

TABLE 57. First professional degrees awarded, by sex of recipient: 1966–2008

Academic year ending	Total <sup>a</sup>	Men	Women	% women
1966	31,496	30,071	1,425	4.5
1967	32,493	31,064	1,429	4.4
1968	34,728	33,083	1,645	4.7
1969	35,681	34,069	1,612	4.5
1970	35,252	33,344	1,908	5.4
1971	38,276	35,797	2,479	6.5
1972	43,774	41,021	2,753	6.3
1973	50,435	46,827	3,608	7.2
1974	54,278	48,904	5,374	9.9
1975	56,259	49,230	7,029	12.5
1976	63,061	53,210	9,851	15.6
1977	64,780	52,668	12,112	18.7
1978	66,964	52,553	14,411	21.5
1979	69,222	52,909	16,313	23.6
1980	70,526	52,988	17,538	24.9
1981	72,369	53,070	19,299	26.7
1982	72,554	52,551	20,003	27.6
1983	73,569	51,591	21,978	29.9
1984	74,900	51,644	23,256	31.0
1985	75,562	50,780	24,782	32.8
1986	74,581	49,661	24,920	33.4
1987	72,120	46,841	25,279	35.1
1988	71,144	45,716	25,428	35.7
1989	71,318	45,399	25,919	36.3
1990	71,551	44,309	27,242	38.1
1991	72,636	44,226	28,410	39.1
1992	74,801	45,459	29,342	39.2
1993	76,068	45,565	30,503	40.1
1994	76,000	45,068	30,932	40.7
1995	76,457	45,193	31,264	40.9
1996	77,505	45,182	32,323	41.7
1997	79,463	45,944	33,519	42.2
1998	80,021	45,800	34,221	42.8
1999	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	81,178	44,932	36,246	44.7
2001	81,287	43,832	37,455	46.1
2002	82,388	43,644	38,744	47.0
2003	82,609	42,994	39,615	48.0
2004	84,950	43,440	41,510	48.9
2005	88,907	44,784	44,123	49.6
2006	89,419	45,089	44,330	49.6
2007	91,678	46,023	45,655	49.8
2008	93,578	46,350	47,228	50.5

NA = not available; detailed national data were not released by the National Center for Education Statistics for the academic year ending in 1999.

<sup>a</sup> Total excludes cases where field of study was not reported.

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/ministry, and rabbinical and Talmudic studies.

SOURCE: Tabulated by National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics; data from Department of Education/National Center for Education Statistics: Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey.