

TABLE 6-1

Master's degrees awarded, by field: 2006–16

(Number)

Field	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
All fields	599,365	610,469	631,711	665,473	698,528	736,455	759,538	756,975	759,796	763,980	791,237
S&E	120,999	120,278	126,404	134,517	139,926	150,653	161,372	166,397	171,228	180,955	198,292
Science	88,736	89,342	93,227	98,007	102,312	109,371	118,197	123,009	125,866	131,748	143,126
Agricultural sciences	4,100	4,126	4,120	4,349	4,684	5,148	5,843	5,757	5,916	5,792	6,043
Biological sciences	8,718	8,794	9,565	9,921	10,668	11,214	12,313	13,048	13,731	14,370	15,370
Computer sciences	17,138	16,314	17,151	17,988	18,021	19,519	21,015	22,833	24,635	31,552	40,211
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	1,684	1,632	1,552	1,579	1,677	1,789	2,049	2,080	2,197	2,212	2,133
Atmospheric sciences	206	193	199	225	227	221	240	233	263	253	220
Earth sciences	1,350	1,312	1,222	1,224	1,301	1,429	1,656	1,705	1,782	1,812	1,760
Ocean sciences	128	127	131	130	149	139	153	142	152	147	153
Mathematics and statistics	4,890	5,035	5,152	5,459	5,958	6,203	6,684	7,346	7,784	8,269	9,390
Physical sciences	4,278	4,243	4,374	4,101	4,323	4,473	4,709	4,809	4,645	4,744	4,736
Astronomy	146	152	166	139	149	185	127	170	160	156	140
Chemistry	2,097	2,144	2,236	2,131	2,175	2,324	2,493	2,478	2,431	2,491	2,513
Physics	1,853	1,792	1,799	1,657	1,810	1,771	1,879	1,984	1,876	1,934	1,959
Other	182	155	173	174	189	193	210	177	178	163	124
Psychology	17,302	18,594	18,836	20,744	21,032	22,363	24,121	25,140	25,332	24,029	25,041
Social sciences	30,626	30,604	32,477	33,866	35,949	38,662	41,463	41,996	41,626	40,780	40,202
Anthropology	1,156	1,214	1,145	1,248	1,233	1,243	1,279	1,195	1,316	1,258	1,204
Area and ethnic studies	2,017	1,641	1,722	1,672	1,700	1,880	1,857	1,874	1,791	1,858	1,840
Economics	3,330	3,351	3,576	3,651	3,732	4,173	4,331	4,287	4,541	4,432	4,378
History of science	41	28	47	33	25	44	37	33	28	26	35
Linguistics	621	583	610	720	679	711	789	782	728	779	778
Political science and public administration	18,073	18,525	19,933	20,575	22,083	24,128	26,091	26,762	26,321	25,786	25,501
Sociology	1,577	1,575	1,571	1,601	1,453	1,640	1,810	1,652	1,661	1,481	1,419
Other	3,811	3,687	3,873	4,366	5,044	4,843	5,269	5,411	5,240	5,160	5,047
Engineering	32,263	30,936	33,177	36,510	37,614	41,282	43,175	43,388	45,362	49,207	55,166
Aerospace engineering	936	912	1,036	1,075	1,098	1,306	1,408	1,266	1,311	1,318	1,438
Chemical engineering	1,432	1,230	1,230	1,285	1,430	1,741	1,911	1,932	2,092	2,278	2,306
Civil engineering	4,493	4,184	4,327	4,570	4,962	5,915	6,405	6,486	6,691	6,573	6,921
Electrical engineering	10,456	10,093	11,232	12,698	12,105	12,545	12,642	12,473	13,112	15,763	18,733
Industrial engineering	3,558	3,505	3,659	4,313	4,866	5,083	5,346	5,327	5,605	5,631	6,630
Materials engineering	765	787	768	836	815	894	990	1,099	1,170	1,164	1,308
Mechanical engineering	4,542	4,365	4,556	4,689	4,890	5,938	5,977	5,991	6,285	6,954	7,665
Other	6,081	5,860	6,369	7,044	7,448	7,860	8,496	8,814	9,096	9,526	10,165
Non-S&E	478,366	490,191	505,307	530,956	558,602	585,802	598,166	590,578	588,568	583,025	592,945

S&E = science and engineering.

Note(s)

Data are based on degree-granting institutions eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs and do not match previously published data that were based on accredited higher education institutions.

Source(s)

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