

Table 259.—Degrees conferred by degree-granting institutions, by control of institution, level of degree, and discipline division: 1997–98

Discipline division	Public institutions				Private institutions			
	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees ¹	Associate degrees	Bachelor's degrees	Master's degrees	Doctor's degrees ¹
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Total	455,084	784,296	235,922	29,715	103,471	400,110	194,242	16,295
Agriculture and natural resources ²	6,309	21,337	3,857	1,275	364	1,947	618	27
Architecture and related programs	170	5,727	2,989	90	95	1,925	1,358	41
Area, ethnic, and cultural studies	86	3,438	878	98	18	2,715	739	83
Biological sciences/life sciences	2,033	43,130	4,438	3,412	80	22,738	1,823	1,549
Business ³	71,884	136,394	39,880	843	32,775	96,725	62,291	447
Communications	1,499	34,276	2,858	291	869	15,109	2,753	63
Communications technologies	1,299	439	102	0	303	290	462	5
Computer and information sciences	8,233	16,408	6,412	521	5,637	10,444	4,834	337
Construction trades	1,801	67	4	0	371	115	12	0
Education	8,002	78,448	70,570	5,065	1,276	27,520	44,121	1,664
Engineering	1,692	45,140	17,442	4,230	457	14,770	8,494	1,750
Engineering-related technologies	18,576	10,090	916	11	14,172	3,637	220	3
English language and literature/letters	1,527	33,688	5,816	1,166	82	16,020	1,979	473
Foreign languages and literatures	495	9,368	2,230	563	48	5,083	697	396
Health professions and related sciences	76,803	55,064	21,811	1,550	15,228	29,315	17,449	934
Home economics and vocational home economics	7,884	14,852	1,613	265	408	2,444	1,301	159
Law and legal studies	4,989	1,144	635	9	2,808	873	2,593	57
Liberal arts and sciences, general studies, and humanities	176,627	21,706	1,107	44	9,621	11,496	1,694	43
Library science	91	70	3,909	47	5	3	962	1
Mathematics	817	8,045	2,766	896	27	4,283	877	363
Mechanics and repairers	8,114	16	0	0	2,502	75	0	0
Multi/interdisciplinary studies	9,284	20,081	1,678	232	117	6,082	999	276
Parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies	757	12,778	1,688	122	138	4,003	336	7
Philosophy and religion	47	3,351	452	228	47	4,856	855	357
Physical sciences and science technologies	2,195	12,658	3,942	3,217	91	6,758	1,419	1,354
Precision production trades	6,928	340	5	0	4,157	67	10	0
Protective services	17,963	19,513	1,192	39	1,039	5,563	808	0
Psychology	1,609	49,330	5,764	1,957	156	24,642	7,983	2,116
Public administration and services	3,806	14,427	15,629	290	350	5,981	9,515	209
R.O.T.C. and military technologies	22	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Social sciences and history	3,859	81,894	9,415	2,505	337	43,146	5,523	1,622
Theological studies/religious vocations	1	0	0	0	569	5,903	4,692	1,460
Transportation and material moving workers	659	1,478	97	0	350	1,728	639	0
Visual and performing arts	6,772	29,596	5,827	749	8,208	22,481	5,318	414
Not classified by field of study	2,251	0	0	0	766	1,373	868	85

¹ Includes Ph.D., Ed.D., and comparable degrees at the doctoral level. Excludes first-professional degrees, such as M.D., D.D.S., and law degrees.

² Includes "Agricultural business and production," "Agricultural sciences," and "Conservation and renewable natural resources."

³ Includes "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, 1997–98 and "Consolidated" survey 1998. (This table was prepared June 2000.)