

TABLE A-10. Comparison of graduate enrollment data as originally published and as modified through the fall 2003 graduate student survey cycle: 1975–2003

Year	All institutions			Doctorate-granting institutions			Master's-granting institutions		
	Original total	Revised total	% change	Original total	Revised total	% change	Original total	Revised total	% change
All graduate enrollment in surveyed fields									
1975 <sup>a</sup>	336,843	328,510	-2.5	290,662	299,755	3.1	46,181	28,755	-37.7
1976	345,979	333,716	-3.5	297,280	304,017	2.3	48,699	29,699	-39.0
1977	362,978	345,374	-4.8	306,710	312,584	1.9	56,268	32,790	-41.7
1978 <sup>b</sup>	NA	339,912	NA	311,982	306,074	-1.9	NA	33,838	NA
1979	375,267	357,578	-4.7	321,770	322,318	0.2	53,497	35,260	-34.1
1980	383,210	367,078	-4.2	333,658	331,803	-0.6	49,552	35,275	-28.8
1981	392,034	375,130	-4.3	340,203	338,163	-0.6	51,831	36,967	-28.7
1982	399,682	382,291	-4.4	347,414	344,734	-0.8	52,268	37,557	-28.1
1983	413,564	390,432	-5.6	358,276	351,581	-1.9	55,288	38,851	-29.7
1984	415,064	394,670	-4.9	363,470	352,559	-3.0	51,594	42,111	-18.4
1985	434,836	404,021	-7.1	371,052	361,623	-2.5	63,784	42,398	-33.5
1986	446,102	415,520	-6.9	384,203	372,359	-3.1	61,899	43,161	-30.3
1987	449,585	421,497	-6.2	388,681	378,061	-2.7	60,904	43,436	-28.7
1988	445,595	424,523	-4.7	391,683	385,283	-1.6	53,912	39,240	-27.2
1989	440,983	434,478	-1.5	385,025	393,152	2.1	55,958	41,326	-26.1
1990	458,943	452,113	-1.5	398,405	407,615	2.3	60,538	44,498	-26.5
1991	475,691	471,212	-0.9	411,296	423,614	3.0	64,395	47,598	-26.1
1992	495,397	493,522	-0.4	427,792	443,346	3.6	67,605	50,176	-25.8
1993	506,678	504,304	-0.5	440,875	452,548	2.6	65,803	51,756	-21.3
1994	506,626	504,399	-0.4	441,480	453,113	2.6	65,146	51,286	-21.3
1995	501,510	499,640	-0.4	436,328	447,464	2.6	65,182	52,176	-20.0
1996	494,526	494,079	-0.1	430,631	442,137	2.7	63,895	51,942	-18.7
1997	487,104	487,208	0.1	424,650	435,786	2.6	62,454	51,422	-17.7
1998	485,754	485,627	-0.1	422,834	433,427	2.5	62,920	52,200	-17.0
1999	493,425	493,256	-0.1	432,657	440,698	1.9	60,768	52,558	-13.5
2000	494,594	493,311	-0.3	435,612	440,959	1.2	58,982	52,352	-11.2
2001	510,156	509,620	-0.1	452,411	456,129	0.8	57,745	53,491	-7.4
2002	540,720	540,513	-0.1	482,211	484,368	0.4	58,509	56,145	-4.0
2003	566,835	NA	NA	507,247	NA	NA	59,588	NA	NA
Full-time enrollment									
1975 <sup>a</sup>	228,316	219,648	-3.8	210,641	208,705	-0.9	17,675	10,943	-38.1
1976	233,748	223,412	-4.4	215,355	212,529	-1.3	18,393	10,883	-40.8
1977	238,202	226,738	-4.8	218,226	215,080	-1.4	19,976	11,658	-41.6
1978 <sup>b</sup>	NA	223,030	NA	217,588	211,083	-3.0	NA	11,947	NA
1979	243,331	231,760	-4.8	224,057	219,296	-2.1	19,274	12,464	-35.3
1980	249,111	238,416	-4.3	230,601	225,451	-2.2	18,510	12,965	-30.0
1981	253,428	242,049	-4.5	234,529	229,158	-2.3	18,899	12,891	-31.8
1982	255,959	244,757	-4.4	237,676	232,436	-2.2	18,283	12,321	-32.6
1983	263,800	252,017	-4.5	243,646	238,539	-2.1	20,154	13,478	-33.1
1984	264,146	253,922	-3.9	246,848	239,140	-3.1	17,298	14,782	-14.5
1985	269,319	257,287	-4.5	249,666	242,503	-2.9	19,653	14,784	-24.8
1986	279,235	266,168	-4.7	259,980	251,329	-3.3	19,255	14,839	-22.9
1987	285,200	271,056	-5.0	264,862	255,840	-3.4	20,338	15,216	-25.2
1988	288,619	275,127	-4.7	268,385	261,896	-2.4	20,234	13,231	-34.6
1989	286,619	282,648	-1.4	267,554	269,046	0.6	19,065	13,602	-28.7
1990	295,836	292,782	-1.0	275,262	277,924	1.0	20,574	14,858	-27.8
1991	308,669	307,010	-0.5	286,756	290,639	1.4	21,913	16,371	-25.3
1992	323,399	322,555	-0.3	299,753	305,202	1.8	23,646	17,353	-26.6
1993	330,249	329,644	-0.2	307,181	311,814	1.5	23,068	17,830	-22.7
1994	331,969	332,088	0.1	307,964	313,215	1.7	24,005	18,873	-21.4
1995	330,235	329,283	-0.3	305,652	309,807	1.4	24,583	19,476	-20.8
1996	328,368	328,536	0.1	303,586	308,568	1.6	24,782	19,968	-19.4

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Year	All institutions			Doctorate-granting institutions			Master's-granting institutions		
	Original total	Revised total	% change	Original total	Revised total	% change	Original total	Revised total	% change
1997	326,842	327,289	0.1	301,573	306,806	1.7	25,269	20,483	-18.9
1998	327,609	327,389	-0.1	301,544	306,093	1.5	26,065	21,296	-18.3
1999	334,405	334,423	*	309,466	312,993	1.1	24,939	21,430	-14.1
2000	342,121	341,283	-0.2	316,531	318,735	0.7	25,590	22,548	-11.9
2001	355,115	354,522	-0.2	330,043	331,313	0.4	25,072	23,209	-7.4
2002	378,822	378,988	0.1	352,764	354,260	0.4	26,058	24,728	-5.1
2003	398,010	NA	NA	371,784	NA	NA	26,226	NA	NA
Part-time enrollment									
1975 <sup>a</sup>	108,527	108,862	0.3	80,021	91,050	13.8	28,506	17,812	-37.5
1976	112,231	110,304	-1.7	81,925	91,488	11.7	30,306	18,816	-37.9
1977	124,776	118,636	-4.9	88,484	97,504	10.2	36,292	21,132	-41.8
1978 <sup>b</sup>	NA	116,882	NA	94,394	94,991	0.6	NA	21,891	NA
1979	131,936	125,818	-4.6	97,713	103,022	5.4	34,223	22,796	-33.4
1980	134,099	128,662	-4.1	103,057	106,352	3.2	31,042	22,310	-28.1
1981	138,606	133,081	-4.0	105,674	109,005	3.2	32,932	24,076	-26.9
1982	143,723	137,534	-4.3	109,738	112,298	2.3	33,985	25,236	-25.7
1983	149,764	138,415	-7.6	114,630	113,042	-1.4	35,134	25,373	-27.8
1984	150,918	140,748	-6.7	116,622	113,419	-2.7	34,296	27,329	-20.3
1985	165,517	146,734	-11.3	121,386	119,120	-1.9	44,131	27,614	-37.4
1986	166,867	149,352	-10.5	124,223	121,030	-2.6	42,644	28,322	-33.6
1987	164,385	150,441	-8.5	123,819	122,221	-1.3	40,566	28,220	-30.4
1988	156,976	149,396	-4.8	123,298	123,387	0.1	33,678	26,009	-22.8
1989	154,364	151,830	-1.6	117,471	124,106	5.6	36,893	27,724	-24.9
1990	163,107	159,331	-2.3	123,143	129,691	5.3	39,964	29,640	-25.8
1991	167,022	164,202	-1.7	124,540	132,975	6.8	42,482	31,227	-26.5
1992	171,998	170,967	-0.6	128,039	138,144	7.9	43,959	32,823	-25.3
1993	176,429	174,660	-1.0	133,694	140,734	5.3	42,735	33,926	-20.6
1994	174,657	172,311	-1.3	133,516	139,898	4.8	41,141	32,413	-21.2
1995	171,275	170,357	-0.5	130,676	137,657	5.3	40,599	32,700	-19.5
1996	166,158	165,543	-0.4	127,045	133,569	5.1	39,113	31,974	-18.3
1997	160,262	159,919	-0.2	123,077	128,980	4.8	37,185	30,939	-16.8
1998	158,145	158,238	0.1	121,290	127,334	5.0	36,855	30,904	-16.1
1999	159,020	158,833	-0.1	123,191	127,705	3.7	35,829	31,128	-13.1
2000	152,473	152,028	-0.3	119,081	122,224	2.6	33,392	29,804	-10.7
2001	155,041	155,098	0.1	122,368	124,816	2.0	32,673	30,282	-7.3
2002	161,898	161,525	-0.2	129,447	130,108	0.5	32,451	31,417	-3.2
2003	168,825	NA	NA	135,463	NA	NA	33,362	NA	NA

\* = % change less than 0.05%.

NA = not available.

<sup>a</sup> The 1976 survey also collected 1975 data from master's-granting institutions.<sup>b</sup> Master's-granting institutions were not surveyed in 1978; totals represent estimates based on 1977 and 1979 data.

NOTES: Figures for 1984–87 include estimated data for master's-granting institutions, which were surveyed on a sample basis from 1984–87. See appendix A, Technical Notes, for further information. The % change column is a measure of retroactive changes in survey definitions. Three survey changes in the late 1980s and early 1990s had a retroactive effect on figures reported for earlier years. (1) Before 1992 degree-granting status (doctorate or master's) was determined by an institution's status each year. Beginning in 1992, degree-granting status was determined by the status reported in the latest survey year. This change shifted many institutions (and students) from master's-granting to doctorate-granting categories for years before 1992. (2) In 1988 guidelines to determine science and engineering departments were tightened. This change meant retroactively dropping departments in fields such as educational psychology, social work, and cultural studies from the survey population. (3) Improved estimates were generated for years in which enrollments at master's-granting institutions were sampled (1984–87).

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.