

TABLE E-2. Master's degrees awarded to women, by field: 1995–2002

| Field | 1995 | 1996 | 1997 | 1998 | 2000 | 2001 | 2002 | 1995 | 2002 |
|---|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------|
| | Number | | | | | | | Percent | |
| All fields | 220,230 | 228,572 | 239,497 | 246,810 | 265,026 | 273,639 | 283,035 | 55.1 | 58.8 |
| S&E | 35,791 | 37,453 | 38,262 | 38,583 | 41,470 | 43,393 | 43,472 | 38.0 | 43.8 |
| Sciences | 31,159 | 32,701 | 33,567 | 33,420 | 36,130 | 37,765 | 37,898 | 47.4 | 52.0 |
| Agricultural sciences | 1,471 | 1,707 | 1,695 | 1,709 | 1,819 | 1,837 | 1,997 | 41.2 | 49.7 |
| Biological sciences | 2,858 | 3,341 | 3,518 | 3,354 | 3,510 | 3,755 | 3,669 | 52.0 | 57.9 |
| Computer sciences | 2,786 | 2,850 | 2,979 | 3,414 | 4,868 | 5,508 | 5,499 | 26.4 | 33.2 |
| Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences | 451 | 436 | 487 | 494 | 513 | 564 | 572 | 30.4 | 40.7 |
| Atmospheric sciences | 51 | 35 | 42 | 52 | 37 | 40 | 46 | 25.1 | 32.6 |
| Earth sciences | 353 | 347 | 393 | 397 | 434 | 472 | 473 | 30.9 | 41.1 |
| Ocean sciences | 47 | 54 | 52 | 45 | 42 | 52 | 53 | 34.1 | 46.5 |
| Mathematics and statistics | 1,579 | 1,506 | 1,489 | 1,470 | 1,498 | 1,389 | 1,471 | 40.2 | 43.2 |
| Physical sciences | 1,283 | 1,450 | 1,333 | 1,440 | 1,215 | 1,301 | 1,326 | 30.3 | 36.6 |
| Astronomy | 31 | 27 | 32 | 30 | 25 | 36 | 27 | 26.1 | 24.1 |
| Chemistry | 885 | 998 | 927 | 998 | 823 | 825 | 852 | 42.0 | 45.7 |
| Physics | 291 | 301 | 255 | 255 | 244 | 286 | 286 | 15.9 | 21.1 |
| Other | 76 | 124 | 119 | 157 | 123 | 154 | 161 | 39.8 | 54.9 |
| Psychology | 9,397 | 9,373 | 9,918 | 9,540 | 10,293 | 10,858 | 10,672 | 71.6 | 76.0 |
| Social sciences | 11,334 | 12,038 | 12,148 | 11,999 | 12,414 | 12,553 | 12,692 | 48.7 | 54.0 |
| Anthropology | 668 | 631 | 712 | 686 | 587 | 689 | 642 | 63.4 | 63.1 |
| Area and ethnic studies | 818 | 856 | 845 | 842 | 879 | 896 | 879 | 51.6 | 58.7 |
| Economics | 894 | 1,002 | 953 | 944 | 952 | 973 | 1,050 | 31.5 | 39.6 |
| History of science | 4 | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 10 | 17 | 30.8 | 48.6 |
| Linguistics | 416 | 393 | 418 | 389 | 407 | 380 | 360 | 69.0 | 69.2 |
| Political science and public administration | 6,124 | 6,654 | 6,691 | 6,566 | 6,720 | 6,841 | 6,978 | 47.8 | 52.9 |
| Sociology | 1,112 | 1,180 | 1,142 | 1,118 | 1,387 | 1,258 | 1,315 | 62.1 | 67.2 |
| Other | 1,298 | 1,318 | 1,380 | 1,447 | 1,476 | 1,506 | 1,451 | 50.4 | 55.1 |
| Engineering | 4,632 | 4,752 | 4,695 | 5,163 | 5,340 | 5,628 | 5,574 | 16.2 | 21.2 |
| Aerospace engineering | 99 | 92 | 75 | 81 | 76 | 90 | 125 | 12.1 | 18.3 |
| Chemical engineering | 306 | 306 | 332 | 344 | 344 | 352 | 335 | 22.4 | 26.4 |
| Civil engineering | 1,045 | 1,064 | 1,099 | 1,154 | 1,075 | 1,061 | 1,063 | 20.2 | 26.9 |
| Electrical engineering | 1,204 | 1,196 | 1,144 | 1,376 | 1,558 | 1,673 | 1,561 | 13.8 | 18.9 |
| Industrial engineering | 512 | 624 | 604 | 676 | 648 | 789 | 795 | 17.8 | 23.5 |
| Materials engineering | 184 | 175 | 174 | 170 | 201 | 173 | 171 | 21.6 | 27.1 |
| Mechanical engineering | 450 | 454 | 419 | 461 | 455 | 448 | 468 | 10.3 | 13.3 |
| Other | 832 | 841 | 848 | 901 | 983 | 1,042 | 1,056 | 18.8 | 23.2 |
| Non-S&E | 184,439 | 191,119 | 201,235 | 208,227 | 223,556 | 230,246 | 239,563 | 60.4 | 62.7 |

S&E = Science and engineering.

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, 1995–2002.