

Table 257.—Doctor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by discipline division: 1970–71 to 1999–2000

Discipline division	1970–71	1975–76	1980–81	1985–86	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98	1998–99	1999–2000
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
Total	32,107	34,064	32,958	33,653	35,720	38,371	39,294	40,659	42,132	43,185	44,446	44,652	45,876	46,010	44,077	44,808
Agriculture and natural resources	1,086	928	1,067	1,158	1,183	1,295	1,185	1,214	1,173	1,278	1,264	1,271	1,217	1,302	1,248	1,181
Architecture and related programs	36	82	93	73	86	103	135	132	148	161	141	141	135	131	123	129
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	144	188	162	159	114	131	167	155	178	155	186	184	182	181	197	217
Biological sciences/life sciences	3,645	3,392	3,718	3,358	3,520	3,844	4,093	4,243	4,435	4,534	4,645	4,780	4,812	4,961	4,619	4,867
Business	757	900	795	934	1,100	1,093	1,185	1,242	1,346	1,364	1,394	1,368	1,336	1,290	1,202	1,196
Communications	145	196	171	212	247	267	259	252	293	337	320	338	296	354	347	347
Communications technologies	0	8	11	11	6	6	15	3	8	8	1	7	4	5	5	10
Computer and information sciences	128	244	252	344	551	627	676	772	805	810	884	867	857	858	800	777
Education	6,041	7,202	7,279	6,605	6,337	6,502	6,187	6,864	7,030	6,908	6,905	6,676	6,751	6,729	6,841	6,830
Engineering	3,637	2,819	2,551	3,398	4,506	4,967	5,258	5,488	5,823	5,963	6,110	6,369	6,201	5,980	5,422	5,384
Engineering-related technologies	1	2	10	12	17	14	14	11	20	16	18	11	9	14	5	6
English language and literature/letters	1,650	1,672	1,164	991	1,022	1,078	1,184	1,273	1,341	1,344	1,561	1,535	1,575	1,639	1,540	1,628
Foreign languages and literatures	988	1,076	804	672	632	724	758	850	830	886	905	876	915	959	904	915
Health professions and related sciences	466	577	842	1,241	1,437	1,536	1,613	1,661	1,767	1,902	2,069	2,119	2,672	2,484	2,535	2,676
Home economics and vocational home economics	123	178	247	311	264	301	253	293	345	365	388	414	382	424	361	357
Law and legal studies	20	76	60	54	76	111	90	68	86	79	88	91	81	66	58	74
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	32	162	121	90	72	63	70	67	81	80	90	75	77	87	78	83
Library science	39	71	71	62	61	42	56	50	77	45	55	53	46	48	55	68
Mathematics	1,249	909	775	777	915	966	1,036	1,082	1,189	1,157	1,226	1,209	1,174	1,259	1,124	1,106
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	59	111	158	263	212	272	220	231	196	227	238	441	451	508	441	384
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	2	15	42	39	35	35	28	61	108	116	149	104	108	129	137	134
Philosophy and religion	554	554	410	477	465	439	456	475	448	528	507	549	593	585	574	586
Physical sciences and science technologies	4,390	3,431	3,141	3,551	3,858	4,164	4,290	4,391	4,393	4,650	4,483	4,571	4,474	4,571	4,190	4,018
Protective services	1	9	21	21	26	38	28	24	32	25	26	38	31	39	48	52
Psychology	2,144	3,157	3,576	3,593	3,685	3,811	3,932	3,373	3,651	3,563	3,822	3,711	4,053	4,073	4,248	4,310
Public administration and services	174	292	362	382	428	508	430	432	459	519	556	499	518	499	532	537
Social sciences and history	3,660	4,157	3,122	2,955	2,885	3,010	3,012	3,218	3,460	3,627	3,725	3,760	3,989	4,127	3,855	4,095
Theological studies/religious vocations	312	1,033	1,276	1,185	1,166	1,317	1,079	1,259	1,417	1,448	1,591	1,521	1,395	1,460	1,452	1,643
Transportation and material moving workers	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual and performing arts	621	620	654	722	753	849	838	906	882	1,054	1,080	1,067	1,060	1,163	1,130	1,127
Not classified by field of study	0	0	0	0	61	258	747	569	111	36	19	7	482	85	6	71

—Not available.

NOTE: Includes Ph.D., Ed.D., and comparable degrees at the doctoral level. Excludes first-professional degrees such as M.D., D.D.S., and law degrees. The new Classification of Instructional Programs was initiated in 1991–92. The figures for earlier years have been reclassified when necessary to make them conform to the new taxonomy. 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; "Business" includes Business management and administrative services,

Marketing operations/marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services; and "Engineering-related technologies" includes Engineering-related technologies, Mechanics and repairers, and Construction trades. Data for 1998–99 imputed using alternative procedures. (See *Guide to Sources* for details.)

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 2001.)