17,160	17,983	18,915	20,775	23,259	23,793	23,375	23,168	23,493	24,758	27,682	29,361
Anthropology.....	771	746	725	851	927	1,053	1,111	950	1,092	1,017	1,043	1,098	1,107
Area/ethnic studies.....	884	876	990	1,262	1,501	1,584	1,587	1,529	1,515	1,497	1,514	1,617	1,681
Economics.....	2,532	2,321	2,333	2,411	2,725	2,838	2,804	2,515	2,492	2,651	2,951	3,201	3,504
History of science.....	0	0	0	0	9	13	18	24	26	35	25	25	29
Linguistics.....	633	542	579	606	610	603	642	553	552	520	525	574	611
Political science/public administration.....	9,481	9,933	10,314	10,392	11,310	12,802	13,368	13,035	12,929	13,183	14,115	15,766	17,354
Sociology.....	1,045	970	1,169	1,293	1,564	1,790	1,752	2,036	1,901	1,957	1,929	2,031	1,518
Other social sciences.....	1,802	1,772	1,873	2,100	2,129	2,576	2,511	2,733	2,661	2,633	2,656	3,370	3,557
Non-S&E.....	216,635	217,929	234,625	260,130	284,548	305,119	327,469	360,577	367,659	381,959	403,693	437,067	447,850

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<b>Male</b>													
All fields .....	143,716	141,655	149,399	156,895	169,753	179,198	181,457	191,234	193,006	198,097	210,758	227,335	230,057
S&E.....	48,247	48,759	50,845	50,441	55,454	58,518	55,223	54,213	55,593	55,701	61,199	66,798	66,974
Engineering.....	18,728	19,300	20,661	20,656	23,570	23,998	21,179	20,396	20,895	20,692	23,520	26,737	26,492
Aerospace.....	574	682	791	855	941	722	550	484	521	557	628	721	782
Chemical .....	1,529	1,143	1,092	852	996	1,063	1,013	1,008	1,016	932	1,022	1,089	1,081
Civil .....	3,128	2,792	2,851	2,864	3,607	4,123	3,781	3,065	2,952	2,884	3,042	3,234	3,309
Electrical.....	5,154	6,178	6,933	7,008	7,777	7,539	6,197	6,781	6,957	6,718	8,173	9,788	9,167
Industrial.....	1,236	1,409	1,465	1,603	2,190	2,361	2,331	2,400	2,612	2,593	3,005	3,338	3,018
Materials .....	600	600	634	607	682	668	550	558	536	459	537	601	586
Mechanical .....	3,044	3,133	3,377	3,320	3,769	3,918	3,337	2,923	3,024	3,051	3,380	3,992	4,163
Other .....	3,463	3,363	3,518	3,547	3,608	3,604	3,420	3,177	3,277	3,498	3,733	3,974	4,386
Science.....	29,519	29,459	30,184	29,785	31,884	34,520	34,044	33,817	34,698	35,009	37,679	40,061	40,482
Natural sciences.....	16,246	16,663	17,216	16,503	17,954	18,860	18,684	19,441	20,606	20,839	23,198	24,516	24,069
Agricultural sciences.....	2,215	1,882	1,719	1,660	2,007	2,103	2,232	2,039	1,915	2,022	1,896	1,965	1,951
Biological sciences .....	2,666	2,555	2,491	2,315	2,374	2,637	3,076	2,815	2,732	2,665	2,859	3,160	3,229
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences .....	1,639	1,531	1,337	1,116	1,006	1,032	948	832	799	834	879	869	973
Atmospheric sciences.....	196	187	174	138	161	152	135	119	100	95	112	112	185
Earth sciences .....	1,361	1,272	1,099	887	756	789	752	670	649	678	702	682	737
Oceanography .....	82	72	64	91	89	91	61	43	50	61	65	75	51
Mathematics/computer sciences.....	6,951	8,011	8,833	8,709	9,773	10,130	9,620	11,458	12,724	13,020	15,186	16,005	15,329
Computer sciences.....	5,064	5,985	6,773	6,563	7,554	7,777	7,510	9,661	10,833	11,083	13,157	13,658	12,742
Mathematics/statistics.....	1,887	2,026	2,060	2,146	2,219	2,353	2,110	1,797	1,891	1,937	2,029	2,347	2,587
Physical sciences.....	2,775	2,684	2,836	2,703	2,794	2,958	2,808	2,297	2,436	2,298	2,378	2,517	2,587
Astronomy .....	76	55	85	79	106	88	61	77	57	85	81	97	97
Chemistry.....	1,166	1,181	1,131	993	1,110	1,220	1,341	1,085	1,184	1,014	1,001	1,106	973
Physics.....	1,333	1,300	1,448	1,441	1,463	1,535	1,242	1,000	1,090	1,067	1,140	1,224	1,419
Other physical sciences.....	200	148	172	190	115	115	164	135	105	132	156	90	98
Social/behavioral sciences .....	13,273	12,796	12,968	13,282	13,930	15,660	15,360	14,376	14,092	14,170	14,481	15,545	16,413
Psychology .....	3,064	2,838	2,814	2,994	2,928	3,735	3,715	3,415	3,477	3,369	3,369	3,348	3,444
Social sciences.....	10,209	9,958	10,154	10,288	11,002	11,925	11,645	10,961	10,615	10,801	11,112	12,197	12,969
Anthropology .....	325	305	290	350	393	385	399	363	403	375	388	377	370
Area/ethnic studies.....	467	467	503	639	740	766	742	650	619	618	626	656	693
Economics.....	1,920	1,739	1,699	1,711	1,909	1,944	1,851	1,563	1,519	1,601	1,790	1,949	2,113
History of science.....	0	0	0	0	5	9	11	18	16	18	15	11	17
Linguistics.....	224	196	211	218	218	187	224	146	172	160	145	164	178
Political science/public administration .....	5,785	5,830	5,917	5,752	6,069	6,678	6,677	6,315	6,088	6,205	6,392	6,938	7,598
Sociology.....	470	425	507	514	604	678	610	649	643	642	633	673	485
Other social sciences.....	1,018	996	1,027	1,104	1,064	1,278	1,131	1,257	1,155	1,182	1,123	1,429	1,515
Non-S&E.....	95,469	92,896	98,554	106,454	114,299	120,680	126,234	137,021	137,413	142,396	149,559	160,537	163,083

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<b>Female</b>													
All fields .....	143,497	148,877	161,651	181,603	201,220	220,230	239,497	265,026	273,639	283,035	300,845	328,202	337,818
S&E.....	22,331	23,844	25,580	27,927	30,971	35,791	38,262	41,470	43,393	43,472	46,711	51,672	53,051
Engineering.....	2,244	2,770	3,082	3,357	4,094	4,632	4,695	5,340	5,628	5,574	6,184	7,135	7,607
Aerospace.....	31	55	64	86	106	99	75	76	90	125	107	149	164
Chemical .....	285	243	229	173	224	306	332	344	352	335	343	417	425
Civil .....	414	475	445	540	831	1,045	1,099	1,075	1,061	1,063	1,148	1,211	1,322
Electrical.....	495	717	916	934	1,051	1,204	1,144	1,558	1,673	1,561	1,902	2,385	2,470
Industrial.....	227	319	358	436	555	512	604	648	789	795	844	906	919
Materials .....	113	165	181	180	167	184	174	201	173	171	183	199	204
Mechanical .....	228	247	326	360	400	450	419	455	448	468	459	563	598
Other .....	451	549	563	648	760	832	848	983	1,042	1,056	1,198	1,305	1,505
Science.....	20,087	21,074	22,498	24,570	26,877	31,159	33,567	36,130	37,765	37,898	40,527	44,537	45,444
Natural sciences.....	7,731	8,545	8,831	9,135	9,620	10,428	11,501	13,423	14,354	14,534	15,781	17,102	16,420
Agricultural sciences.....	898	894	851	940	1,265	1,471	1,695	1,819	1,837	1,997	2,059	2,256	2,220
Biological sciences .....	2,429	2,444	2,462	2,491	2,466	2,858	3,518	3,510	3,755	3,669	4,018	4,487	4,870
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences .....	521	520	482	383	391	451	487	513	564	572	612	701	712
Atmospheric sciences.....	40	29	32	34	41	51	42	37	40	46	55	67	70
Earth sciences.....	445	457	412	308	296	353	393	434	472	473	501	566	577
Oceanography .....	36	34	38	41	54	47	52	42	52	53	56	68	65
Mathematics/computer sciences .....	3,053	3,797	3,996	4,247	4,327	4,365	4,468	6,366	6,897	6,970	7,768	8,145	7,089
Computer sciences.....	2,037	2,496	2,626	2,761	2,795	2,786	2,979	4,868	5,508	5,499	6,091	6,195	5,078
Mathematics/statistics.....	1,016	1,301	1,370	1,486	1,532	1,579	1,489	1,498	1,389	1,471	1,677	1,950	2,011
Physical sciences.....	830	890	1,040	1,074	1,171	1,283	1,333	1,215	1,301	1,326	1,324	1,513	1,529
Astronomy .....	15	16	15	19	29	31	32	25	36	27	42	53	62
Chemistry.....	568	569	669	683	743	885	927	823	825	852	829	950	939
Physics.....	190	243	291	284	318	291	255	244	286	286	313	413	427
Other physical sciences.....	57	62	65	88	81	76	119	123	154	161	140	97	101
Social/behavioral sciences .....	12,356	12,529	13,667	15,435	17,257	20,731	22,066	22,707	23,411	23,364	24,746	27,435	29,024
Psychology .....	5,417	5,327	5,838	6,808	7,484	9,397	9,918	10,293	10,858	10,672	11,100	11,950	12,632
Social sciences.....	6,939	7,202	7,829	8,627	9,773	11,334	12,148	12,414	12,553	12,692	13,646	15,485	16,392
Anthropology .....	446	441	435	501	534	668	712	587	689	642	655	721	737
Area/ethnic studies.....	417	409	487	623	761	818	845	879	896	879	888	961	988
Economics.....	612	582	634	700	816	894	953	952	973	1,050	1,161	1,252	1,391
History of science.....	0	0	0	0	4	4	7	6	10	17	10	14	12
Linguistics.....	409	346	368	388	392	416	418	407	380	360	380	410	433
Political science/public administration .....	3,696	4,103	4,397	4,640	5,241	6,124	6,691	6,720	6,841	6,978	7,723	8,828	9,756
Sociology.....	575	545	662	779	960	1,112	1,142	1,387	1,258	1,315	1,296	1,358	1,033
Other social sciences.....	784	776	846	996	1,065	1,298	1,380	1,476	1,506	1,451	1,533	1,941	2,042
Non-S&E .....	121,166	125,033	136,071	153,676	170,249	184,439	201,235	223,556	230,246	239,563	254,134	276,530	284,767

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