

TABLE 34. First-professional degrees awarded in health fields, 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	36,856	36,736	37,844	38,667	38,889	40,948	43,989	46,790	53,266	55,782	57,305
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	35,906	35,771	36,898	37,671	37,948	40,043	42,961	45,713	52,000	54,434	55,899
Hispanic or Latino	1,734	1,796	1,967	2,008	1,904	2,033	2,110	2,376	2,633	2,894	2,901
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	268	225	222	222	320	284	278	266	288	302	295
Asian	6,489	6,615	6,685	6,681	6,558	7,157	7,335	7,887	8,426	8,971	9,514
Black or African American	2,101	2,101	2,164	2,331	2,357	2,348	2,438	2,588	2,862	2,883	3,099
White	24,193	23,793	24,403	25,121	25,260	26,452	28,331	29,865	34,226	35,473	35,852
Other race or unknown	1,121	1,241	1,457	1,308	1,549	1,769	2,469	2,731	3,565	3,911	4,238
Temporary visa holders ^b	950	965	946	996	941	905	1,028	1,077	1,266	1,348	1,406
Male	18,936	18,589	18,497	18,130	17,823	18,431	19,582	20,594	22,786	24,209	24,797
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	18,407	18,095	18,055	17,636	17,391	18,028	19,132	20,162	22,257	23,594	24,186
Hispanic or Latino	901	882	933	954	857	858	900	1,027	1,152	1,293	1,252
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	142	110	108	114	131	135	135	132	121	141	130
Asian	3,186	3,218	3,082	2,987	2,735	3,003	2,986	3,264	3,534	3,853	4,060
Black or African American	780	723	775	788	801	788	822	859	960	976	1,045
White	12,834	12,523	12,430	12,202	12,162	12,424	13,193	13,746	14,946	15,651	15,846
Other race or unknown	564	639	727	591	705	820	1,096	1,134	1,544	1,680	1,853
Temporary visa holders ^b	529	494	442	494	432	403	450	432	529	615	611
Female	17,920	18,147	19,347	20,537	21,066	22,517	24,407	26,196	30,480	31,573	32,508
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	17,499	17,676	18,843	20,035	20,557	22,015	23,829	25,551	29,743	30,840	31,713
Hispanic or Latino	833	914	1,034	1,054	1,047	1,175	1,210	1,349	1,481	1,601	1,649
Not Hispanic or Latino											
American Indian or Alaska Native	126	115	114	108	189	149	143	134	167	161	165
Asian	3,303	3,397	3,603	3,694	3,823	4,154	4,349	4,623	4,892	5,118	5,454
Black or African American	1,321	1,378	1,389	1,543	1,556	1,560	1,616	1,729	1,902	1,907	2,054
White	11,359	11,270	11,973	12,919	13,098	14,028	15,138	16,119	19,280	19,822	20,006
Other race or unknown	557	602	730	717	844	949	1,373	1,597	2,021	2,231	2,385
Temporary visa holders ^b	421	471	504	502	509	502	578	645	737	733	795

^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. Health fields include chiropractic, dentistry, medicine, optometry, osteopathic medicine, pharmacy, podiatry, and veterinary medicine.

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.