

Table 254.—Doctor's degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by discipline division: 1970-71 to 2000-01

Discipline division	1970-71	1975-76	1980-81	1985-86	1989-90	1990-91	1991-92	1992-93	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96	1996-97	1997-98	1998-99	1999-2000	2000-01
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>32,107</b>	<b>34,064</b>	<b>32,958</b>	<b>33,653</b>	<b>36,371</b>	<b>39,294</b>	<b>40,659</b>	<b>42,132</b>	<b>43,185</b>	<b>44,446</b>	<b>44,652</b>	<b>45,876</b>	<b>46,010</b>	<b>44,077</b>	<b>44,808</b>	<b>44,904</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	1,086	928	1,067	1,158	1,295	1,185	1,214	1,173	1,278	1,264	1,271	1,217	1,302	1,248	1,181	1,139
Architecture and related programs	36	82	93	73	103	135	132	148	161	141	141	135	131	123	129	153
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	144	188	162	159	131	167	155	178	155	186	184	182	181	197	217	220
Biological sciences/life sciences	3,645	3,392	3,718	3,358	3,844	4,093	4,243	4,435	4,534	4,645	4,780	4,812	4,961	4,619	4,867	4,600
Business	757	900	795	934	1,093	1,185	1,242	1,346	1,364	1,394	1,368	1,336	1,290	1,202	1,196	1,180
Communications	145	196	171	212	267	259	252	293	337	320	338	296	354	347	347	368
Communications technologies	0	8	11	11	6	15	3	8	8	1	7	4	5	5	10	2
Computer and information sciences	128	244	252	344	627	676	772	805	810	884	867	857	858	800	777	768
Education	6,041	7,202	7,279	6,605	6,502	6,187	6,864	7,030	6,908	6,905	6,676	6,751	6,729	6,841	6,830	6,716
Engineering	3,637	2,819	2,551	3,398	4,967	5,258	5,488	5,823	5,963	6,110	6,369	6,201	5,980	5,422	5,384	5,558
Engineering-related technologies	1	2	10	12	14	14	11	11	16	18	11	9	14	5	6	19
English language and literature/letters	1,650	1,672	1,164	991	1,078	1,184	1,273	1,341	1,344	1,561	1,535	1,575	1,639	1,540	1,628	1,506
Foreign languages and literatures	988	1,076	804	672	724	758	850	830	886	905	876	915	959	904	915	894
Health professions and related sciences	466	577	842	1,241	1,536	1,613	1,661	1,767	1,902	2,069	2,119	2,672	2,484	2,535	2,676	2,855
Home economics and vocational home economics	123	178	247	311	301	253	293	345	365	388	414	382	424	361	357	388
Law and legal studies	20	76	60	54	111	90	68	86	79	88	91	81	66	58	74	286
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	32	162	121	90	63	70	67	81	80	90	75	77	87	78	83	102
Library science	39	71	71	62	42	56	50	77	45	55	53	46	48	55	68	58
Mathematics	1,249	909	775	777	966	1,036	1,082	1,189	1,157	1,226	1,209	1,174	1,259	1,124	1,106	1,024
Multidisciplinary studies	59	111	158	263	272	220	231	196	227	238	441	451	508	441	384	413
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	2	15	42	39	35	28	61	108	116	149	104	108	129	137	134	177
Philosophy and religion	554	554	410	477	439	456	475	448	528	507	549	593	585	574	586	596
Physical sciences and science technologies	4,390	3,431	3,141	3,551	4,164	4,290	4,391	4,393	4,650	4,483	4,571	4,474	4,571	4,190	4,018	3,976
Protective services	1	9	21	21	38	28	24	32	25	26	38	31	39	48	52	44
Psychology	2,144	3,157	3,576	3,593	3,811	3,932	3,373	3,651	3,563	3,822	3,711	4,053	4,073	4,248	4,310	4,659
Public administration and services	174	292	362	382	508	430	432	459	519	556	499	518	499	532	537	574
Social sciences and history	3,660	4,157	3,122	2,955	3,010	3,012	3,218	3,460	3,627	3,725	3,760	3,989	4,127	3,855	4,095	3,930
Theological studies/religious vocations	312	1,033	1,276	1,185	1,317	1,079	1,259	1,417	1,448	1,591	1,521	1,395	1,460	1,452	1,643	1,469
Transportation and material moving workers	3	3	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual and performing arts	621	620	654	722	849	838	906	882	1,054	1,080	1,067	1,060	1,163	1,130	1,127	1,167
Not classified by field of study	0	0	0	0	258	747	569	111	36	19	7	482	85	6	71	63

NOTE: Includes Ph.D., Ed.D., and comparable degrees at the doctoral level. Excludes first-professional degrees such as M.D., D.D.S., and law degrees. 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. Data for 1998-99 were imputed using alternative procedures. (See Guide to Sources for details.)

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 September 2002.)