

Table 289. Degrees Earned by Level and Race/Ethnicity: 1990 to 2007

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

Level of degree and race/ethnicity	Total					Percent distribution		
	1990	2000 ¹	2005 ¹	2006 ¹	2007 ¹	1990	2000 ¹	2007 ¹
Associate's degrees, total	455,102	564,933	696,660	713,066	728,114	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	376,816	408,772	475,513	485,297	491,572	82.8	72.4	67.5
Black, non-Hispanic	34,326	60,221	86,402	89,784	91,529	7.5	10.7	12.6
Hispanic	21,504	51,573	78,557	80,854	85,410	4.7	9.1	11.7
Asian or Pacific Islander	13,066	27,782	33,669	35,201	37,266	2.9	4.9	5.1
American Indian/Alaska Native	3,430	6,497	8,435	8,552	8,583	0.8	1.2	1.2
Nonresident alien	5,960	10,088	14,084	13,378	13,754	1.3	1.8	1.9
Bachelor's degrees, total	1,051,344	1,237,875	1,439,264	1,485,242	1,524,092	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	887,151	929,106	1,049,141	1,075,561	1,099,850	84.4	75.1	72.2
Black, non-Hispanic	61,046	108,013	136,122	142,420	146,653	5.8	8.7	9.6
Hispanic	32,829	75,059	101,124	107,588	114,936	3.1	6.1	7.5
Asian or Pacific Islander	39,230	77,912	97,209	102,376	105,297	3.7	6.3	6.9
American Indian/Alaska Native	4,390	8,719	10,307	10,940	11,455	0.4	0.7	0.8
Nonresident alien	26,698	39,066	45,361	46,357	45,901	2.5	3.2	3.0
Master's degrees, total	324,301	457,056	574,618	594,065	604,607	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	254,299	320,485	379,350	393,357	399,267	78.4	70.1	66.0
Black, non-Hispanic	15,336	35,874	54,482	58,976	62,574	4.7	7.8	10.3
Hispanic	7,892	19,253	31,485	32,438	34,822	2.4	4.2	5.8
Asian or Pacific Islander	10,439	23,218	32,783	34,029	36,134	3.2	5.1	6.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	1,090	2,246	3,295	3,504	3,575	0.3	0.5	0.6
Nonresident alien	35,245	55,980	73,223	71,761	68,235	10.9	12.2	11.3
Doctoral degrees, total	38,371	44,808	52,631	56,067	60,616	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	26,221	27,843	30,261	31,601	34,071	68.3	62.1	56.2
Black, non-Hispanic	1,149	2,246	3,056	3,122	3,727	3.0	5.0	6.1
Hispanic	780	1,305	1,824	1,882	2,034	2.0	2.9	3.4
Asian or Pacific Islander	1,225	2,420	2,911	3,257	3,541	3.2	5.4	5.8
American Indian/Alaska Native	98	160	237	230	249	0.3	0.4	0.4
Nonresident alien	8,898	10,834	14,342	15,975	16,994	23.2	24.2	28.0
First-professional degrees, total	70,988	80,057	87,289	87,655	90,064	100.0	100.0	100.0
White, non-Hispanic	60,487	59,637	63,429	63,590	64,546	85.2	74.5	71.7
Black, non-Hispanic	3,409	5,555	6,313	6,223	6,474	4.8	6.9	7.2
Hispanic	2,425	3,865	4,445	4,446	4,700	3.4	4.8	5.2
Asian or Pacific Islander	3,362	8,584	10,501	10,645	11,686	4.7	10.7	13.0
American Indian/Alaska Native	257	564	564	710	681	0.4	0.7	0.8
Nonresident alien	1,048	1,852	2,037	2,041	1,977	1.5	2.3	2.2

¹ Beginning 2000, data reflect the new classification of institutions. See footnote 1, Table 269.