

TABLE 33. First-professional degrees awarded, by citizenship, ethnicity, race, and sex of recipients: 2002–12

Citizenship, ethnicity, and race	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
All recipients	81,491	81,666	83,915	88,172	88,527	90,966	93,028	95,989	100,772	104,023	107,886
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	79,608	79,710	81,985	86,135	86,486	88,988	90,926	93,899	98,456	101,496	105,404
Hispanic or Latino	4,516	4,715	4,905	5,077	5,019	5,236	5,342	5,778	6,236	6,642	6,919
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	553	557	536	534	666	632	628	616	631	638	606
Asian	9,183	9,367	9,520	10,020	10,073	10,980	11,016	11,484	11,907	12,506	13,067
Black or African American	5,506	5,429	5,635	5,987	5,861	6,044	5,856	6,066	5,975	6,119	6,598
White	55,790	55,596	57,217	59,980	59,591	59,982	60,812	62,096	65,144	66,963	69,359
Other race or unknown	4,060	4,046	4,172	4,537	5,276	6,114	7,272	7,859	8,563	8,628	8,855
Temporary visa holders ^b	1,883	1,956	1,930	2,037	2,041	1,978	2,102	2,090	2,316	2,527	2,482
Male	42,908	42,226	42,573	44,215	44,401	45,434	45,937	47,239	47,438	49,296	51,295
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	41,798	41,120	41,529	43,102	43,293	44,363	44,860	46,247	46,357	48,086	50,113
Hispanic or Latino	2,320	2,317	2,355	2,455	2,335	2,449	2,462	2,642	2,817	3,050	3,167
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	278	280	260	273	309	309	317	301	285	318	290
Asian	4,425	4,414	4,313	4,496	4,381	4,817	4,723	5,003	5,112	5,429	5,643
Black or African American	2,104	2,056	2,127	2,141	2,153	2,199	2,154	2,214	2,121	2,171	2,344
White	30,486	29,867	30,219	31,411	31,310	31,269	31,416	32,017	31,720	32,786	34,321
Other race or unknown	2,185	2,186	2,255	2,326	2,805	3,320	3,788	4,070	4,302	4,332	4,348
Temporary visa holders ^b	1,110	1,106	1,044	1,113	1,108	1,071	1,077	992	1,081	1,210	1,182
Female	38,583	39,440	41,342	43,957	44,126	45,532	47,091	48,750	53,334	54,727	56,591
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	37,810	38,590	40,456	43,033	43,193	44,625	46,066	47,652	52,099	53,410	55,291
Hispanic or Latino	2,196	2,398	2,550	2,622	2,684	2,787	2,880	3,136	3,419	3,592	3,752
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	275	277	276	261	357	323	311	315	346	320	316
Asian	4,758	4,953	5,207	5,524	5,692	6,163	6,293	6,481	6,795	7,077	7,424
Black or African American	3,402	3,373	3,508	3,846	3,708	3,845	3,702	3,852	3,854	3,948	4,254
White	25,304	25,729	26,998	28,569	28,281	28,713	29,396	30,079	33,424	34,177	35,038
Other race or unknown	1,875	1,860	1,917	2,211	2,471	2,794	3,484	3,789	4,261	4,296	4,507
Temporary visa holders ^b	773	850	886	924	933	907	1,025	1,098	1,235	1,317	1,300

^a Race or ethnicity categories are as designated on the survey form. These categories include U.S. citizens and foreign citizens on permanent visas (i.e., resident aliens who have been admitted for permanent residency).

^b No race or ethnicity data are collected for this group.

NOTES: First-professional degrees are defined as those that require at least 6 years of college work for completion and 2 years of preprofessional training. First professional degrees include chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, veterinary medicine, law, divinity or ministry, and rabbinical and Talmudic studies.

SOURCE: Tabulated by National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics; data from Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey.