

-Associate degrees conferred by institutions of higher education, by racial/ethnic group and sex of student: 1976-77 to 1996-97

| Year | Number of degrees conferred | | | | | | | Percentage distribution of degrees conferred to U.S. citizens | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|---|---------------------|---------------------|----------|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| | 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 |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| | Total | | | | | | | Total | | | | | |
| 1976-77 ¹ | 404,956 | 342,290 | 33,159 | 16,636 | 7,044 | 2,498 | 3,329 | 100.0 | 85.2 | 8.3 | 4.1 | 1.8 | 0.6 |
| 1978-79 ² | 396,745 | 331,092 | 34,979 | 16,269 | 7,518 | 2,336 | 4,551 | 100.0 | 84.4 | 8.9 | 4.1 | 1.9 | 0.6 |
| 1980-81 ³ | 410,174 | 339,167 | 35,330 | 17,800 | 8,650 | 2,584 | 6,643 | 100.0 | 84.0 | 8.8 | 4.4 | 2.1 | 0.6 |
| 1984-85 ⁴ | 429,815 | 355,343 | 35,791 | 19,407 | 9,914 | 2,953 | 6,407 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 8.5 | 4.6 | 2.3 | 0.7 |
| 1986-87 | 436,304 | 361,861 | 35,447 | 19,334 | 11,779 | 3,195 | 4,888 | 100.0 | 83.8 | 8.2 | 4.5 | 2.7 | 0.7 |
| 1988-89 ^{5,6} | 432,144 | 354,865 | 34,664 | 20,384 | 12,519 | 3,331 | 6,381 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 8.1 | 4.8 | 2.9 | 0.8 |
| 1989-90 ^{5,7} | 450,263 | 369,580 | 35,327 | 22,195 | 13,482 | 3,530 | 6,149 | 100.0 | 83.2 | 8.0 | 5.0 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| 1990-91 ^{5,8} | 462,030 | 376,081 | 37,657 | 24,251 | 13,725 | 3,672 | 6,644 | 100.0 | 82.6 | 8.3 | 5.3 | 3.0 | 0.8 |
| 1991-92 ^{5,9} | 494,387 | 400,530 | 39,411 | 26,905 | 15,596 | 4,008 | 7,937 | 100.0 | 82.3 | 8.1 | 5.5 | 3.2 | 0.8 |
| 1992-93 ^{5,10} | 508,154 | 405,883 | 42,340 | 29,991 | 16,632 | 4,379 | 8,929 | 100.0 | 81.3 | 8.5 | 6.0 | 3.3 | 0.9 |
| 1993-94 ^{5,11} | 529,106 | 418,301 | 45,461 | 32,074 | 18,433 | 4,871 | 9,966 | 100.0 | 80.6 | 8.8 | 6.2 | 3.6 | 0.9 |
| 1994-95 ^{5,12} | 538,545 | 419,323 | 47,142 | 36,013 | 20,717 | 5,492 | 9,858 | 100.0 | 79.3 | 8.9 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 1.0 |
| 1995-96 ^{5,13} | 553,625 | 425,028 | 51,672 | 38,163 | 23,091 | 5,556 | 10,115 | 100.0 | 78.2 | 9.5 | 7.0 | 4.2 | 1.0 |
| 1996-97 ^{5,14} | 563,620 | 424,364 | 55,260 | 42,645 | 24,829 | 5,927 | 10,595 | 100.0 | 76.7 | 10.0 | 7.7 | 4.5 | 1.1 |
| | Men | | | | | | | Men | | | | | |
| 1976-77 ¹ | 209,672 | 178,236 | 15,330 | 9,105 | 3,630 | 1,216 | 2,155 | 100.0 | 85.9 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| 1978-79 ² | 187,284 | 156,671 | 14,425 | 8,135 | 4,058 | 1,069 | 2,926 | 100.0 | 85.0 | 7.8 | 4.4 | 2.2 | 0.6 |
| 1980-81 ³ | 183,819 | 151,242 | 14,290 | 8,327 | 4,557 | 1,108 | 4,295 | 100.0 | 84.2 | 8.0 | 4.6 | 2.5 | 0.6 |
| 1984-85 ⁴ | 190,409 | 157,278 | 14,184 | 8,561 | 5,492 | 1,198 | 3,696 | 100.0 | 84.2 | 7.6 | 4.6 | 2.9 | 0.6 |
| 1986-87 | 190,839 | 158,132 | 13,959 | 8,760 | 6,169 | 1,263 | 2,556 | 100.0 | 84.0 | 7.4 | 4.7 | 3.3 | 0.7 |
| 1988-89 ^{5,6} | 183,963 | 150,978 | 12,884 | 9,217 | 6,366 | 1,323 | 3,195 | 100.0 | 83.5 | 7.1 | 5.1 | 3.5 | 0.7 |
| 1989-90 ^{5,7} | 190,409 | 154,748 | 13,147 | 9,859 | 6,477 | 1,433 | 2,967 | 100.0 | 83.3 | 7.1 | 5.3 | 3.5 | 0.8 |
| 1990-91 ^{5,8} | 190,221 | 155,330 | 13,718 | 10,210 | 6,440 | 1,373 | 3,150 | 100.0 | 83.0 | 7.3 | 5.5 | 3.4 | 0.7 |
| 1991-92 ^{5,9} | 202,808 | 164,799 | 14,294 | 11,536 | 7,254 | 1,531 | 3,394 | 100.0 | 82.6 | 7.2 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 0.8 |
| 1992-93 ^{5,10} | 209,051 | 167,312 | 15,497 | 12,924 | 7,877 | 1,663 | 3,778 | 100.0 | 81.5 | 7.5 | 6.3 | 3.8 | 0.8 |
| 1993-94 ^{5,11} | 214,462 | 170,137 | 16,917 | 13,204 | 8,288 | 1,836 | 4,080 | 100.0 | 80.9 | 8.0 | 6.3 | 3.9 | 0.9 |
| 1994-95 ^{5,12} | 217,730 | 169,475 | 16,786 | 15,717 | 9,283 | 2,106 | 4,363 | 100.0 | 79.4 | 7.9 | 7.4 | 4.4 | 1.0 |
| 1995-96 ^{5,13} | 218,977 | 168,858 | 17,854 | 15,700 | 10,204 | 1,989 | 4,372 | 100.0 | 78.7 | 8.3 | 7.3 | 4.8 | 0.9 |
| 1996-97 ^{5,14} | 220,722 | 166,732 | 18,994 | 17,583 | 10,770 | 2,047 | 4,596 | 100.0 | 77.1 | 8.8 | 8.1 | 5.0 | 0.9 |
| | Women | | | | | | | Women | | | | | |
| 1976-77 ¹ | 195,284 | 164,054 | 17,829 | 7,531 | 3,414 | 1,282 | 1,174 | 100.0 | 84.5 | 9.2 | 3.9 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| 1978-79 ² | 209,461 | 174,421 | 20,554 | 8,134 | 3,460 | 1,267 | 1,625 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 9.9 | 3.9 | 1.7 | 0.6 |
| 1980-81 ³ | 226,355 | 187,925 | 21,040 | 9,473 | 4,093 | 1,476 | 2,348 | 100.0 | 83.9 | 9.4 | 4.2 | 1.8 | 0.7 |
| 1984-85 ⁴ | 239,406 | 198,065 | 21,607 | 10,846 | 4,422 | 1,755 | 2,711 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 9.1 | 4.6 | 1.9 | 0.7 |
| 1986-87 | 245,465 | 203,729 | 21,488 | 10,574 | 5,610 | 1,932 | 2,132 | 100.0 | 83.7 | 8.8 | 4.3 | 2.3 | 0.8 |
| 1988-89 ^{5,6} | 248,181 | 203,887 | 21,780 | 11,167 | 6,153 | 2,008 | 3,186 | 100.0 | 83.2 | 8.9 | 4.6 | 2.5 | 0.8 |
| 1989-90 ^{5,7} | 261,632 | 214,832 | 22,180 | 12,336 | 7,005 | 2,097 | 3,182 | 100.0 | 83.1 | 8.6 | 4.8 | 2.7 | 0.8 |
| 1990-91 ^{5,8} | 271,809 | 220,751 | 23,939 | 14,041 | 7,285 | 2,299 | 3,494 | 100.0 | 82.3 | 8.9 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 0.9 |
| 1991-92 ^{5,9} | 291,579 | 235,731 | 25,117 | 15,369 | 8,342 | 2,477 | 4,543 | 100.0 | 82.1 | 8.8 | 5.4 | 2.9 | 0.9 |
| 1992-93 ^{5,10} | 299,103 | 238,571 | 26,843 | 17,067 | 8,755 | 2,716 | 5,151 | 100.0 | 81.2 | 9.1 | 5.8 | 3.0 | 0.9 |
| 1993-94 ^{5,11} | 314,644 | 248,164 | 28,544 | 18,870 | 10,145 | 3,035 | 5,886 | 100.0 | 80.4 | 9.2 | 6.1 | 3.3 | 1.0 |
| 1994-95 ^{5,12} | 320,815 | 249,848 | 30,356 | 20,296 | 11,434 | 3,386 | 5,495 | 100.0 | 79.2 | 9.6 | 6.4 | 3.6 | 1.1 |
| 1995-96 ^{5,13} | 334,648 | 256,170 | 33,818 | 22,463 | 12,887 | 3,567 | 5,743 | 100.0 | 77.9 | 10.3 | 6.8 | 3.9 | 1.1 |
| 1996-97 ^{5,14} | 342,898 | 257,632 | 36,266 | 25,062 | 14,059 | 3,880 | 5,999 | 100.0 | 76.5 | 10.8 | 7.4 | 4.2 | 1.2 |

¹ Excludes 1,170 men and 251 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
² Excludes 4,807 men and 1,150 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
³ Excludes 4,819 men and 1,384 women whose racial/ethnic group was not available.
⁴ Racial/ethnic data were imputed for approximately 45,400 men and 55,400 women.
This tabulation excludes 11,490 men and 10,862 women whose racial/ethnic group could not be imputed. In addition, data for 1,033 men and 1,512 women were not available by field of study and were not imputed by race.
⁵ 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.
⁶ Excludes 2,353 men and 2,267 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁷ Excludes 2,564 men and 2,275 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁸ Excludes 8,413 men and 11,277 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
⁹ Excludes 4,673 men and 5,171 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹⁰ Excludes 2,913 men and 3,689 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

¹¹ Excludes 799 men and 727 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹² Excludes 622 men and 524 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹³ Excludes 537 men and 1,054 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.
¹⁴ Excludes 3,228 men and 4,380 women whose racial/ethnic group and field of study were not available.

NOTE.—For years 1984-85 to 1996-97, 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. Because of rounding, percents may not add to 100.0.

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 August 1999.)