

**Table 276.—Doctor'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
<b>All fields, total<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>45,394</b>	<b>28,344</b>	<b>1,847</b>	<b>1,098</b>	<b>2,607</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>11,325</b>	<b>26,826</b>	<b>15,339</b>	<b>786</b>	<b>572</b>	<b>1,606</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>8,437</b>	<b>18,568</b>	<b>13,005</b>	<b>1,061</b>	<b>526</b>	<b>1,001</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>2,888</b>
Agriculture and natural resources	1,217	582	26	22	45	3	539	884	400	18	18	38	3	407	333	182	8	4	7	0	132
Architecture and related programs	135	72	7	3	7	0	46	93	47	4	1	3	0	38	42	25	3	2	4	0	8
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	182	125	23	5	5	6	18	95	65	7	2	3	4	14	87	60	16	3	2	2	4
Biological sciences/life sciences	4,812	2,825	101	115	433	5	1,333	2,738	1,598	45	57	223	1	814	2,074	1,227	56	58	210	4	519
Business	1,336	824	55	23	73	4	357	947	546	31	14	48	2	306	389	278	24	9	25	2	51
Communications	296	202	16	7	18	1	52	152	107	5	2	12	0	26	144	95	11	5	6	1	26
Communications technologies	4	3	0	0	0	0	1	3	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
Computer and information sciences	857	399	5	12	70	2	369	721	328	4	11	53	2	323	136	71	1	1	17	0	46
Education	6,751	5,137	654	217	146	52	545	2,512	1,879	208	83	53	19	270	4,239	3,258	446	134	93	33	275
Engineering	6,201	2,519	91	91	481	13	3,006	5,438	2,154	66	74	398	12	2,734	763	365	25	17	83	1	272
Engineering-related technologies	9	4	1	0	0	0	4	8	3	1	0	0	0	4	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
English language and literature/letters	1,575	1,271	43	37	41	4	179	670	533	11	17	18	3	88	905	738	32	20	23	1	91
Foreign languages and literatures	915	516	11	82	40	4	262	385	209	4	36	19	1	116	530	307	7	46	21	3	146
Health professions and related sciences	2,672	1,536	77	56	363	5	635	1,176	555	22	22	217	1	359	1,496	981	55	34	146	4	276
Home economics and vocational home economics	382	261	33	12	8	0	68	95	65	6	5	1	0	18	287	196	27	7	7	0	50
Law and legal studies	81	19	2	1	3	1	55	59	15	0	1	1	1	41	22	4	2	0	2	0	14
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	77	56	10	3	1	1	6	34	24	3	2	1	0	4	43	32	7	1	0	1	2
Library science	46	25	3	1	1	0	16	16	6	2	1	0	0	7	30	19	1	0	1	0	9
Mathematics	1,174	506	7	18	83	2	558	891	360	4	12	59	2	454	283	146	3	6	24	0	104
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	451	310	36	15	17	4	69	232	156	11	7	11	1	46	219	154	25	8	6	3	23
Parks, recreation, leisure and fitness studies	108	81	2	3	5	0	17	60	39	2	3	5	0	11	48	42	0	0	0	0	6
Philosophy and religion	593	437	29	11	23	2	91	418	301	20	10	18	2	67	175	136	9	1	5	0	24
Physical sciences and science technologies	4,474	2,460	58	65	309	11	1,571	3,444	1,892	42	53	212	10	1,235	1,030	568	16	12	97	1	336
Precision production trades	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective services	31	22	3	2	1	1	2	15	11	1	1	1	0	1	16	11	2	1	0	1	1
Psychology	4,053	3,405	170	156	138	30	154	1,350	1,139	44	50	35	12	70	2,703	2,266	126	106	103	18	84
Public administration and services	518	347	47	15	27	0	82	243	147	16	8	14	0	58	275	200	31	7	13	0	24
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	3,989	2,623	144	91	167	13	951	2,479	1,541	80	55	98	4	701	1,510	1,082	64	36	69	9	250
Theological studies and religious vocations	1,395	978	152	20	61	4	180	1,143	805	109	19	53	4	153	252	173	43	1	8	0	27
Transportation and material moving workers	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual and performing arts	1,060	799	41	15	41	5	159	525	412	20	8	12	2	71	535	387	21	7	29	3	88

<sup>1</sup> 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 320 men and 162 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.)