

TABLE 58. First professional degrees awarded in health fields, by sex of recipient: 1966–2008

Academic year ending	Total	Men	Women	% women
1966	13,291	12,599	692	5.2
1967	13,373	12,639	734	5.5
1968	13,815	12,974	841	6.1
1969	13,759	13,018	741	5.4
1970	14,454	13,578	876	6.1
1971	15,258	14,256	1,002	6.6
1972	15,905	14,864	1,041	6.5
1973	17,355	16,189	1,166	6.7
1974	19,156	17,577	1,579	8.2
1975	20,582	18,475	2,107	10.2
1976	24,787	21,639	3,148	12.7
1977	24,533	20,731	3,802	15.5
1978	25,981	21,286	4,695	18.1
1979	27,228	21,865	5,363	19.7
1980	27,576	21,841	5,735	20.8
1981	28,971	22,456	6,515	22.5
1982	29,494	22,657	6,837	23.2
1983	30,087	22,562	7,525	25.0
1984	30,785	22,452	8,333	27.1
1985	30,601	21,675	8,926	29.2
1986	31,051	21,696	9,355	30.1
1987	29,400	20,011	9,389	31.9
1988	28,833	19,304	9,529	33.0
1989	29,518	19,596	9,922	33.6
1990	28,787	18,562	10,225	35.5
1991	28,183	17,777	10,406	36.9
1992	28,303	17,694	10,609	37.5
1993	29,475	17,704	11,771	39.9
1994	29,680	17,565	12,115	40.8
1995	30,757	17,975	12,782	41.6
1996	31,250	17,927	13,323	42.6
1997	32,151	18,335	13,816	43.0
1998	33,657	18,845	14,812	44.0
1999	NA	NA	NA	NA
2000	36,069	19,438	16,631	46.1
2001	37,037	19,565	17,472	47.2
2002	36,856	18,936	17,920	48.6
2003	36,814	18,633	18,181	49.4
2004	37,844	18,497	19,347	51.1
2005	38,769	18,162	20,607	53.2
2006	39,006	17,865	21,141	54.2
2007	40,948	18,431	22,517	55.0
2008	44,056	19,608	24,448	55.5

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

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