

**Table 250. Associate degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by field of study: 1990–91 to 2001–02**

| Field of study                                                      | 1990–91        | 1991–92        | 1992–93        | 1993–94        | 1994–95        | 1995–96        | 1996–97        | 1997–98        | 1998–99        | 1999–2000      | 2000–01        | 2001–02        |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| 1                                                                   | 2              | 3              | 4              | 5              | 6              | 7              | 8              | 9              | 10             | 11             | 12             | 13             |
| <b>Total</b> .....                                                  | <b>481,720</b> | <b>504,231</b> | <b>514,756</b> | <b>530,632</b> | <b>539,691</b> | <b>555,216</b> | <b>571,226</b> | <b>558,555</b> | <b>559,954</b> | <b>564,933</b> | <b>578,865</b> | <b>595,133</b> |
| Agriculture and natural resources, total .....                      | 4,910          | 5,251          | 5,398          | 5,636          | 5,730          | 6,182          | 6,463          | 6,673          | 6,633          | 6,667          | 6,649          | 6,494          |
| Agricultural business and production .....                          | 2,905          | 3,046          | 3,222          | 3,434          | 3,564          | 3,846          | 4,176          | 4,247          | 4,327          | 4,350          | 4,221          | 4,221          |
| Agricultural sciences .....                                         | 879            | 951            | 837            | 871            | 829            | 877            | 845            | 959            | 894            | 943            | 979            | 904            |
| Conservation and renewable natural resources .....                  | 1,126          | 1,254          | 1,339          | 1,331          | 1,337          | 1,459          | 1,442          | 1,467          | 1,412          | 1,374          | 1,449          | 1,369          |
| Architecture and related programs .....                             | 2,031          | 443            | 372            | 353            | 277            | 256            | 316            | 265            | 405            | 392            | 417            | 443            |
| Area, ethnic, and cultural studies .....                            | 19             | 29             | 33             | 75             | 68             | 111            | 84             | 104            | 308            | 259            | 307            | 319            |
| Biological/life sciences .....                                      | 1,119          | 1,361          | 1,435          | 1,771          | 1,879          | 2,037          | 2,116          | 2,113          | 2,211          | 1,434          | 1,444          | 1,517          |
| Business management and administrative services .....               | 89,537         | 93,762         | 91,719         | 92,284         | 90,113         | 93,487         | 95,532         | 91,399         | 91,190         | 92,274         | 93,072         | 93,073         |
| Accounting .....                                                    | 14,577         | 15,687         | 15,115         | 15,307         | 14,970         | 15,926         | 16,017         | 14,807         | 14,325         | 13,562         | 13,158         | 12,315         |
| Business, general .....                                             | 11,618         | 11,823         | 11,190         | 11,452         | 11,622         | 11,397         | 11,385         | 11,311         | 11,514         | 12,283         | 12,621         | 12,936         |
| Business administration and management .....                        | 26,625         | 31,185         | 29,556         | 29,691         | 28,968         | 28,901         | 29,804         | 28,793         | 28,615         | 28,486         | 28,947         | 30,268         |
| Business and management, other .....                                | 11,663         | 11,089         | 12,285         | 11,114         | 10,233         | 9,950          | 12,166         | 8,632          | 8,575          | 7,841          | 7,805          | 7,546          |
| Business data processing .....                                      | 8,182          | 6,394          | 6,405          | 6,883          | 6,962          | 7,381          | 8,553          | 8,576          | 10,003         | 13,129         | 14,033         | 15,579         |
| Secretarial and related programs .....                              | 16,872         | 17,584         | 17,168         | 17,837         | 17,358         | 19,932         | 17,607         | 19,280         | 18,158         | 16,973         | 16,508         | 14,429         |
| Communications .....                                                | 1,847          | 1,886          | 1,904          | 2,052          | 3,160          | 2,187          | 2,030          | 2,368          | 2,639          | 2,754          | 2,949          | 2,819          |
| Communications technologies .....                                   | 2,032          | 1,794          | 1,828          | 2,469          | 1,984          | 1,757          | 1,743          | 1,602          | 1,541          | 1,709          | 1,983          | 2,021          |
| Computer and information sciences .....                             | 7,677          | 9,290          | 9,196          | 9,301          | 9,152          | 9,658          | 10,990         | 13,870         | 16,968         | 20,450         | 26,339         | 30,965         |
| Construction trades .....                                           | 1,793          | 1,560          | 1,653          | 1,695          | 1,728          | 2,141          | 1,928          | 2,172          | 2,137          | 2,337          | 2,682          | 2,639          |
| Consumer and personal services .....                                | 2,494          | 4,420          | 4,692          | 5,175          | 5,626          | 7,721          | 8,211          | 7,744          | 9,206          | 9,570          | 10,429         | 10,115         |
| Education .....                                                     | 7,842          | 10,267         | 9,315          | 9,271          | 9,658          | 9,750          | 10,526         | 9,278          | 9,971          | 8,226          | 9,219          | 9,267          |
| Engineering .....                                                   | 2,451          | 2,685          | 2,478          | 2,445          | 2,232          | 2,197          | 1,952          | 2,149          | 2,033          | 1,752          | 1,825          | 1,724          |
| Engineering-related technologies .....                              | 37,890         | 35,861         | 36,321         | 35,618         | 34,732         | 33,002         | 33,810         | 32,748         | 34,047         | 35,395         | 34,467         | 32,895         |
| English language and literature/letters .....                       | 426            | 1,019          | 1,320          | 1,289          | 1,548          | 1,310          | 1,455          | 1,609          | 1,621          | 947            | 877            | 864            |
| Foreign languages and literatures .....                             | 327            | 433            | 511            | 492            | 616            | 607            | 689            | 543            | 549            | 501            | 529            | 517            |
| Health professions and related sciences .....                       | 70,833         | 79,453         | 86,237         | 94,601         | 98,474         | 101,872        | 98,921         | 92,031         | 90,557         | 84,081         | 82,184         | 79,888         |
| Dental assisting .....                                              | 3,810          | 4,013          | 4,165          | 4,259          | 4,312          | 4,564          | 4,866          | 4,904          | 6,628          | 5,566          | 4,709          | 5,237          |
| Emergency medical technician-ambulance and paramedic .....          | 371            | 378            | 442            | 510            | 771            | 889            | 1,048          | 975            | 918            | 1,152          | 1,134          | 1,203          |
| Medical lab technician .....                                        | 1,731          | 1,874          | 2,172          | 2,570          | 2,769          | 2,982          | 2,641          | 2,370          | 2,033          | 1,644          | 1,502          | 1,384          |
| Medical assisting .....                                             | 1,496          | 1,960          | 2,130          | 2,785          | 3,544          | 4,941          | 5,019          | 5,102          | 5,358          | 5,414          | 5,863          | 4,748          |
| Nursing assisting .....                                             | 5              | 19             | 86             | 6              | 2              | 7              | 13             | 23             | 12             | 7              | 2              | 0              |
| Practical nursing .....                                             | 797            | 795            | 890            | 740            | 772            | 605            | 429            | 499            | 447            | 575            | 619            | 814            |
| Nursing, R.N. and other .....                                       | 45,317         | 51,193         | 54,085         | 57,405         | 57,456         | 56,562         | 53,103         | 47,365         | 43,035         | 40,772         | 40,284         | 40,819         |
| Health sciences, other .....                                        | 17,306         | 19,221         | 22,267         | 26,326         | 28,848         | 31,322         | 31,802         | 30,793         | 32,126         | 28,951         | 28,071         | 25,683         |
| Home economics and vocational home economics .....                  | 8,067          | 6,436          | 6,914          | 7,463          | 7,821          | 8,192          | 8,551          | 8,292          | 8,502          | 8,381          | 8,630          | 9,480          |
| Law and legal studies .....                                         | 5,484          | 7,053          | 8,028          | 8,681          | 9,140          | 9,106          | 8,968          | 7,797          | 7,400          | 7,265          | 6,854          | 6,825          |
| Liberal arts and sciences, general studies,<br>and humanities ..... | 142,722        | 154,594        | 158,040        | 165,106        | 170,817        | 174,970        | 181,341        | 186,248        | 181,977        | 187,454        | 196,843        | 207,163        |
| Library science .....                                               | 111            | 103            | 85             | 118            | 101            | 94             | 126            | 96             | 86             | 98             | 103            | 96             |
| Marketing operations/marketing and distribution .....               | 12,713         | 8,465          | 7,445          | 6,736          | 6,187          | 5,960          | 5,656          | 5,516          | 5,452          | 5,557          | 5,317          | 5,723          |
| Mathematics .....                                                   | 670            | 744            | 743            | 704            | 782            | 758            | 792            | 844            | 823            | 675            | 695            | 685            |
| Mechanics and repairers .....                                       | 7,640          | 10,264         | 10,966         | 11,332         | 11,497         | 12,524         | 12,180         | 10,616         | 10,806         | 11,614         | 12,650         | 12,086         |
| Multi/interdisciplinary studies .....                               | 7,454          | 7,841          | 8,486          | 8,436          | 8,692          | 8,611          | 9,182          | 9,401          | 8,658          | 11,784         | 10,438         | 13,204         |
| Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies .....               | 425            | 620            | 717            | 755            | 864            | 936            | 913            | 895            | 871            | 855            | 841            | 830            |
| Philosophy and religion .....                                       | 89             | 60             | 111            | 82             | 81             | 83             | 89             | 94             | 74             | 63             | 65             | 134            |
| Physical sciences .....                                             | 2,091          | 2,066          | 2,241          | 2,546          | 2,456          | 2,612          | 2,526          | 2,286          | 2,399          | 2,460          | 2,337          | 2,308          |
| Physical sciences, other .....                                      | 1,281          | 1,228          | 1,390          | 1,567          | 1,645          | 1,749          | 1,728          | 1,584          | 1,594          | 1,350          | 1,207          | 1,346          |
| Science technologies .....                                          | 810            | 838            | 851            | 979            | 811            | 863            | 798            | 702            | 805            | 1,110          | 1,130          | 962            |
| Precision production trades .....                                   | 9,093          | 9,005          | 9,204          | 9,357          | 9,344          | 10,217         | 10,368         | 11,085         | 11,598         | 11,814         | 11,493         | 10,818         |
| Protective services .....                                           | 13,564         | 15,117         | 16,834         | 18,199         | 19,709         | 19,196         | 19,889         | 19,002         | 17,430         | 16,298         | 16,425         | 16,689         |
| Criminal justice and corrections .....                              | 11,358         | 12,649         | 14,295         | 15,262         | 16,584         | 15,990         | 16,644         | 15,915         | 14,448         | 13,487         | 13,589         | 13,603         |
| Fire control and safety .....                                       | 1,634          | 1,989          | 2,020          | 2,243          | 2,447          | 2,523          | 2,638          | 2,480          | 2,395          | 2,364          | 2,346          | 2,619          |
| Protective services, other .....                                    | 572            | 479            | 519            | 694            | 678            | 683            | 607            | 607            | 587            | 447            | 490            | 467            |
| Psychology .....                                                    | 997            | 1,209          | 1,237          | 1,377          | 1,600          | 1,583          | 1,612          | 1,765          | 1,625          | 1,455          | 1,554          | 1,705          |
| Public administration and services .....                            | 2,779          | 3,162          | 3,301          | 3,696          | 3,882          | 4,218          | 4,270          | 4,156          | 3,881          | 3,656          | 3,333          | 3,323          |
| R.O.T.C. and military technologies .....                            | 85             | 172            | 52             | 265            | 364            | 556            | 556            | 22             | 42             | 65             | 120            | 62             |
| Social sciences and history .....                                   | 2,505          | 3,160          | 3,930          | 3,936          | 3,634          | 4,021          | 4,056          | 4,196          | 4,550          | 5,136          | 5,132          | 5,593          |
| Theological studies/religious vocations .....                       | 578            | 496            | 508            | 641            | 607            | 608            | 574            | 570            | 476            | 636            | 576            | 414            |
| Transportation and material moving workers .....                    | 2,609          | 2,418          | 2,210          | 1,922          | 1,446          | 1,571          | 1,612          | 1,009          | 1,154          | 1,021          | 1,068          | 1,159          |
| Visual and performing arts .....                                    | 9,126          | 11,888         | 12,690         | 13,227         | 12,544         | 13,534         | 13,593         | 14,980         | 17,640         | 17,100         | 18,435         | 20,911         |
| Fine arts, general .....                                            | 1,166          | 1,159          | 1,346          | 1,473          | 1,420          | 1,515          | 1,516          | 1,281          | 3,029          | 1,314          | 1,435          | 1,521          |
| Design and music .....                                              | 5,986          | 9,142          | 9,699          | 10,173         | 9,805          | 10,579         | 10,459         | 11,591         | 12,026         | 12,780         | 14,410         | 16,388         |
| Visual and performing arts, other .....                             | 1,974          | 1,587          | 1,645          | 1,581          | 1,319          | 1,440          | 1,618          | 2,108          | 2,585          | 3,006          | 2,590          | 3,002          |
| Not classified by field of study .....                              | 19,690         | 9,844          | 6,602          | 1,526          | 1,146          | 1,591          | 7,606          | 3,017          | 2,494          | 2,798          | 584            | 365            |

NOTE: Data were imputed for 1998–99 using alternative procedures. (See Guide to Sources for details.)

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys, 1990–91 through 1998–99, and Fall 2000 through Fall 2002 surveys. (This table was prepared August 2003.)