

Table 299. Degrees Earned by Level and Sex: 1960 to 2009

[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 ¹ | 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 |
| 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 ² | 2,248 | 44.2 | 220 | 336 | 522 | 642 | 179 | 227 | 45 | 32 | 27 | 18 |
| 1997 ² | 2,288 | 43.6 | 224 | 347 | 521 | 652 | 181 | 238 | 46 | 33 | 27 | 19 |
| 1998 ² | 2,298 | 43.2 | 218 | 341 | 520 | 664 | 184 | 246 | 45 | 34 | 27 | 19 |
| 1999 ² | 2,323 | 42.7 | 218 | 342 | 519 | 682 | 186 | 254 | 44 | 34 | 25 | 19 |
| 2000 ² | 2,385 | 42.6 | 225 | 340 | 530 | 708 | 192 | 265 | 44 | 36 | 25 | 20 |
| 2001 ² | 2,416 | 42.4 | 232 | 347 | 532 | 712 | 194 | 274 | 43 | 37 | 25 | 20 |
| 2002 ² | 2,494 | 42.2 | 238 | 357 | 550 | 742 | 199 | 283 | 43 | 38 | 24 | 20 |
| 2003 ² | 2,621 | 42.1 | 253 | 380 | 573 | 775 | 211 | 301 | 42 | 39 | 24 | 22 |
| 2004 ² | 2,755 | 41.8 | 260 | 405 | 595 | 804 | 230 | 329 | 42 | 41 | 25 | 23 |
| 2005 ² | 2,850 | 41.6 | 268 | 429 | 613 | 826 | 234 | 341 | 44 | 43 | 27 | 26 |
| 2006 ² | 2,936 | 41.3 | 270 | 443 | 631 | 855 | 238 | 356 | 44 | 44 | 29 | 27 |
| 2007 ² | 3,007 | 41.2 | 275 | 453 | 650 | 875 | 238 | 366 | 45 | 45 | 30 | 30 |
| 2008 ² | 3,093 | 41.2 | 283 | 468 | 668 | 895 | 246 | 379 | 46 | 45 | 31 | 32 |
| 2009 ² | 3,205 | 41.3 | 298 | 489 | 685 | 916 | 260 | 397 | 47 | 45 | 32 | 35 |

NA Not available. ¹ First-professional degrees are included with bachelor's degrees. ² Beginning 1996, data reflect the new classification of institutions. See footnote 1, Table 278.

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

Table 300. Degrees Earned by Level and Race/Ethnicity: 1990 to 2009

[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 | 2008 ¹ | 2009 ¹ | 1990 | 2000 ¹ | 2009 ¹ |
| Associate's degrees, total | 455,102 | 564,933 | 696,660 | 750,164 | 787,325 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 376,816 | 408,772 | 475,513 | 501,079 | 522,985 | 82.8 | 72.4 | 66.4 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 34,326 | 60,221 | 86,402 | 95,702 | 101,487 | 7.5 | 10.7 | 12.9 |
| Hispanic | 21,504 | 51,573 | 78,557 | 91,274 | 97,921 | 4.7 | 9.1 | 12.4 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 13,066 | 27,782 | 33,669 | 38,843 | 40,914 | 2.9 | 4.9 | 5.2 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 3,430 | 6,497 | 8,435 | 8,849 | 8,834 | 0.8 | 1.2 | 1.1 |
| Nonresident alien | 5,960 | 10,088 | 14,084 | 14,417 | 15,184 | 1.3 | 1.8 | 1.9 |
| Bachelor's degrees, total | 1,051,344 | 1,237,875 | 1,439,264 | 1,563,069 | 1,601,368 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 887,151 | 929,106 | 1,049,141 | 1,122,675 | 1,144,612 | 84.4 | 75.1 | 71.5 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 61,046 | 108,013 | 136,122 | 152,457 | 156,615 | 5.8 | 8.7 | 9.8 |
| Hispanic | 32,829 | 75,059 | 101,124 | 123,048 | 129,526 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 8.1 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 39,230 | 77,912 | 97,209 | 109,058 | 112,510 | 3.7 | 6.3 | 7.0 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 4,390 | 8,719 | 10,307 | 11,509 | 12,222 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.8 |
| Nonresident alien | 26,698 | 39,066 | 45,361 | 44,322 | 45,883 | 2.5 | 3.2 | 2.9 |
| Master's degrees, total | 324,301 | 457,056 | 574,618 | 625,023 | 656,784 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 254,299 | 320,485 | 379,350 | 409,312 | 424,188 | 78.4 | 70.1 | 64.6 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 15,336 | 35,874 | 54,482 | 65,062 | 70,010 | 4.7 | 7.8 | 10.7 |
| Hispanic | 7,892 | 19,253 | 31,485 | 36,801 | 39,439 | 2.4 | 4.2 | 6.0 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 10,439 | 23,218 | 32,783 | 37,408 | 39,944 | 3.2 | 5.1 | 6.1 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 1,090 | 2,246 | 3,295 | 3,758 | 3,759 | 0.3 | 0.5 | 0.6 |
| Nonresident alien | 35,245 | 55,980 | 73,223 | 72,682 | 79,444 | 10.9 | 12.2 | 12.1 |
| Doctoral degrees, total | 38,371 | 44,808 | 52,631 | 63,712 | 67,716 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 26,221 | 27,843 | 30,261 | 36,390 | 39,648 | 68.3 | 62.1 | 58.6 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 1,149 | 2,246 | 3,056 | 3,906 | 4,434 | 3.0 | 5.0 | 6.5 |
| Hispanic | 780 | 1,305 | 1,824 | 2,279 | 2,540 | 2.0 | 2.9 | 3.8 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 1,225 | 2,420 | 2,911 | 3,618 | 3,875 | 3.2 | 5.4 | 5.7 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 98 | 160 | 237 | 272 | 332 | 0.3 | 0.4 | 0.5 |
| Nonresident alien | 8,898 | 10,834 | 14,342 | 17,247 | 16,887 | 23.2 | 24.2 | 24.9 |
| First-professional degrees, total | 70,988 | 80,057 | 87,289 | 91,309 | 92,004 | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| White, non-Hispanic | 60,487 | 59,637 | 63,429 | 65,383 | 65,439 | 85.2 | 74.5 | 71.1 |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 3,409 | 5,555 | 6,313 | 6,400 | 6,571 | 4.8 | 6.9 | 7.1 |
| Hispanic | 2,425 | 3,865 | 4,445 | 4,840 | 5,089 | 3.4 | 4.8 | 5.5 |
| Asian or Pacific Islander | 3,362 | 8,584 | 10,501 | 11,846 | 12,182 | 4.7 | 10.7 | 13.2 |
| American Indian/Alaska Native | 257 | 564 | 564 | 675 | 659 | 0.4 | 0.7 | 0.7 |
| Nonresident alien | 1,048 | 1,852 | 2,037 | 2,165 | 2,064 | 1.5 | 2.3 | 2.2 |

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