

Indicator 32. Degrees Conferred

Degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by level of degree and sex of student: 1949–50 to 1993–94

Year	Associate degrees		Bachelor's degrees		Master's degrees		First-professional degrees ¹		Doctor's degrees	
	Total	Percent to women	Total	Percent to women	Total	Percent to women	Total	Percent to women	Total	Percent to women
1949–50 ²	—	—	432,058	23.9	58,183	29.2	—	—	6,420	9.6
1959–60 ²	—	—	392,440	35.3	74,435	31.6	—	—	9,829	10.5
1969–70	206,023	43.0	792,317	43.1	208,291	39.7	34,578	5.2	29,912	13.4
1979–80	400,910	54.2	929,417	49.0	298,081	49.4	70,131	24.8	32,615	29.7
1980–81	416,377	54.7	935,140	49.8	295,739	50.3	71,956	26.6	32,958	31.1
1981–82	434,515	54.7	952,998	50.3	295,546	50.8	72,032	27.5	32,707	32.1
1982–83	456,441	54.6	969,510	50.6	289,921	50.1	73,136	29.8	32,775	33.2
1983–84	452,416	55.2	974,309	50.5	284,263	49.5	74,407	31.0	33,209	33.6
1984–85	454,712	55.4	979,477	50.7	286,251	49.9	75,063	32.8	32,943	34.1
1985–86	446,047	56.0	987,823	50.8	288,567	50.3	73,910	33.4	33,653	35.2
1986–87	437,137	56.2	991,339	51.5	289,557	51.2	72,750	34.8	34,120	35.2
1987–88	435,085	56.3	994,829	52.0	299,317	51.5	70,735	35.7	34,870	35.1
1988–89	436,764	57.3	1,018,755	52.6	310,621	51.9	70,856	36.4	35,720	36.6
1989–90	455,102	58.0	1,051,344	53.2	324,301	52.6	70,988	38.1	38,371	36.4
1990–91	481,720	58.8	1,094,538	53.9	337,168	53.6	71,948	39.1	39,294	37.0
1991–92	504,231	58.9	1,136,553	54.2	352,838	54.1	74,146	39.2	40,659	37.1
1992–93	514,756	58.8	1,165,178	54.3	369,585	54.2	75,387	40.1	42,132	38.1
1993–94	542,739	59.3	1,169,275	54.5	387,070	54.5	75,418	40.7	43,185	38.5

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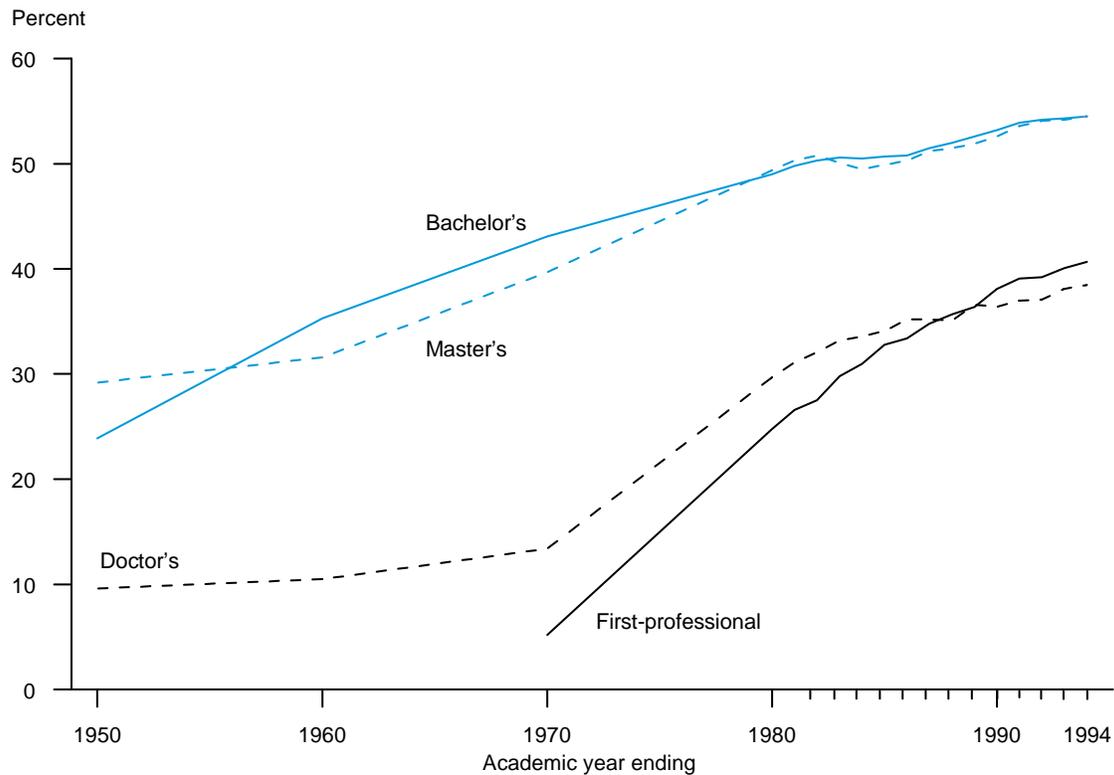
¹ Includes degrees in medicine, dentistry, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, chiropractic, law, and theological professions.

² Data for first-professional degrees are included with the bachelor's degrees.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, *Earned Degrees Conferred*; and Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS), "Completions" survey.

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Percent of bachelor's, master's, first-professional, and doctor's degrees awarded to women: 1949–50 to 1993–94



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In the 1960s, women's participation at all levels of higher education increased and has continued to rise. In 1959–60, women received 35 percent of all bachelor's degrees and 32 percent of all master's degrees. By 1992–93, about 54 percent of all bachelor's and master's degrees were awarded to women. Moreover, the percent of first-professional degrees awarded to women had climbed from 5 percent in 1969–70 to 40 percent.