

**Table 295. Degrees Earned by Level and Sex: 1960 to 2008**

[In thousands (477 represents 477,000), except percent. Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Year ending	All degrees		Associate's		Bachelor's		Master's		First professional		Doctoral	
	Total	Percent male	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
1960 <sup>1</sup>	477	65.8	(NA)	(NA)	254	138	51	24	(NA)	(NA)	9	1
1970	1,271	59.2	117	89	451	341	126	83	33	2	26	4
1975	1,666	56.0	191	169	505	418	162	131	49	7	27	7
1980	1,731	51.1	184	217	474	456	151	147	53	17	23	10
1985	1,828	49.3	203	252	483	497	143	143	50	25	22	11
1990	1,940	46.6	191	264	492	560	154	171	44	27	24	14
1992	2,108	45.6	207	297	521	616	162	191	45	29	26	15
1993	2,167	45.5	212	303	533	632	169	200	45	30	26	16
1994	2,206	45.1	215	315	532	637	176	211	45	31	27	17
1995	2,218	44.9	218	321	526	634	179	219	45	31	27	18
1996 <sup>2</sup>	2,248	44.2	220	336	522	642	179	227	45	32	27	18
1997 <sup>2</sup>	2,288	43.6	224	347	521	652	181	238	46	33	27	19
1998 <sup>2</sup>	2,298	43.2	218	341	520	664	184	246	45	34	27	19
1999 <sup>2</sup>	2,323	42.7	218	342	519	682	186	254	44	34	25	19
2000 <sup>2</sup>	2,385	42.6	225	340	530	708	192	265	44	36	25	20
2001 <sup>2</sup>	2,416	42.4	232	347	532	712	194	274	43	37	25	20
2002 <sup>2</sup>	2,494	42.2	238	357	550	742	199	283	43	38	24	20
2003 <sup>2</sup>	2,621	42.1	253	380	573	775	211	301	42	39	24	22
2004 <sup>2</sup>	2,755	41.8	260	405	595	804	230	329	42	41	25	23
2005 <sup>2</sup>	2,850	41.6	268	429	613	826	234	341	44	43	27	26
2006 <sup>2</sup>	2,936	41.3	270	443	631	855	238	356	44	44	29	27
2007 <sup>2</sup>	3,093	41.2	283	468	668	895	246	379	46	45	31	32
2008 <sup>2</sup>	3,144	41.2	286	470	681	918	250	381	47	46	32	33

NA Not available. <sup>1</sup> First-professional degrees are included with bachelor's degrees. <sup>2</sup> Beginning 1996, data reflect the new classification of institutions. See footnote 1, Table 274.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.

**Table 296. Degrees Earned by Level and Race/Ethnicity: 1990 to 2008**

[For school year ending in year shown. Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Level of degree and race/ethnicity	Total					Percent distribution		
	1990	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2005 <sup>1</sup>	2007 <sup>1</sup>	2008 <sup>1</sup>	1990	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2008 <sup>1</sup>
<b>Associate's degrees, total</b>	<b>455,102</b>	<b>564,933</b>	<b>696,660</b>	<b>728,114</b>	<b>750,164</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White, non-Hispanic	376,816	408,772	475,513	491,572	501,079	82.8	72.4	66.8
Black, non-Hispanic	34,326	60,221	86,402	91,529	95,702	7.5	10.7	12.8
Hispanic	21,504	51,573	78,557	85,410	91,274	4.7	9.1	12.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	13,066	27,782	33,669	37,266	38,843	2.9	4.9	5.2
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,430	6,497	8,435	8,583	8,849	0.8	1.2	1.2
Nonresident alien	5,960	10,088	14,084	13,754	14,417	1.3	1.8	1.9
<b>Bachelor's degrees, total</b>	<b>1,051,344</b>	<b>1,237,875</b>	<b>1,439,264</b>	<b>1,524,092</b>	<b>1,563,069</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White, non-Hispanic	887,151	929,106	1,049,141	1,099,850	1,122,675	84.4	75.1	71.8
Black, non-Hispanic	61,046	108,013	136,122	146,853	152,457	5.8	8.7	9.8
Hispanic	32,829	75,059	101,124	114,936	123,048	3.1	6.1	7.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	39,230	77,912	97,209	105,297	109,058	3.7	6.3	7.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	4,390	8,719	10,307	11,455	11,509	0.4	0.7	0.7
Nonresident alien	26,698	39,066	45,361	45,901	44,322	2.5	3.2	2.8
<b>Master's degrees, total</b>	<b>324,301</b>	<b>457,056</b>	<b>574,618</b>	<b>604,607</b>	<b>625,023</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White, non-Hispanic	254,299	320,485	379,350	399,267	409,312	78.4	70.1	65.5
Black, non-Hispanic	15,336	35,874	54,482	62,574	65,062	4.7	7.8	10.4
Hispanic	7,892	19,253	31,485	34,822	36,801	2.4	4.2	5.9
Asian or Pacific Islander	10,439	23,218	32,783	36,134	37,408	3.2	5.1	6.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,090	2,246	3,295	3,575	3,758	0.3	0.5	0.6
Nonresident alien	35,245	55,980	73,223	68,235	72,682	10.9	12.2	11.6
<b>Doctoral degrees, total</b>	<b>38,371</b>	<b>44,808</b>	<b>52,631</b>	<b>60,616</b>	<b>63,712</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White, non-Hispanic	26,221	27,843	30,261	34,071	36,390	68.3	62.1	57.1
Black, non-Hispanic	1,149	2,246	3,056	3,727	3,906	3.0	5.0	6.1
Hispanic	780	1,305	1,824	2,034	2,279	2.0	2.9	3.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,225	2,420	2,911	3,541	3,618	3.2	5.4	5.7
American Indian/Alaska Native	98	160	237	249	272	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nonresident alien	8,898	10,834	14,342	16,994	17,247	23.2	24.2	27.1
<b>First-professional degrees, total</b>	<b>70,988</b>	<b>80,057</b>	<b>87,289</b>	<b>90,064</b>	<b>91,309</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>100.0</b>
White, non-Hispanic	60,487	59,637	63,429	64,546	65,383	85.2	74.5	71.6
Black, non-Hispanic	3,409	5,555	6,313	6,474	6,400	4.8	6.9	7.0
Hispanic	2,425	3,865	4,445	4,700	4,840	3.4	4.8	5.3
Asian or Pacific Islander	3,362	8,584	10,501	11,686	11,846	4.7	10.7	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	257	564	564	681	675	0.4	0.7	0.7
Nonresident alien	1,048	1,852	2,037	1,977	2,165	1.5	2.3	2.4

<sup>1</sup> Beginning 2000, data reflect the new classification of institutions. See footnote 1, Table 274.

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