

Earned associate's degrees, by field and sex: Selected years, 1985–2000

Field and sex	1985	1987	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	2000
Both sexes													
All fields	459,087	440,816	440,375	459,048	486,297	508,704	519,098	546,574	544,094	540,644	546,031	549,191	543,876
S&E.....	26,486	23,130	19,733	19,810	19,352	22,722	23,420	25,581	24,228	24,600	25,771	28,646	33,651
Natural sciences	2,298	2,125	2,056	2,300	2,388	2,607	2,891	3,546	3,546	3,823	3,912	3,874	2,913
Physical	1,002	1,090	1,029	1,212	1,218	1,086	1,224	1,413	1,459	1,560	1,540	1,518	1,271
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.....	63	40	28	33	28	143	168	226	186	189	191	180	174
Biological sciences.....	1,233	995	999	1,055	1,142	1,378	1,499	1,907	1,901	2,074	2,181	2,176	1,468
Mathematics/computer sciences.....	13,680	9,953	8,846	8,600	8,640	10,376	10,275	10,634	10,410	10,160	11,425	13,742	19,598
Mathematics.....	790	667	654	760	670	744	743	766	783	759	793	843	670
Computer science.....	12,890	9,286	8,192	7,840	7,970	9,632	9,532	9,868	9,627	9,401	10,632	12,899	18,928
Agricultural sciences.....	2,023	1,569	1,656	1,696	1,724	1,978	1,896	1,938	1,910	1,895	1,865	2,007	1,943
Social/behavioral sciences.....	4,562	4,894	4,440	4,809	4,087	5,046	5,832	6,619	6,077	6,674	6,681	6,916	7,467
Psychology.....	983	1,016	1,113	1,116	997	1,209	1,235	1,756	1,600	1,584	1,606	1,760	1,445
Social sciences.....	3,579	3,878	3,327	3,693	3,090	3,837	4,597	4,863	4,477	5,090	5,075	5,156	6,022
Engineering.....	3,923	4,589	2,735	2,405	2,513	2,715	2,526	2,844	2,285	2,048	1,888	2,107	1,730
Non-S&E.....	432,601	417,686	420,642	439,238	466,945	485,982	495,678	520,993	519,866	516,044	520,260	520,545	510,225
Engineering technologies ^a	53,667	49,815	48,342	46,938	45,106	40,592	40,946	42,414	39,190	35,982	35,221	35,163	35,544
Male													
All fields.....	204,325	192,227	187,125	192,433	200,043	208,856	213,263	222,247	219,704	213,090	212,698	215,888	216,156
S&E.....	14,695	13,152	10,607	10,568	10,360	12,063	12,103	13,023	12,461	12,207	12,636	14,605	17,186
Natural sciences.....	1,259	1,111	1,000	1,162	1,159	1,280	1,406	1,715	1,678	1,791	1,648	1,628	1,210
Physical.....	658	663	557	706	679	591	663	783	773	830	733	707	600
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.....	47	26	20	12	23	116	130	162	148	131	126	128	116
Biological sciences.....	554	422	423	444	457	573	613	770	757	830	789	793	494
Mathematics/computer sciences.....	7,128	5,297	4,563	4,431	4,438	5,187	5,123	5,384	5,434	5,326	6,164	7,627	11,134
Mathematics.....	489	419	415	489	406	464	428	437	438	464	444	490	407
Computer science.....	6,639	4,878	4,148	3,942	4,032	4,723	4,695	4,947	4,996	4,862	5,720	7,137	10,727
Agricultural sciences.....	1,201	1,002	965	1,033	1,119	1,325	1,280	1,233	1,300	1,250	1,196	1,267	1,159
Social/behavioral sciences.....	1,606	1,650	1,671	1,825	1,411	1,911	2,098	2,217	2,071	2,061	2,011	2,299	2,191
Psychology.....	312	294	283	286	257	338	282	433	446	405	376	603	326
Social sciences.....	1,294	1,356	1,388	1,539	1,154	1,573	1,816	1,784	1,625	1,656	1,635	1,696	1,865
Engineering.....	3,501	4,092	2,408	2,117	2,233	2,360	2,196	2,474	1,978	1,779	1,617	1,784	1,492
Non-S&E.....	189,630	179,075	176,518	181,865	189,683	196,793	201,160	209,224	207,243	200,883	200,062	201,283	198,970
Engineering technologies ^a	47,946	44,158	42,766	41,435	39,777	35,666	36,129	36,899	34,196	30,947	29,990	29,949	30,079

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All fields.....	254,762	248,589	253,250	266,615	286,254	299,848	305,835	324,327	324,390	327,554	333,333	333,303	327,720
S&E.....	11,791	9,978	9,126	9,242	8,992	10,659	11,317	12,558	11,767	12,393	13,135	14,041	16,465
Natural sciences.....	1,039	1,014	1,056	1,138	1,229	1,327	1,485	1,831	1,868	2,032	2,264	2,246	1,703
Physical.....	344	427	472	506	539	495	561	630	686	730	807	811	671
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.....	16	14	8	21	5	27	38	64	38	58	65	52	58
Biological sciences.....	679	573	576	611	685	805	886	1,137	1,144	1,244	1,392	1,383	974
Mathematics/computer sciences.....	6,552	4,656	4,283	4,169	4,202	5,189	5,152	5,250	4,976	4,834	5,261	6,115	8,464
Mathematics.....	301	248	239	271	264	280	315	329	345	295	349	353	263
Computer science.....	6,251	4,408	4,044	3,898	3,938	4,909	4,837	4,921	4,631	4,539	4,912	5,762	8,201
Agricultural sciences.....	822	567	691	663	605	653	616	705	610	645	669	740	784
Social/behavioral sciences.....	2,956	3,244	2,769	2,984	2,676	3,135	3,734	4,402	4,006	4,613	4,670	4,617	5,276
Psychology.....	671	722	830	830	740	871	953	1,323	1,154	1,179	1,230	1,157	1,119
Social sciences.....	2,285	2,522	1,939	2,154	1,936	2,264	2,781	3,079	2,852	3,434	3,440	3,460	4,157
Engineering.....	422	497	327	288	280	355	330	370	307	269	271	323	238
Non-S&E.....	242,971	238,611	244,124	257,373	277,262	289,189	294,518	311,769	312,623	315,161	320,198	319,262	311,255
Engineering technologies ^a	5,721	5,657	5,576	5,503	5,329	4,926	4,817	5,515	4,994	5,035	5,231	5,214	5,465

^aEngineering technologies are more focused on applied skills than on fundamental science and mathematics.

NOTES: Degree data by sex do not precisely match degree data by race/ethnicity in any field. Degree data by sex were collected by U.S. Department of Education (ED), National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS). Data by race/ethnicity were collected biennially by NCES for ED, Office for Civil Rights, from 1977 to 1989 and annually thereafter (except for 1999). For full available data series, see National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), WebCASPAR database system.

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