

**Table 292. Master's and Doctoral Degrees Earned by Field: 1980 to 2007**

[The new Classification of Instructional Programs was introduced in 2002–03. Data for previous years has been reclassified where necessary to conform to the new classifications. Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Field of study	1980	1990	2000	2005	2006	2007
<b>MASTER'S DEGREES</b>						
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>298,081</b>	<b>324,301</b>	<b>457,056</b>	<b>574,618</b>	<b>594,065</b>	<b>604,607</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	3,976	3,382	4,360	4,746	4,640	4,623
Architecture and related services	3,139	3,499	4,268	5,674	5,743	5,951
Area, ethnic, cultural, and gender studies	852	1,191	1,544	1,755	2,080	1,699
Biological and biomedical sciences	6,322	4,906	6,781	8,199	8,681	8,747
Business	55,008	76,676	111,532	142,617	146,406	150,211
Communication, journalism, and related programs <sup>2</sup>	3,082	4,353	5,525	7,195	7,745	7,272
Computer and information sciences	3,647	9,677	14,990	18,416	17,055	16,232
Education	101,819	84,890	123,045	167,490	174,620	176,572
Engineering and engineering technologies	16,765	25,294	26,726	35,133	33,530	32,162
English language and literature/letters	6,026	6,317	7,022	8,468	8,845	8,742
Family and consumer sciences/human sciences	2,690	1,679	1,882	1,827	1,983	2,080
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	3,067	3,018	3,037	3,407	3,539	3,443
Health professions and related clinical sciences	15,374	20,406	42,593	46,703	51,380	54,531
Legal professions and studies	1,817	1,888	3,750	4,170	4,453	4,486
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	2,646	1,999	3,256	3,680	3,702	3,634
Library science	5,374	4,341	4,577	6,213	6,448	6,767
Mathematics and statistics	2,860	3,624	3,208	4,477	4,730	4,884
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	2,494	3,182	3,487	4,252	4,491	4,762
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	647	529	2,322	3,740	3,992	4,110
Philosophy and religious studies	1,204	1,327	1,376	1,647	1,739	1,716
Physical sciences and science technologies	5,167	5,410	4,810	5,678	5,922	5,839
Psychology	9,938	10,730	15,740	18,830	19,770	21,037
Public administration and social services	17,560	17,399	25,594	29,552	30,510	31,131
Security and protective services	1,805	1,151	2,609	3,991	4,277	4,906
Social sciences and history	12,176	11,634	14,066	16,952	17,369	17,665
Theology and religious vocations	3,872	4,941	5,534	5,815	6,092	6,446
Visual and performing arts	8,708	8,481	10,918	13,183	13,530	13,767
<b>DOCTORAL DEGREES</b>						
<b>Total</b> <sup>1</sup>	<b>32,615</b>	<b>38,371</b>	<b>44,808</b>	<b>52,631</b>	<b>56,067</b>	<b>60,616</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	991	1,295	1,168	1,173	1,194	1,272
Architecture and related services	79	103	129	179	201	178
Area, ethnic, cultural, and gender studies	151	125	205	189	226	233
Biological and biomedical sciences	3,527	3,837	5,180	5,578	5,775	6,354
Business	767	1,093	1,194	1,498	1,711	2,029
Communication, journalism, and related programs <sup>2</sup>	193	272	357	468	464	480
Computer and information sciences	240	627	779	1,119	1,416	1,595
Education	7,314	6,503	6,409	7,681	7,584	8,261
Engineering and engineering technologies	2,546	5,030	5,421	6,601	7,471	8,123
English language and literature/letters	1,196	986	1,470	1,212	1,254	1,178
Family and consumer sciences/human sciences	192	273	327	331	340	337
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	857	816	1,086	1,027	1,074	1,059
Health professions and related clinical sciences	821	1,449	2,053	5,868	7,128	8,355
Legal professions and studies	40	111	74	98	129	143
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	192	63	83	109	84	77
Mathematics and statistics	724	917	1,075	1,176	1,293	1,351
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	318	442	792	983	987	1,093
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	21	35	134	207	194	218
Philosophy and religious studies	374	445	598	586	578	637
Physical sciences and science technologies	3,044	4,116	3,963	4,114	4,489	4,846
Psychology	3,395	3,811	4,731	5,106	4,921	5,153
Public administration and social services	342	508	537	673	704	726
Security and protective services	18	38	52	94	80	85
Social sciences and history	3,230	3,010	4,095	3,819	3,914	3,844
Theology and religious vocations	1,315	1,317	1,630	1,422	1,429	1,573
Visual and performing arts	655	849	1,127	1,278	1,383	1,364

<sup>1</sup> Includes other fields of study not shown separately. <sup>2</sup> Includes technologies.

 Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual and unpublished data.