

**Table 254.—Bachelor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by discipline division: 1970–71 to 1997–98**

Discipline division	1970–71	1975–76	1980–81	1985–86	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97	1997–98
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>839,730</b>	<b>925,746</b>	<b>935,140</b>	<b>987,823</b>	<b>991,264</b>	<b>994,829</b>	<b>1,018,755</b>	<b>1,051,344</b>	<b>1,094,538</b>	<b>1,136,553</b>	<b>1,165,178</b>	<b>1,169,275</b>	<b>1,160,134</b>	<b>1,164,792</b>	<b>1,172,879</b>	<b>1,184,406</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	12,672	19,402	21,886	16,823	14,991	14,222	13,492	12,900	13,124	15,124	16,778	18,070	19,841	21,431	22,602	23,284
Architecture and related programs	5,570	9,146	9,455	9,119	8,950	8,603	9,150	9,364	9,781	8,753	9,167	8,975	8,756	8,352	7,944	7,652
Area, ethnic and cultural studies	2,582	3,577	2,887	3,178	3,427	3,601	4,102	4,613	4,884	5,342	5,481	5,573	5,706	5,786	5,839	6,153
Biological sciences/life sciences	35,743	54,275	43,216	38,524	38,121	36,755	36,059	37,204	39,530	42,941	47,038	51,383	55,984	60,994	63,975	65,868
Business	114,729	142,034	198,983	237,319	240,546	243,021	246,399	248,698	249,311	256,603	256,842	246,654	234,323	227,102	226,633	233,119
Communications	10,324	20,045	29,428	41,666	43,953	45,410	47,405	50,114	51,650	54,257	53,874	51,164	48,104	47,320	47,230	49,385
Communications technologies	478	1,237	1,854	1,410	1,384	1,239	1,204	1,194	1,123	720	832	663	699	683	538	729
Computer and information sciences	2,388	5,652	15,121	41,889	39,589	34,523	30,454	27,257	25,083	24,557	24,200	24,200	24,404	24,098	24,768	26,852
Education	176,307	154,437	108,074	87,114	86,936	91,112	96,913	105,112	110,807	108,006	107,781	107,600	106,079	105,509	105,233	105,968
Engineering	44,898	38,388	63,287	76,225	73,747	69,380	66,099	63,609	61,531	61,206	61,973	62,220	62,342	62,114	61,185	59,910
Engineering-related technologies	5,148	7,943	11,713	19,435	19,069	19,126	18,903	17,713	17,119	16,335	16,078	16,005	15,812	15,323	13,972	14,000
English language and literature/letters	64,342	42,006	32,254	34,552	36,284	38,661	42,470	47,519	51,841	54,951	56,133	53,924	51,901	50,698	49,345	49,708
Foreign languages and literatures	20,536	16,484	11,273	10,984	11,034	10,926	11,693	12,386	13,133	13,903	14,387	14,378	13,775	13,952	13,674	14,451
Health professions and related sciences	25,226	53,958	63,649	64,396	63,103	60,644	59,005	58,302	59,070	61,720	67,089	74,421	79,855	84,036	85,631	84,379
Home economics and vocational home economics	11,167	17,409	18,370	14,889	14,417	14,320	14,160	14,491	14,892	14,898	15,100	15,522	15,345	15,803	16,571	17,296
Law and legal studies	545	531	776	1,197	1,178	1,303	1,976	1,592	1,758	2,144	2,056	2,171	2,032	2,052	2,038	2,017
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	7,481	18,855	21,643	21,336	23,717	24,274	26,388	27,985	30,526	32,174	33,456	33,397	33,356	33,997	34,776	33,202
Library science	1,013	843	375	155	136	119	121	77	90	97	83	62	50	58	48	73
Mathematics	24,937	16,329	11,433	17,147	16,999	16,608	15,994	15,176	15,310	14,783	14,812	14,396	13,723	13,143	12,820	12,328
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	6,286	13,588	12,848	13,489	13,933	14,723	15,168	16,267	17,561	20,647	23,955	25,167	26,033	26,515	26,137	26,163
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	1,621	5,182	5,729	4,620	4,264	4,235	4,376	4,582	4,315	8,446	9,859	11,470	12,889	13,983	15,401	16,781
Philosophy and religion	8,146	8,447	6,776	6,239	5,984	5,963	6,425	6,868	7,315	7,526	7,781	7,546	7,276	7,388	7,685	8,207
Physical sciences and science technologies	21,412	21,465	23,952	21,717	20,070	17,806	17,186	16,066	16,344	16,960	17,545	18,400	19,177	19,647	19,531	19,416
Precision production trades	—	—	—	400	455	481	482	528	460	378	388	420	353	401	326	407
Protective services	2,045	12,507	13,707	12,704	12,930	13,367	14,698	15,354	16,806	18,855	20,902	23,009	24,157	24,810	25,165	25,076
Psychology	38,187	50,278	41,068	40,628	42,994	45,187	48,910	53,952	58,655	63,513	66,728	69,259	72,083	73,291	74,191	73,972
Public administration and services	5,466	15,440	16,707	11,887	12,328	12,385	13,162	13,908	14,350	15,987	16,775	17,815	18,586	19,849	20,649	20,408
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	357	952	42	256	384	82	198	196	183	184	11	19	27	7	4	3
Social sciences and history	155,324	126,396	100,513	93,840	96,342	100,460	108,151	118,083	125,107	133,974	135,703	133,680	128,154	126,479	124,891	125,040
Theological studies/religious vocations	3,744	5,520	5,841	5,607	5,730	5,565	5,318	5,200	4,813	4,729	5,433	5,434	5,578	5,358	5,591	5,903
Transportation and material moving workers	662	1,282	1,801	1,837	1,654	1,983	2,062	2,387	2,622	3,598	3,930	3,923	3,698	3,561	3,547	3,206
Visual and performing arts	30,394	42,138	40,479	37,241	36,615	36,944	38,227	39,934	42,186	46,522	47,761	49,053	48,690	49,296	50,083	52,077
Not classified by field of study	0	0	0	0	0	1,801	2,405	2,713	13,258	6,720	5,247	3,302	1,346	1,756	4,856	1,373

—Not available.

NOTE: The new Classification of Instructional Programs was initiated in 1991–92. The figures for earlier years have been reclassified when necessary to make them conform to the new taxonomy. To facilitate trend comparisons, certain aggregations have been made of the degree fields as reported in the IPEDS "Completions" survey: "Agriculture and natural resources" includes Agricultural business and production, Agricultural sciences, and Conservation and renewable natural resources; "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/

marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services; and "Engineering-related technologies" includes Engineering-related technologies, Mechanics and repairers, and Construction trades.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Higher Education General Information Survey (HEGIS), "Degrees and Other Formal Awards Conferred" surveys, and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" surveys. (This table was prepared June 2000.)