





**TABLE 5-3**  
**College graduates, by broad field of highest degree, father's education, mother's education, level of highest degree, and median amount borrowed to finance undergraduate degree: 2023**

(Number)

Field of highest degree, father's education, and mother's education	Bachelor's						Master's						Doctorate						Professional					
	Total	\$0	\$1-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$20,000	\$20,001-\$30,000	\$30,001 and over	Total	\$0	\$1-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$20,000	\$20,001-\$30,000	\$30,001 and over	Total	\$0	\$1-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$20,000	\$20,001-\$30,000	\$30,001 and over	Total	\$0	\$1-\$10,000	\$10,001-\$20,000	\$20,001-\$30,000	\$30,001 and over
Some college, vocational, or trade school (including 2-year degrees)	5,269,000	1,833,000	659,000	673,000	570,000	1,533,000	2,610,000	886,000	366,000	249,000	202,000	505,000	191,000	68,000	30,000	14,000	25,000	24,000	433,000	198,000	52,000	48,000	35,000	62,000
Bachelor's degree (e.g., BS, BA, AB)	5,047,000	2,153,000	481,000	619,000	404,000	1,390,000	2,502,000	976,000	230,000	216,000	201,000	470,000	154,000	57,000	22,000	S	4,000	32,000	522,000	204,000	43,000	62,000	32,000	95,000
Master's degree (e.g., MS, MA, MBA)	2,197,000	858,000	203,000	241,000	324,000	571,000	1,697,000	653,000	130,000	151,000	151,000	340,000	155,000	71,000	12,000	14,000	5,000	39,000	306,000	164,000	37,000	23,000	10,000	54,000
Professional degree (e.g., JD, LLB, MD, DDS)	232,000	144,000	S	30,000	7,000	45,000	146,000	71,000	18,000	16,000	S	13,000	22,000	14,000	D	D	D	D	62,000	27,000	D	8,000	S	6,000
Doctorate (e.g., PhD, DSc, EdD)	193,000	73,000	5,000	S	34,000	57,000	153,000	57,000	9,000	19,000	S	30,000	22,000	12,000	D	D	D	D	44,000	25,000	D	D	D	S
Not applicable	516,000	203,000	81,000	70,000	32,000	130,000	144,000	51,000	4,000	10,000		3,000	20,000	7,000	D	D	D	D	16,000	12,000	D	D	D	D

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

**Note(s):**  
 Numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Totals for master's, doctorate, and professional highest degree earners include individuals who did not earn an undergraduate degree. These are primarily individuals who earned a first degree at an international institution for which the award is not counted as an undergraduate award by U.S. standards.

**Source(s):**  
 National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2023.