

Table 270.—Bachelor's 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	1,168,023	898,224	94,053	61,941	67,969	7,409	38,427	517,901	401,878	33,509	26,007	32,111	2,988	21,408	650,122	496,346	60,544	35,934	35,858	4,421	17,019
Agriculture and natural resources	22,602	20,313	600	616	548	181	344	13,794	12,575	308	341	251	94	225	8,808	7,738	292	275	297	87	119
Architecture and related programs	7,944	5,850	301	579	663	40	511	5,090	3,778	203	382	393	27	307	2,854	2,072	98	197	270	13	204
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	5,839	3,617	710	616	636	72	188	1,995	1,240	240	224	204	27	60	3,844	2,377	470	392	432	45	128
Biological sciences/life sciences	63,975	46,398	4,209	2,839	8,729	346	1,454	29,470	21,913	1,334	1,299	4,101	159	664	34,505	24,485	2,875	1,540	4,628	187	790
Business	226,633	166,729	19,999	11,787	13,952	1,122	13,044	116,519	88,722	7,725	5,621	6,442	527	7,482	110,114	78,007	12,274	6,166	7,510	595	5,562
Communications	47,230	37,678	4,192	2,208	1,537	243	1,372	19,412	15,937	1,498	825	553	75	524	27,818	21,741	2,694	1,383	984	168	848
Communications technologies	538	426	79	8	8	4	13	276	227	28	7	5	1	8	262	199	51	1	3	3	5
Computer and information sciences	24,768	16,232	2,463	1,106	2,870	101	1,996	18,037	12,534	1,259	745	1,999	72	1,428	6,731	3,698	1,204	361	871	29	568
Construction trades	108	91	8	3	0	2	4	93	81	5	1	0	2	4	15	10	3	2	0	0	0
Education	105,233	90,004	7,540	4,155	1,637	932	965	26,271	22,353	1,952	995	476	226	269	78,962	67,651	5,588	3,160	1,161	706	696
Engineering	61,185	42,642	3,149	3,072	7,257	268	4,797	50,058	35,450	2,070	2,465	5,752	200	4,121	11,127	7,192	1,079	607	1,505	68	676
Engineering-related technologies	13,816	10,826	1,383	488	478	97	544	12,452	9,897	1,101	441	428	83	502	1,364	929	282	47	50	14	42
English language and literature/letters	49,345	40,962	3,438	2,197	1,926	303	519	16,531	14,038	885	746	585	114	163	32,814	26,924	2,553	1,451	1,341	189	356
Foreign languages and literatures	13,674	9,878	479	2,138	643	62	474	4,138	3,078	127	617	192	16	108	9,536	6,800	352	1,521	451	46	366
Health professions and related sciences	85,631	69,702	6,599	3,152	4,523	553	1,102	15,877	12,678	962	692	1,139	116	290	69,754	57,024	5,637	2,460	3,384	437	812
Home economics and vocational home economics	16,571	13,813	1,203	589	605	86	275	1,914	1,519	175	83	69	13	55	14,657	12,294	1,028	506	536	73	220
Law and legal studies	2,038	1,572	234	120	85	18	9	603	453	61	49	33	5	2	1,435	1,119	173	71	52	13	7
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	34,776	26,126	3,607	2,855	1,233	344	611	13,483	10,549	1,181	889	436	152	276	21,293	15,577	2,426	1,966	797	192	335
Library science	48	42	5	0	0	0	1	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	42	36	5	0	0	0	1
Mathematics	12,820	9,693	1,089	570	887	58	523	6,908	5,208	520	332	501	29	318	5,912	4,485	569	238	386	29	205
Mechanics and repairers	48	40	4	0	0	2	2	45	39	3	0	0	1	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	26,137	19,347	2,074	2,441	1,722	175	378	8,901	6,689	622	616	718	61	195	17,236	12,658	1,452	1,825	1,004	114	183
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	15,401	13,187	932	673	280	101	228	7,858	6,551	544	419	151	55	138	7,543	6,636	388	254	129	46	90
Philosophy and religion	7,685	6,425	331	323	439	37	130	4,882	4,132	192	202	255	21	80	2,803	2,293	139	121	184	16	50
Physical sciences and science technologies	19,531	15,368	1,140	566	1,685	103	669	12,228	10,003	479	345	913	59	429	7,303	5,365	661	221	772	44	240
Precision production trades	326	278	28	3	8	2	7	257	223	17	2	8	1	6	69	55	11	1	0	1	1
Protective services	25,165	18,334	3,873	2,053	553	225	127	15,150	11,711	1,715	1,171	366	104	83	10,015	6,623	2,158	882	187	121	44
Psychology	74,191	56,737	6,811	4,934	4,162	508	1,039	19,379	14,904	1,633	1,228	1,237	127	250	54,812	41,833	5,178	3,706	2,925	381	789
Public administration and services	20,649	14,623	3,640	1,425	566	226	169	4,177	2,813	786	319	174	45	40	16,472	11,810	2,854	1,106	392	181	129
R.O.T.C. and military sciences	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	4	3	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	124,891	93,662	11,298	7,836	7,379	877	3,839	64,115	49,868	4,564	3,665	3,519	400	2,099	60,776	43,794	6,734	4,171	3,860	477	1,740
Theological studies and religious vocations	5,591	4,895	227	135	144	23	167	4,119	3,656	149	92	98	21	103	1,472	1,239	78	43	46	2	64
Transportation and material moving workers	3,547	3,020	165	138	68	23	133	3,130	2,667	143	123	61	18	118	417	353	22	15	7	5	15
Visual and performing arts	50,083	39,711	2,243	2,316	2,745	275	2,793	20,729	16,383	1,028	1,071	1,051	137	1,059	29,354	23,328	1,215	1,245	1,694	138	1,734

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 2,614 men and 2,242 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.)