

**Table 252. Bachelor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by discipline division: Selected years, 1970-71 to 2001-02**

Discipline division	1970-71	1975-76	1980-81	1985-86	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01	2001-02
<b>1</b>	<b>839,730</b>	<b>925,746</b>	<b>935,140</b>	<b>987,823</b>	<b>1,094,538</b>	<b>1,136,553</b>	<b>1,165,178</b>	<b>1,169,275</b>	<b>1,160,134</b>	<b>1,164,792</b>	<b>1,172,879</b>	<b>1,184,406</b>	<b>1,200,303</b>	<b>1,237,875</b>	<b>1,244,171</b>	<b>1,291,900</b>
Agriculture and natural resources .....	12,672	19,402	21,886	16,823	13,124	15,124	16,778	18,070	19,841	21,431	22,602	23,284	23,930	24,247	23,382	23,353
Architecture and related programs .....	5,570	9,146	9,455	9,119	9,781	8,753	9,167	8,975	8,756	8,352	7,944	7,652	8,246	8,462	8,480	8,808
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies .....	2,582	3,577	2,887	3,178	4,884	5,342	5,481	5,573	5,706	5,786	5,839	6,153	6,252	6,381	6,317	6,557
Biological sciences/life sciences .....	35,743	54,275	43,216	38,524	39,530	42,941	47,038	51,383	55,984	60,994	63,975	65,868	65,014	63,532	60,553	60,256
Business .....	114,729	142,034	198,983	237,319	249,311	256,603	256,842	246,654	234,323	227,102	226,633	233,119	242,236	257,709	265,746	281,330
Communications .....	10,324	20,045	29,424	41,666	51,650	54,257	53,874	51,164	48,104	47,320	47,230	49,385	51,384	55,760	58,013	62,791
Communications technologies .....	478	1,237	1,854	1,410	1,123	720	832	663	699	683	538	729	935	1,150	1,050	1,110
Computer and information sciences .....	2,388	5,652	15,121	41,889	25,083	24,557	24,200	24,200	24,404	24,098	24,768	26,852	29,345	36,195	41,954	47,299
Education .....	176,307	154,437	108,074	87,114	110,807	108,006	107,781	107,600	106,079	105,509	105,233	105,968	107,172	108,168	105,566	106,383
Engineering .....	44,898	38,388	63,287	76,225	61,531	61,206	61,973	62,220	62,342	62,114	61,185	59,910	57,918	58,427	58,098	59,481
Engineering-related technologies .....	5,148	7,943	11,713	19,435	17,119	16,335	16,078	16,005	15,812	15,323	13,972	14,000	13,986	14,128	14,189	14,483
English language and literature/letters .....	64,342	42,006	32,254	34,552	51,841	54,951	56,133	53,924	51,901	50,698	49,345	49,708	50,535	50,920	51,419	53,162
Foreign languages and literatures .....	20,536	16,484	11,273	10,984	13,133	13,903	14,387	14,378	13,775	13,952	13,674	14,451	14,962	14,968	15,146	15,318
Health professions and related sciences .....	25,226	53,958	63,649	64,396	59,070	61,720	67,089	74,421	79,855	84,036	85,631	84,379	82,622	78,458	73,490	70,517
Home economics and vocational home economics .....	11,167	17,409	18,370	14,889	14,892	14,898	15,100	15,522	15,345	15,803	16,571	17,296	17,689	17,779	17,777	18,153
Law and legal studies .....	545	531	776	1,197	1,758	2,144	2,056	2,171	2,032	2,052	2,038	2,017	1,901	1,925	1,958	1,971
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities .....	7,481	18,855	21,643	21,336	30,526	32,174	33,456	33,397	33,356	33,997	34,776	33,202	34,772	36,104	37,962	39,333
Library science .....	1,013	843	375	155	90	97	83	62	50	58	48	73	78	154	52	74
Mathematics .....	24,937	16,329	11,433	17,147	15,310	14,783	14,812	14,396	13,723	13,143	12,820	12,328	12,539	12,070	11,674	12,395
Multi/interdisciplinary studies .....	6,286	13,588	12,848	13,489	17,561	20,647	23,955	25,167	26,033	26,515	26,137	26,163	26,581	27,460	25,999	27,629
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies .....	1,621	5,182	5,729	4,620	4,315	8,446	9,859	11,470	12,889	13,983	15,401	16,781	18,064	19,111	19,565	20,554
Philosophy and religion .....	8,146	8,447	6,776	6,239	7,315	7,526	7,781	7,546	7,276	7,388	7,685	8,207	8,263	8,366	8,560	9,306
Physical sciences and science technologies .....	21,412	21,465	23,952	21,717	16,344	16,960	17,545	18,400	19,177	19,647	19,531	19,416	18,337	18,385	17,979	17,851
Precision production trades .....	—	—	—	400	460	378	388	420	353	401	326	407	386	393	347	468
Protective services .....	2,045	12,507	13,707	12,704	16,806	18,855	20,902	23,009	24,157	24,810	25,165	25,076	24,601	24,877	25,211	25,536
Psychology .....	38,187	50,278	41,068	40,628	58,655	63,513	66,728	69,259	72,083	73,291	74,191	73,972	73,536	74,060	73,534	76,671
Public administration and services .....	5,466	15,440	16,707	11,887	14,350	15,987	16,775	17,815	18,586	19,849	20,649	20,408	20,287	20,185	19,447	19,392
R.O.T.C. and military technologies .....	357	952	42	256	183	184	11	19	27	7	4	3	2	7	21	3
Social sciences and history .....	155,324	126,396	100,513	93,840	125,107	133,974	135,703	133,680	128,154	126,479	124,891	125,040	124,658	127,101	128,036	132,874
Theological studies/religious vocations .....	3,744	5,520	5,841	5,607	4,813	4,729	5,433	5,434	5,578	5,358	5,591	5,903	6,280	6,809	6,967	7,785
Transportation and material moving workers .....	662	1,282	1,801	1,837	2,622	3,598	3,930	3,923	3,698	3,561	3,547	3,206	3,383	3,395	3,748	4,020
Visual and performing arts .....	30,394	42,138	40,479	37,241	42,186	46,522	47,761	49,053	48,690	49,296	50,083	52,077	54,404	58,791	61,148	66,773
Not classified by field of study .....	0	0	0	0	13,258	6,720	5,247	3,302	1,346	1,756	4,856	1,373	5	2,398	783	264

—Not available.  
 NOTE: 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 were 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, 1990-91 through 1998-99, and Fall 2000 through Fall 2002 surveys. (This table was prepared August 2003.)