

Table 257.—Doctor's degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by discipline division: 1970–71 to 1996–97

Discipline division	1970–71	1975–76	1980–81	1984–85	1985–86	1986–87	1987–88	1988–89	1989–90	1990–91	1991–92	1992–93	1993–94	1994–95	1995–96	1996–97
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
<b>Total</b> .....	<b>32,107</b>	<b>34,064</b>	<b>32,958</b>	<b>32,943</b>	<b>33,653</b>	<b>34,041</b>	<b>34,870</b>	<b>35,720</b>	<b>38,371</b>	<b>39,294</b>	<b>40,659</b>	<b>42,132</b>	<b>43,185</b>	<b>44,446</b>	<b>44,652</b>	<b>45,876</b>
Agriculture and natural resources .....	1,086	928	1,067	1,213	1,158	1,049	1,142	1,183	1,295	1,185	1,214	1,173	1,278	1,264	1,271	1,217
Architecture and related programs .....	36	82	93	89	73	92	98	86	103	135	132	148	161	141	141	135
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies .....	144	188	162	140	159	134	142	114	131	167	155	178	155	186	184	182
Biological sciences/life sciences .....	3,645	3,392	3,718	3,432	3,358	3,419	3,629	3,520	3,844	4,093	4,243	4,435	4,534	4,645	4,780	4,812
Business .....	757	900	795	831	934	1,062	1,063	1,100	1,093	1,185	1,242	1,346	1,364	1,394	1,368	1,336
Communications .....	145	196	171	228	212	273	230	247	267	259	252	293	337	320	338	296
Communications technologies .....	0	8	11	6	11	2	4	6	6	15	3	8	8	1	7	4
Computer and information sciences .....	128	244	252	248	344	374	428	551	627	676	772	805	810	884	867	857
Education .....	6,041	7,202	7,279	6,612	6,605	6,407	6,060	6,337	6,502	6,187	6,864	7,030	6,908	6,905	6,676	6,751
Engineering .....	3,637	2,819	2,551	3,221	3,398	3,801	4,174	4,506	4,967	5,258	5,488	5,823	5,963	6,110	6,369	6,201
Engineering-related technologies .....	1	2	10	9	12	17	17	17	14	14	11	20	16	18	11	9
English language and literature/letters .....	1,650	1,672	1,164	1,041	991	961	981	1,022	1,078	1,184	1,273	1,341	1,344	1,561	1,535	1,575
Foreign languages and literatures .....	988	1,076	804	635	672	661	602	632	724	758	850	830	886	905	876	915
Health professions and related sciences .....	466	577	842	1,199	1,241	1,213	1,261	1,437	1,536	1,613	1,661	1,767	1,902	2,069	2,119	2,672
Home economics and vocational home economics .....	123	178	247	273	311	296	307	264	301	253	293	345	365	388	414	382
Law and legal studies .....	20	76	60	105	54	120	89	76	111	90	68	86	79	88	91	81
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities .....	32	162	121	112	90	56	66	72	63	70	67	81	80	90	75	77
Library science .....	39	71	71	87	62	57	46	61	42	56	50	77	45	55	53	46
Mathematics .....	1,249	909	775	734	777	759	796	915	966	1,036	1,082	1,189	1,157	1,226	1,209	1,174
Multi/interdisciplinary studies .....	59	111	158	219	263	247	224	212	272	220	231	196	227	238	441	451
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies .....	2	15	42	36	39	32	29	35	35	28	61	108	116	149	104	108
Philosophy and religion .....	554	554	410	468	477	421	405	465	439	456	475	448	528	507	549	593
Physical sciences and science technologies .....	4,390	3,431	3,141	3,403	3,551	3,673	3,809	3,858	4,164	4,290	4,391	4,393	4,650	4,483	4,571	4,474
Precision production trades .....	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Protective services .....	1	9	21	33	21	18	32	26	38	28	24	32	25	26	38	31
Psychology .....	2,144	3,157	3,576	3,447	3,593	3,560	3,480	3,685	3,811	3,932	3,373	3,651	3,563	3,822	3,711	4,053
Public administration and services .....	174	292	362	431	382	398	470	428	508	430	432	459	519	556	499	518
R.O.T.C. and military technologies .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history .....	3,660	4,157	3,122	2,851	2,955	2,916	2,781	2,885	3,010	3,012	3,218	3,460	3,627	3,725	3,760	3,989
Theological studies/religious vocations .....	312	1,033	1,276	1,144	1,185	1,230	1,199	1,166	1,317	1,079	1,259	1,417	1,448	1,591	1,521	1,395
Transportation and material moving workers .....	3	3	3	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Visual and performing arts .....	621	620	654	696	722	793	727	753	849	838	906	882	1,054	1,080	1,067	1,060
Not classified by field of study .....	0	0	0	0	0	0	579	61	258	747	569	111	36	19	7	482

—Data not available or not applicable.

NOTE.—The new Classification of Instructional Programs was initiated in 1991–92. The figures for earlier years have been reclassified when necessary to make them conform to the new taxonomy. 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; "Business" includes Business management and administrative services, Marketing operations/

marketing and distribution, and Consumer and personal services; and "Engineering-related technologies" includes Engineering-related technologies, Mechanics and repairers, and Construction trades.

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 June 1999.)