

Table 269.—Bachelor's degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group and sex of student: 1976–77 to 1996–97

Year	Number of degrees conferred							Percentage distribution of degrees conferred to U.S. citizens					
	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
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Total							Total						
1976–77 ¹	917,900	807,688	58,636	18,743	13,793	3,326	15,714	100.0	89.5	6.5	2.1	1.5	0.4
1978–79 ²	919,540	802,542	60,246	20,096	15,407	3,410	17,839	100.0	89.0	6.7	2.2	1.7	0.4
1980–81 ³	934,800	807,319	60,673	21,832	18,794	3,593	22,589	100.0	88.5	6.7	2.4	2.1	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	968,311	826,106	57,473	25,874	25,395	4,246	29,217	100.0	88.0	6.1	2.8	2.7	0.5
1986–87 ⁵	991,264	841,818	56,560	26,988	32,624	3,968	29,306	100.0	87.5	5.9	2.8	3.4	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	1,016,350	859,703	58,078	29,918	37,674	3,951	27,026	100.0	86.9	5.9	3.0	3.8	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	1,048,631	884,376	61,063	32,844	39,248	4,392	26,708	100.0	86.5	6.0	3.2	3.8	0.4
1990–91 ^{5,8}	1,081,280	904,062	65,341	36,612	41,618	4,513	29,134	100.0	85.9	6.2	3.5	4.0	0.4
1991–92 ^{5,9}	1,129,833	936,771	72,326	40,761	46,720	5,176	28,079	100.0	85.0	6.6	3.7	4.2	0.5
1992–93 ^{5,10}	1,159,931	947,309	77,872	45,376	51,463	5,671	32,240	100.0	84.0	6.9	4.0	4.6	0.5
1993–94 ^{5,11}	1,165,973	936,227	83,576	50,241	55,660	6,189	34,080	100.0	82.7	7.4	4.4	4.9	0.5
1994–95 ^{5,12}	1,158,788	913,377	87,203	54,201	60,478	6,606	36,923	100.0	81.4	7.8	4.8	5.4	0.6
1995–96 ^{5,13}	1,163,036	904,709	91,166	58,288	64,359	6,970	37,544	100.0	80.4	8.1	5.2	5.7	0.6
1996–97 ^{5,14}	1,168,023	898,224	94,053	61,941	67,969	7,409	38,427	100.0	79.5	8.3	5.5	6.0	0.7
Men							Men						
1976–77 ¹	494,424	438,161	25,147	10,318	7,638	1,804	11,356	100.0	90.7	5.2	2.1	1.6	0.4
1978–79 ²	476,065	418,215	24,659	10,418	8,261	1,736	12,776	100.0	90.3	5.3	2.2	1.8	0.4
1980–81 ³	469,625	406,173	24,511	10,810	10,107	1,700	16,324	100.0	89.6	5.4	2.4	2.2	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	476,148	405,085	23,018	12,402	13,554	1,998	20,091	100.0	88.8	5.0	2.7	3.0	0.4
1986–87 ⁵	480,782	406,749	22,501	12,865	17,253	1,817	19,597	100.0	88.2	4.9	2.8	3.7	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	481,946	407,154	22,370	13,950	19,260	1,730	17,482	100.0	87.7	4.8	3.0	4.1	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	490,317	413,573	23,262	14,941	19,721	1,859	16,961	100.0	87.4	4.9	3.2	4.2	0.4
1990–91 ^{5,8}	496,424	415,505	24,328	16,158	20,678	1,901	17,854	100.0	86.8	5.1	3.4	4.3	0.4
1991–92 ^{5,9}	516,976	429,842	26,956	17,976	23,248	2,182	16,772	100.0	85.9	5.4	3.6	4.6	0.4
1992–93 ^{5,10}	530,541	435,084	28,883	19,865	25,293	2,449	18,967	100.0	85.0	5.6	3.9	4.9	0.5
1993–94 ^{5,11}	530,804	429,121	30,648	21,807	26,938	2,616	19,674	100.0	84.0	6.0	4.3	5.3	0.5
1994–95 ^{5,12}	525,174	417,006	31,775	23,600	28,973	2,736	21,084	100.0	82.7	6.3	4.7	5.7	0.5
1995–96 ^{5,13}	521,439	408,829	32,852	24,994	30,630	2,885	21,249	100.0	81.7	6.6	5.0	6.1	0.6
1996–97 ^{5,14}	517,901	401,878	33,509	26,007	32,111	2,988	21,408	100.0	80.9	6.7	5.2	6.5	0.6
Women							Women						
1976–77 ¹	423,476	369,527	33,489	8,425	6,155	1,522	4,358	100.0	88.2	8.0	2.0	1.5	0.4
1978–79 ²	443,475	384,327	35,587	9,678	7,146	1,674	5,063	100.0	87.7	8.1	2.2	1.6	0.4
1980–81 ³	465,175	401,146	36,162	11,022	8,687	1,893	6,265	100.0	87.4	7.9	2.4	1.9	0.4
1984–85 ⁴	492,163	421,021	34,455	13,472	11,841	2,248	9,126	100.0	87.2	7.1	2.8	2.5	0.5
1986–87 ⁵	510,482	435,069	34,059	14,123	15,371	2,151	9,709	100.0	86.9	6.8	2.8	3.1	0.4
1988–89 ^{5,6}	534,404	452,549	35,708	15,968	18,414	2,221	9,544	100.0	86.2	6.8	3.0	3.5	0.4
1989–90 ^{5,7}	558,314	470,803	37,801	17,903	19,527	2,533	9,747	100.0	85.8	6.9	3.3	3.6	0.5
1990–91 ^{5,8}	584,856	488,557	41,013	20,454	20,940	2,612	11,280	100.0	85.2	7.2	3.6	3.7	0.5
1991–92 ^{5,9}	612,857	506,929	45,370	22,785	23,472	2,994	11,307	100.0	84.3	7.5	3.8	3.9	0.5
1992–93 ^{5,10}	629,390	512,225	48,989	25,511	26,170	3,222	13,273	100.0	83.1	8.0	4.1	4.2	0.5
1993–94 ^{5,11}	635,169	507,106	52,928	28,434	28,722	3,573	14,406	100.0	81.7	8.5	4.6	4.6	0.6
1994–95 ^{5,12}	633,614	496,371	55,428	30,601	31,505	3,870	15,839	100.0	80.3	9.0	5.0	5.1	0.6
1995–96 ^{5,13}	641,597	495,880	58,314	33,294	33,729	4,085	16,295	100.0	79.3	9.3	5.3	5.4	0.7
1996–97 ^{5,14}	650,122	496,346	60,544	35,934	35,858	4,421	17,019	100.0	78.4	9.6	5.7	5.7	0.7

¹ Excludes 1,121 men and 528 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
² Excludes 1,279 men and 571 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
³ Excludes 258 men and 82 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
⁴ Excludes 6,380 men and 4,786 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
⁵ 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.
⁶ Excludes 1,400 men and 1,005 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁷ Excludes 1,379 men and 1,334 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁸ Excludes 7,621 men and 5,637 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁹ Excludes 3,835 men and 2,885 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹⁰ Excludes 2,340 men and 2,907 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

¹¹ Excludes 1,618 men and 1,684 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹² Excludes 957 men and 389 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹³ Excludes 1,015 men and 741 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹⁴ Excludes 2,614 men and 2,242 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—For years 1984–85 to 1996–97, 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. Because of rounding, percents may not add to 100.0.

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 August 1999.)