

Table 254. Doctor'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
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	39,294	40,659	42,132	43,185	44,446	44,652	45,876	46,010	44,077	44,808	44,904	44,160
Agriculture and natural resources	1,086	928	1,067	1,158	1,185	1,214	1,173	1,278	1,264	1,271	1,217	1,302	1,248	1,181	1,139	1,166
Architecture and related programs	36	82	93	73	135	132	148	141	141	141	135	131	123	129	153	183
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	144	188	162	159	167	155	178	155	186	184	182	181	197	217	220	216
Biological sciences/life sciences	3,645	3,392	3,718	3,358	4,093	4,243	4,435	4,534	4,645	4,780	4,812	4,961	4,619	4,867	4,600	4,489
Business	757	900	795	934	1,185	1,242	1,346	1,364	1,394	1,368	1,336	1,290	1,202	1,196	1,180	1,158
Communications	145	196	171	212	259	252	293	337	320	338	296	354	347	347	368	374
Communications technologies	0	8	11	11	15	3	8	8	1	7	4	5	5	10	2	9
Computer and information sciences	128	244	252	344	676	772	805	810	884	867	857	858	800	777	768	750
Education	6,041	7,202	7,279	6,605	6,187	6,864	7,030	6,908	6,905	6,676	6,751	6,729	6,841	6,830	6,716	6,967
Engineering	3,637	2,819	2,551	3,398	5,258	5,488	5,823	5,963	6,110	6,369	6,201	5,980	5,422	5,384	5,558	5,195
Engineering-related technologies	1	2	10	12	14	11	20	16	18	11	9	14	5	6	19	15
English language and literature/letters	1,650	1,672	1,164	991	1,184	1,273	1,341	1,344	1,561	1,535	1,575	1,639	1,540	1,628	1,506	1,446
Foreign languages and literatures	988	1,076	804	672	758	850	830	886	905	876	915	959	904	915	894	843
Health professions and related sciences	466	577	842	1,241	1,613	1,661	1,767	1,902	2,069	2,119	2,672	2,484	2,535	2,676	2,855	3,523
Home economics and vocational home economics	123	178	247	311	253	293	345	365	388	414	382	424	361	357	388	355
Law and legal studies	20	76	60	54	90	68	86	79	88	91	81	66	58	74	286	79
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	32	162	121	90	70	67	81	80	90	75	77	87	78	83	102	113
Library science	39	71	71	62	56	50	77	45	55	53	46	48	55	68	58	45
Mathematics	1,249	909	775	777	1,036	1,082	1,189	1,157	1,226	1,209	1,174	1,259	1,124	1,106	1,024	958
Multidisciplinary studies	59	111	158	263	220	231	196	227	238	441	451	508	441	384	413	384
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	2	15	42	39	28	61	108	116	149	104	108	129	137	134	177	151
Philosophy and religion	554	554	410	477	456	475	448	528	507	549	593	585	574	586	596	606
Physical sciences and science technologies	4,390	3,431	3,141	3,551	4,290	4,391	4,393	4,650	4,483	4,571	4,474	4,571	4,190	4,018	3,976	3,803
Protective services	1	9	21	21	28	24	32	25	26	38	31	39	48	52	44	49
Psychology	2,144	3,157	3,576	3,593	3,932	3,373	3,651	3,563	3,822	3,711	4,053	4,073	4,248	4,310	4,659	4,341
Public administration and services	174	292	362	382	430	432	459	519	556	499	518	499	532	537	574	571
Social sciences and history	3,660	4,157	3,122	2,955	3,012	3,218	3,460	3,627	3,725	3,760	3,989	4,127	3,855	4,095	3,930	3,902
Theological studies/religious vocations	312	1,033	1,276	1,185	1,079	1,259	1,417	1,448	1,591	1,521	1,395	1,460	1,452	1,643	1,469	1,355
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	838	906	882	1,054	1,080	1,067	1,060	1,163	1,130	1,127	1,167	1,114
Not classified by field of study	0	0	0	0	747	569	111	36	19	7	482	85	6	71	63	0

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 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.)