

Table 301. Degrees and Awards Earned Below Bachelor's by Field: 2009

[For school year ending in 2009. Covers associate's degrees and other awards based on postsecondary curriculums of less than 4 years in institutions of higher education. Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Field of study	Less than 1-year awards		1- to less than 4-year awards		Associate degree	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
Total ¹	285,277	158,888	216,379	133,830	787,325	489,184
Agriculture and natural resources, total	3,167	810	1,817	623	5,724	1,969
Architecture and related services	256	82	72	27	596	322
Area, ethnic, cultural, and gender studies	434	335	102	64	173	122
Biological and biomedical sciences	118	64	26	17	2,364	1,608
Business, management, and marketing	31,869	21,470	15,588	11,398	111,521	73,653
Communications and communications technologies	1,465	669	1,324	525	7,525	2,901
Computer and information sciences	10,436	3,297	5,783	1,960	30,006	7,453
Construction trades	9,102	441	8,334	312	4,252	217
Education	2,788	2,559	2,647	2,261	14,123	12,083
Engineering and engineering technologies	10,345	1,613	7,034	825	32,615	4,602
English language and literature/letters	1,218	756	252	145	1,525	984
Family and consumer sciences	11,816	9,898	2,738	2,409	9,020	8,664
Foreign languages and literatures	881	653	512	454	1,627	1,366
Health professions and related sciences	120,911	97,284	101,312	86,849	165,163	140,893
Nursing	2,156	1,934	3,540	3,064	77,929	67,933
Legal professions and studies	1,457	1,241	2,281	1,928	9,062	8,125
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	613	441	10,684	6,479	263,853	161,635
Library science	184	163	66	52	116	101
Mathematics	10	3	2	—	930	295
Mechanics and repairers	20,219	1,116	22,341	961	16,066	890
Military technologies	3	—	—	—	721	158
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	845	396	1,154	663	15,459	9,504
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	346	174	327	197	1,587	641
Personal and culinary services	8,829	6,735	10,981	8,742	16,327	8,460
Philosophy and religion	68	36	35	22	191	55
Physical sciences and science technologies	227	86	453	189	3,617	1,497
Precision production trades	9,530	556	6,639	335	2,126	138
Psychology	81	66	38	34	3,949	3,205
Public administration and social services	1,006	818	549	453	4,178	3,595
Security and protective services	19,113	4,493	5,251	1,382	33,033	15,803
Social sciences and history	333	163	183	74	9,142	5,889
Theology and religious vocations	135	80	360	200	675	338
Transportation and material moving	14,848	925	584	40	1,430	182
Visual and performing arts	2,624	1,465	6,910	4,210	18,629	11,836

— Represents zero. ¹ Includes other fields of study, not shown separately.

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

Table 302. Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Field: 1980 to 2009

[The new Classification of Instructional Programs was introduced in 2002–2003. 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	2008	2009
Total ¹	929,417	1,051,344	1,237,875	1,439,264	1,563,069	1,601,368
Agriculture and natural resources	22,802	12,900	24,238	23,002	24,113	24,988
Architecture and related services	9,132	9,364	8,462	9,237	9,805	10,119
Area, ethnic, cultural, and gender studies	2,840	4,447	6,212	7,569	8,454	8,772
Biological and biomedical sciences	46,190	37,204	63,005	64,611	77,854	80,756
Business	186,264	248,568	256,070	311,574	335,254	347,985
Communication, journalism, and related programs ²	28,616	51,572	57,058	75,238	81,048	83,109
Computer and information sciences	11,154	27,347	37,788	54,111	38,476	37,994
Education	118,038	105,112	108,034	105,451	102,582	101,708
Engineering and engineering technologies	69,387	82,480	73,419	79,743	83,853	84,636
English language and literature/letters	32,187	46,803	50,106	54,379	55,038	55,462
Family and consumer sciences/humanities	18,411	13,514	16,321	20,074	21,870	21,905
Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	12,480	13,133	15,886	18,386	20,977	21,158
Health professions and related clinical sciences	63,848	58,983	80,863	80,685	111,478	120,488
Legal professions and studies	683	1,632	1,969	3,161	3,771	3,822
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	23,196	27,985	36,104	43,751	46,940	47,096
Mathematics and statistics	11,378	14,276	11,418	14,351	15,192	15,496
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	11,457	16,557	28,561	30,243	36,149	37,444
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	5,753	4,582	17,571	22,888	29,931	31,667
Philosophy and religious studies	7,069	7,034	8,535	11,584	12,257	12,444
Physical sciences and science technologies	23,407	16,056	18,331	18,905	21,934	22,466
Psychology	42,093	53,952	74,194	85,614	92,587	94,271
Public administration and social services	16,644	13,908	20,185	21,769	23,493	23,851
Security and protective services	15,015	15,354	24,877	30,723	40,235	41,800
Social sciences and history	103,662	118,083	127,101	156,892	167,363	168,500
Theology and religious vocations	6,170	5,185	6,789	9,284	8,992	8,940
Transportation and materials moving	213	2,387	3,395	4,904	5,203	5,189
Visual and performing arts	40,892	39,934	58,791	80,955	87,703	89,140

¹ Includes other fields of study, not shown separately. ² Includes technologies.

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