

**Table 279. Earned degrees in biology, microbiology, and zoology conferred by degree-granting institutions, by level of degree: Selected years, 1970–71 to 2001–02**

Year	Biology, general			Microbiology <sup>1</sup>			Zoology <sup>2</sup>		
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1970–71 .....	26,294	2,665	536	1,475	456	365	5,722	1,167	1,107
1971–72 .....	27,473	2,943	580	1,548	470	351	5,522	1,189	1,094
1975–76 .....	40,163	3,177	624	2,927	585	364	6,105	1,153	909
1976–77 .....	39,530	3,322	608	2,884	659	325	5,608	1,168	950
1977–78 .....	37,598	3,094	664	2,695	615	353	5,139	1,160	885
1978–79 .....	35,962	3,093	663	2,670	597	395	4,913	1,109	938
1979–80 .....	33,523	2,911	718	2,631	596	376	4,374	1,078	955
1980–81 .....	31,323	2,598	734	2,414	482	370	3,946	1,090	946
1981–82 .....	29,651	2,579	678	2,377	470	350	3,664	1,028	936
1982–83 .....	28,022	2,354	521	2,306	446	331	3,453	918	809
1983–84 .....	27,379	2,313	617	2,329	447	360	3,294	867	826
1984–85 .....	27,593	2,130	658	2,180	413	302	3,128	778	802
1985–86 .....	27,618	2,173	574	2,217	353	336	2,940	723	844
1986–87 .....	27,465	2,022	537	2,098	390	337	2,858	740	787
1987–88 .....	26,838	1,981	576	2,014	357	386	2,580	725	786
1988–89 .....	26,229	2,097	527	1,780	411	356	2,582	736	744
1989–90 .....	27,213	1,998	551	1,814	366	409	2,501	638	810
1990–91 .....	29,285	1,956	632	1,757	324	419	2,673	640	833
1991–92 .....	31,909	1,995	657	1,722	336	454	2,840	620	818
1992–93 .....	34,932	2,000	671	1,769	328	520	3,071	637	786
1993–94 .....	38,103	2,178	665	1,841	332	478	3,207	749	805
1994–95 .....	41,658	2,350	729	1,908	295	443	3,206	689	767
1995–96 .....	44,818	2,606	768	2,130	324	477	3,549	815	855
1996–97 .....	46,632	2,742	693	2,417	326	455	3,526	875	807
1997–98 .....	47,054	2,617	809	2,781	352	438	3,723	821	819
1998–99 <sup>3</sup> .....	46,078	2,608	711	2,768	355	365	3,507	739	800
1999–2000 .....	44,982	2,599	727	2,948	323	383	3,291	743	821
2000–01 .....	42,310	2,582	780	2,694	289	386	3,119	736	694
2001–02 .....	42,281	2,424	689	2,545	269	378	3,030	731	718

<sup>1</sup> Includes bacteriology.

<sup>2</sup> Includes general zoology; entomology; pathology; pharmacology; physiology; and zoology, other.

<sup>3</sup> Data 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" 1970–71 through 1985–86 surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey, 1986–87 through 1998–99, and Fall 2000 through Fall 2002 surveys. (This table was prepared August 2003.)