

Table 267.—Associate degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group, major field of study, and sex of student: 1996–97

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
All fields, total¹	563,620	424,364	55,260	42,645	24,829	5,927	10,595	220,722	166,732	18,994	17,583	10,770	2,047	4,596	342,898	257,632	36,266	25,062	14,059	3,880	5,999
Agriculture and natural resources	6,463	6,118	49	93	32	84	87	4,329	4,147	31	52	16	40	43	2,134	1,971	18	41	16	44	44
Architecture and related programs	316	256	10	33	9	0	8	56	37	4	11	1	0	3	260	219	6	22	8	0	5
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	84	16	19	11	0	33	5	32	3	8	5	0	16	0	52	13	11	6	0	17	5
Biological sciences/life sciences	2,116	1,354	145	224	267	48	78	769	489	62	87	81	18	32	1,347	865	83	137	186	30	46
Business	109,399	79,133	13,480	7,954	4,937	1,039	2,856	32,751	24,131	3,501	2,245	1,517	239	1,118	76,648	55,002	9,979	5,709	3,420	800	1,738
Communications	2,030	1,578	183	118	86	18	47	985	764	97	70	35	5	14	1,045	814	86	48	51	13	33
Communications technologies	1,743	1,322	179	118	45	9	70	1,091	870	90	65	27	7	32	652	452	89	53	18	2	38
Computer and information sciences	10,990	7,558	1,405	900	710	145	272	5,860	4,216	554	480	418	51	141	5,130	3,342	851	420	292	94	131
Construction trades	1,928	1,594	97	86	96	37	18	1,829	1,522	87	82	91	32	15	99	72	10	4	5	5	3
Education	10,526	7,693	1,184	1,055	234	262	98	3,356	2,592	372	219	87	51	35	7,170	5,101	812	836	147	211	63
Engineering	1,952	1,467	144	101	147	26	67	1,681	1,266	118	91	128	23	55	271	201	26	10	19	3	12
Engineering-related technologies	33,810	25,525	3,262	2,723	1,657	264	379	29,452	22,306	2,688	2,411	1,505	226	316	4,358	3,219	574	312	152	38	63
English language and literature/letters	1,455	834	87	178	110	12	234	528	281	42	61	44	5	95	927	553	45	117	66	7	139
Foreign languages and literatures	689	480	17	117	25	3	47	231	156	10	39	9	2	15	458	324	7	78	16	1	32
Health professions and related sciences	98,921	81,271	8,337	4,606	3,100	909	698	15,970	12,433	1,321	1,078	819	164	155	82,951	68,838	7,016	3,528	2,281	745	543
Home economics and vocational home economics	8,551	5,798	1,246	841	405	78	183	715	472	89	45	85	3	21	7,836	5,326	1,157	796	320	75	162
Law and legal studies	8,968	6,950	1,113	604	184	86	31	1,105	781	195	85	24	13	7	7,863	6,169	918	519	160	73	24
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	181,341	134,223	16,626	15,559	9,087	1,904	3,942	69,572	51,798	5,759	5,896	3,649	653	1,817	111,769	82,425	10,867	9,663	5,438	1,251	2,125
Library science	126	103	6	5	7	4	1	17	10	2	0	4	1	0	109	93	4	5	3	3	1
Mathematics	792	507	38	113	88	2	44	443	273	27	62	55	1	25	349	234	11	51	33	1	19
Mechanics and repairers	12,180	9,379	940	845	708	132	176	11,388	8,812	854	785	654	122	161	792	567	86	60	54	10	15
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	9,182	6,982	983	601	463	57	96	4,398	3,313	477	332	219	24	33	4,784	3,669	506	269	244	33	63
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	913	717	92	51	30	10	13	554	406	74	36	24	7	7	359	311	18	15	6	3	6
Philosophy and religion	89	68	5	6	7	1	2	51	37	4	4	5	0	1	38	31	1	2	2	1	1
Physical sciences and science technologies	2,526	1,798	195	155	252	25	101	1,281	953	78	87	107	6	50	1,245	845	117	68	145	19	51
Precision production trades	10,368	8,202	530	883	527	93	133	8,033	6,355	401	717	394	72	94	2,335	1,847	129	166	133	21	39
Protective services	19,889	15,100	2,014	2,142	351	215	67	13,588	10,674	949	1,523	275	121	46	6,301	4,426	1,065	619	76	94	21
Psychology	1,612	1,124	130	215	65	39	39	377	248	37	48	28	7	9	1,235	876	93	167	37	32	30
Public administration and services	4,270	2,561	1,025	447	86	120	31	667	377	165	74	23	23	5	3,603	2,184	860	373	63	97	26
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	556	447	83	2	24	0	0	521	422	75	2	22	0	0	35	25	8	0	2	0	0
Social sciences and history	4,056	2,475	523	555	254	110	139	1,550	960	187	212	99	32	60	2,506	1,515	336	343	155	78	79
Theological studies and religious vocations	574	471	56	12	10	4	21	321	261	33	5	7	2	13	253	210	23	7	3	2	8
Transportation and material moving workers	1,612	1,279	141	84	51	11	46	1,349	1,091	111	73	36	9	29	263	188	30	11	15	2	17
Visual and performing arts	13,593	9,981	916	1,208	775	147	566	5,872	4,276	492	601	282	72	149	7,721	5,705	424	607	493	75	417

¹ 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. Excludes 3,226 men and 4,380 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—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.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey. (This table was prepared August 1999.)