

**Table 292.—Earned degrees in chemistry, geology, and physics conferred by institutions of higher education, by level of degree: 1970–71 to 1995–96**

Year	Chemistry			Geology <sup>1</sup>			Physics		
	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's	Bachelor's	Master's	Doctor's
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1970–71 .....	11,063	2,275	2,159	2,414	651	324	5,071	2,188	1,482
1971–72 .....	10,590	2,248	1,971	2,573	841	310	4,634	2,033	1,344
1972–73 .....	10,128	2,225	1,872	2,923	827	305	4,259	1,747	1,338
1973–74 .....	10,438	2,125	1,823	3,253	938	315	3,952	1,655	1,115
1974–75 .....	10,549	1,986	1,822	3,319	932	292	3,706	1,574	1,080
1975–76 .....	11,022	1,783	1,621	3,358	1,003	313	3,544	1,451	997
1976–77 .....	11,215	1,767	1,568	3,879	1,047	325	3,420	1,319	945
1977–78 .....	11,315	1,886	1,521	4,342	1,239	268	3,330	1,294	873
1978–79 .....	11,509	1,757	1,516	4,502	1,300	286	3,337	1,319	918
1979–80 .....	11,232	1,723	1,545	4,597	1,295	313	3,396	1,192	830
1980–81 .....	11,347	1,654	1,622	5,202	1,396	294	3,441	1,294	866
1981–82 .....	11,062	1,751	1,722	5,538	1,540	282	3,472	1,284	873
1982–83 .....	10,796	1,622	1,746	6,102	1,552	295	3,793	1,369	873
1983–84 .....	10,704	1,667	1,744	6,549	1,514	315	3,907	1,532	953
1984–85 .....	10,482	1,719	1,789	6,308	1,692	289	4,097	1,523	951
1985–86 .....	10,116	1,754	1,908	4,974	1,767	271	4,180	1,501	1,010
1986–87 .....	9,670	1,738	1,976	3,665	1,603	280	4,318	1,543	1,074
1987–88 .....	9,052	1,708	1,995	2,551	1,523	350	4,100	1,675	1,093
1988–89 .....	8,625	1,774	2,037	2,252	1,404	358	4,352	1,736	1,112
1989–90 .....	8,132	1,682	2,183	1,767	1,200	414	4,155	1,831	1,192
1990–91 .....	8,321	1,665	2,238	1,784	1,089	446	4,236	1,725	1,209
1991–92 .....	8,641	1,780	2,280	2,078	990	413	4,098	1,834	1,337
1992–93 .....	8,914	1,842	2,261	2,299	925	406	4,063	1,777	1,277
1993–94 .....	9,425	1,999	2,353	2,677	937	422	4,001	1,945	1,465
1994–95 .....	9,722	2,099	2,273	3,118	993	398	3,823	1,817	1,424
1995–96 .....	10,415	2,254	2,287	3,190	991	372	3,679	1,678	1,462

<sup>1</sup>Includes geology, geochemistry, and geophysics and seismology. Beginning in 1982–83, also includes other geological sciences.

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 July 1998.)