

Table 255.—Degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by control of institution, level of degree, and discipline division: 1995–96

| Discipline division | Public institutions | | | | Private institutions | | | |
|--|---------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------|------------------|------------------|
| | Associate degrees | Bachelor's degrees | Master's degrees | Doctor's degrees | Associate degrees | Bachelor's degrees | Master's degrees | Doctor's degrees |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| Total | 454,291 | 774,070 | 227,179 | 29,516 | 100,925 | 390,722 | 179,122 | 15,136 |
| Agriculture and natural resources ¹ | 5,826 | 19,933 | 3,895 | 1,243 | 356 | 1,498 | 674 | 28 |
| Architecture and related programs | 248 | 6,191 | 2,776 | 96 | 8 | 2,161 | 1,217 | 45 |
| Area, ethnic, and cultural studies | 92 | 3,088 | 990 | 84 | 19 | 2,698 | 723 | 100 |
| Biological sciences/life sciences | 1,961 | 39,634 | 4,296 | 3,291 | 76 | 21,360 | 1,861 | 1,489 |
| Business ² | 73,694 | 135,342 | 37,156 | 917 | 33,474 | 91,760 | 56,826 | 451 |
| Communications | 1,357 | 33,139 | 2,666 | 276 | 830 | 14,181 | 2,414 | 62 |
| Communications technologies | 1,590 | 420 | 102 | 0 | 167 | 263 | 422 | 7 |
| Computer and information sciences | 6,811 | 14,627 | 5,705 | 546 | 2,847 | 9,471 | 4,446 | 321 |
| Construction trades | 1,562 | 24 | 0 | 0 | 579 | 56 | 0 | 0 |
| Education | 8,593 | 78,471 | 67,562 | 5,082 | 1,157 | 27,038 | 38,691 | 1,594 |
| Engineering | 1,756 | 47,068 | 18,610 | 4,531 | 441 | 15,046 | 8,831 | 1,838 |
| Engineering-related technologies | 20,926 | 10,906 | 919 | 11 | 12,076 | 4,283 | 206 | 0 |
| English language and literature/letters | 1,225 | 34,023 | 5,817 | 1,172 | 85 | 16,675 | 2,076 | 363 |
| Foreign languages and literatures | 380 | 9,070 | 2,356 | 524 | 227 | 4,882 | 768 | 352 |
| Health professions and related sciences | 84,257 | 54,666 | 19,091 | 1,568 | 17,615 | 29,370 | 14,307 | 551 |
| Home economics and vocational home economics | 7,862 | 13,568 | 1,544 | 274 | 330 | 2,235 | 1,373 | 140 |
| Law and legal studies | 5,807 | 1,205 | 588 | 9 | 3,299 | 847 | 2,163 | 82 |
| Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities | 164,685 | 20,904 | 1,118 | 32 | 10,285 | 13,093 | 1,660 | 43 |
| Library science | 92 | 46 | 4,208 | 50 | 2 | 12 | 891 | 3 |
| Mathematics | 725 | 8,694 | 3,056 | 845 | 33 | 4,449 | 975 | 364 |
| Mechanics and repairers | 10,164 | 43 | 0 | 0 | 2,360 | 11 | 0 | 0 |
| Multi/interdisciplinary studies | 8,517 | 20,500 | 1,590 | 193 | 94 | 6,015 | 757 | 248 |
| Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies | 808 | 10,788 | 1,433 | 101 | 128 | 3,195 | 318 | 3 |
| Philosophy and religion | 34 | 3,025 | 504 | 218 | 49 | 4,363 | 798 | 331 |
| Physical sciences and science technologies | 2,553 | 12,764 | 4,299 | 3,235 | 59 | 6,883 | 1,548 | 1,336 |
| Precision production trades | 6,466 | 379 | 0 | 0 | 3,751 | 22 | 8 | 0 |
| Protective services | 18,368 | 19,725 | 1,084 | 37 | 828 | 5,085 | 728 | 1 |
| Psychology | 1,441 | 48,612 | 5,941 | 1,881 | 142 | 24,679 | 7,851 | 1,830 |
| Public administration and services | 3,847 | 14,288 | 14,551 | 287 | 371 | 5,561 | 9,678 | 212 |
| R.O.T.C. and military technologies | 551 | 3 | 136 | 0 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 0 |
| Social sciences and history | 3,678 | 82,705 | 9,557 | 2,344 | 343 | 43,774 | 5,455 | 1,416 |
| Theological studies/religious vocations | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 608 | 5,358 | 5,107 | 1,521 |
| Transportation and material moving workers | 1,255 | 1,677 | 106 | 0 | 316 | 1,884 | 813 | 0 |
| Visual and performing arts | 6,726 | 28,542 | 5,523 | 669 | 6,808 | 20,754 | 4,757 | 398 |
| Not classified by field of study | 434 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1,157 | 1,756 | 780 | 7 |

¹Includes "Agricultural business and production," "Agricultural sciences," and "Conservation and renewable natural resources."

²Includes "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, "Completions" survey, 1995–96 and "Consolidated" survey 1996. (This table was prepared May 1998.)