

TABLE E-2. Master's degrees awarded to women, by field: 1996–2005

Field	1996	1997	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	1996	2005
	Number									Percent	
All fields	228,572	239,497	246,810	265,026	273,639	283,035	300,845	328,202	337,818	55.9	59.5
S&E	37,453	38,262	38,583	41,470	43,393	43,472	46,711	51,672	53,051	39.3	44.2
Sciences	32,701	33,567	33,420	36,130	37,765	37,898	40,527	44,537	45,444	48.4	52.9
Agricultural sciences	1,707	1,695	1,709	1,819	1,837	1,997	2,059	2,256	2,220	42.5	53.2
Biological sciences	3,341	3,518	3,354	3,510	3,755	3,669	4,018	4,487	4,870	53.1	60.1
Computer sciences	2,850	2,979	3,414	4,868	5,508	5,499	6,091	6,195	5,078	26.9	28.5
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	436	487	494	513	564	572	612	701	712	29.3	42.3
Atmospheric sciences	35	42	52	37	40	46	55	67	70	17.6	27.5
Earth sciences	347	393	397	434	472	473	501	566	577	30.3	43.9
Ocean sciences	54	52	45	42	52	53	56	68	65	38.0	56.0
Mathematics and statistics	1,506	1,489	1,470	1,498	1,389	1,471	1,677	1,950	2,011	40.2	43.7
Physical sciences	1,450	1,333	1,440	1,215	1,301	1,326	1,324	1,513	1,529	33.2	37.1
Astronomy	27	32	30	25	36	27	42	53	62	23.5	39.0
Chemistry	998	927	998	823	825	852	829	950	939	43.9	49.1
Physics	301	255	255	244	286	286	313	413	427	17.9	23.1
Other	124	119	157	123	154	161	140	97	101	42.8	50.8
Psychology	9,373	9,918	9,540	10,293	10,858	10,672	11,100	11,950	12,632	71.9	78.6
Social sciences	12,038	12,148	11,999	12,414	12,553	12,692	13,646	15,485	16,392	50.2	55.8
Anthropology	631	712	686	587	689	642	655	721	737	60.0	66.6
Area and ethnic studies	856	845	842	879	896	879	888	961	988	51.7	58.8
Economics	1,002	953	944	952	973	1,050	1,161	1,252	1,391	33.8	39.7
History of science	4	7	7	6	10	17	10	14	12	40.0	41.4
Linguistics	393	418	389	407	380	360	380	410	433	65.4	70.9
Political science and public administration	6,654	6,691	6,566	6,720	6,841	6,978	7,723	8,828	9,756	49.8	56.2
Sociology	1,180	1,142	1,118	1,387	1,258	1,315	1,296	1,358	1,033	64.8	68.1
Other	1,318	1,380	1,447	1,476	1,506	1,451	1,533	1,941	2,042	52.3	57.4
Engineering	4,752	4,695	5,163	5,340	5,628	5,574	6,184	7,135	7,607	17.1	22.3
Aerospace engineering	92	75	81	76	90	125	107	149	164	11.9	17.3
Chemical engineering	306	332	344	344	352	335	343	417	425	21.6	28.2
Civil engineering	1,064	1,099	1,154	1,075	1,061	1,063	1,148	1,211	1,322	21.3	28.5
Electrical engineering	1,196	1,144	1,376	1,558	1,673	1,561	1,902	2,385	2,470	14.7	21.2
Industrial engineering	624	604	676	648	789	795	844	906	919	20.6	23.3
Materials engineering	175	174	170	201	173	171	183	199	204	22.6	25.8
Mechanical engineering	454	419	461	455	448	468	459	563	598	11.3	12.6
Other	841	848	901	983	1,042	1,056	1,198	1,305	1,505	18.3	25.5
Non-S&E	191,119	201,235	208,227	223,556	230,246	239,563	254,134	276,530	284,767	60.9	63.6

NOTE: Data not available for 1999.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, special tabulations of U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Completions Survey, 1996–2005.