

**Table 273.—Master's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by racial/ethnic group, major field of study, and sex of student: 1998–99**

Major field of study	Total							Men							Women						
	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien	Total	White, non-Hispanic	Black, non-Hispanic	Hispanic	Asian/Pacific Islander	American Indian/Alaskan Native	Non-resident alien
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
<b>All fields, total</b>	<b>439,986</b>	<b>311,299</b>	<b>32,344</b>	<b>17,708</b>	<b>21,803</b>	<b>2,004</b>	<b>54,828</b>	<b>186,148</b>	<b>125,310</b>	<b>9,965</b>	<b>6,956</b>	<b>10,328</b>	<b>765</b>	<b>32,824</b>	<b>253,838</b>	<b>185,989</b>	<b>22,379</b>	<b>10,752</b>	<b>11,475</b>	<b>1,239</b>	<b>22,004</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	4,417	3,284	156	114	98	16	749	2,381	1,763	77	62	39	10	430	2,036	1,521	79	52	59	6	319
Architecture and related programs	4,172	2,638	152	192	261	12	917	2,394	1,537	72	111	143	6	525	1,778	1,101	80	81	118	6	392
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	1,500	945	138	86	92	21	218	600	385	54	39	28	8	86	900	560	84	47	64	13	132
Biological sciences/life sciences	6,192	4,326	265	203	530	20	848	2,839	2,065	86	93	234	8	353	3,353	2,261	179	110	296	12	495
Business	108,085	72,039	7,487	3,882	7,283	437	16,957	65,113	44,717	3,168	2,259	4,133	252	10,584	42,972	27,322	4,319	1,623	3,150	185	6,373
Communications	5,293	3,392	472	168	219	21	1,021	1,847	1,249	120	64	58	7	349	3,446	2,143	352	104	161	14	672
Communications technologies	325	234	18	5	20	1	47	185	143	7	3	9	1	22	140	91	11	2	11	0	25
Computer and information sciences	12,250	4,247	440	234	1,728	20	5,581	8,458	3,203	270	158	1,025	14	3,788	3,792	1,044	170	76	703	6	1,793
Construction trades	7	3	0	0	2	0	2	4	1	0	0	2	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1
Education	119,427	96,428	11,029	5,781	2,452	603	3,134	28,263	22,680	2,510	1,456	554	154	909	91,164	73,748	8,519	4,325	1,898	449	2,225
Engineering	25,544	11,918	748	723	2,471	50	9,634	20,505	9,808	485	549	1,852	40	7,771	5,039	2,110	263	174	619	10	1,863
Engineering-related technologies	1,007	669	96	29	44	5	164	759	521	59	18	32	2	127	248	148	37	11	12	3	37
English language and literature/letters	7,478	6,191	338	242	224	46	437	2,504	2,143	97	79	59	17	109	4,974	4,048	241	163	165	29	328
Foreign languages and literatures	2,860	1,621	64	376	124	6	669	887	547	24	104	27	2	183	1,973	1,074	40	272	97	4	486
Health professions and related sciences	40,589	32,331	2,601	1,285	2,446	191	1,735	9,434	7,096	481	316	781	56	704	31,155	25,235	2,120	969	1,665	135	1,031
Home economics and vocational home economics	2,880	2,194	229	126	102	14	215	442	334	22	24	12	0	50	2,438	1,860	207	102	90	14	165
Law and legal studies	3,308	1,402	112	71	100	15	1,608	1,967	850	48	37	58	9	965	1,341	552	64	34	42	6	643
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	3,101	2,490	201	124	76	9	201	1,186	956	55	44	38	2	91	1,915	1,534	146	80	38	7	110
Library science	4,752	4,112	215	135	127	22	141	991	872	30	31	13	5	40	3,761	3,240	185	104	114	17	101
Mathematics	3,466	1,920	150	99	220	11	1,066	2,027	1,109	72	64	108	8	666	1,439	811	78	35	112	3	400
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	2,663	2,046	159	110	83	16	249	1,049	786	51	52	28	7	125	1,614	1,260	108	58	55	9	124
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	2,076	1,733	137	44	30	6	126	1,027	846	68	24	18	3	68	1,049	887	69	20	12	3	58
Philosophy and religion	1,295	1,004	51	57	48	6	129	815	630	29	36	25	4	91	480	374	22	21	23	2	38
Physical sciences and science technologies	5,159	3,127	156	134	293	18	1,431	3,384	2,065	86	86	155	10	982	1,775	1,062	70	48	138	8	449
Precision production trades	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	7	6	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective services	2,249	1,722	299	116	45	14	53	1,312	1,064	108	73	19	8	40	937	658	191	43	26	6	13
Psychology	14,247	11,092	1,279	798	516	89	473	3,693	2,946	279	201	107	18	142	10,554	8,146	1,000	597	409	71	331
Public administration and services	24,925	17,548	3,661	1,463	788	182	1,283	6,556	4,418	876	388	202	49	623	18,369	13,130	2,785	1,075	586	133	660
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	14,431	9,159	992	597	541	80	3,062	7,456	4,677	377	314	239	34	1,815	6,975	4,482	615	283	302	46	1,247
Theological studies and religious vocations	4,727	3,477	267	110	205	13	655	2,853	2,073	136	71	115	5	453	1,874	1,404	131	39	90	8	202
Transportation and material moving workers	713	618	23	25	24	6	17	631	550	20	23	18	6	14	82	68	3	2	6	0	3
Visual and performing arts	10,753	7,312	404	377	606	54	2,000	4,543	3,242	196	176	194	20	715	6,210	4,070	208	201	412	34	1,285
Not classified by field of study	88	71	5	2	4	0	6	36	28	2	1	2	0	3	52	43	3	1	2	0	3

NOTE: Reported racial/ethnic distributions of students by level of degree, field of degree, and sex were used to estimate race/ethnicity for students whose race/ethnicity was not reported. 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; and "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services. Data imputed using alternative procedures. (See *Guide to Sources* for details.)

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey. (This table was prepared August 2001.)