

TABLE 59. First professional degrees awarded in non-health fields, by sex of recipient: 1966–2008

| Academic year ending | Total | Men | Women | % women |
|----------------------|--------|--------|--------|---------|
| 1966 | 18,205 | 17,472 | 733 | 4.0 |
| 1967 | 19,120 | 18,425 | 695 | 3.6 |
| 1968 | 20,913 | 20,109 | 804 | 3.8 |
| 1969 | 21,922 | 21,051 | 871 | 4.0 |
| 1970 | 20,798 | 19,766 | 1,032 | 5.0 |
| 1971 | 23,018 | 21,541 | 1,477 | 6.4 |
| 1972 | 27,869 | 26,157 | 1,712 | 6.1 |
| 1973 | 33,080 | 30,638 | 2,442 | 7.4 |
| 1974 | 35,122 | 31,327 | 3,795 | 10.8 |
| 1975 | 35,677 | 30,755 | 4,922 | 13.8 |
| 1976 | 38,274 | 31,571 | 6,703 | 17.5 |
| 1977 | 40,247 | 31,937 | 8,310 | 20.6 |
| 1978 | 40,983 | 31,267 | 9,716 | 23.7 |
| 1979 | 41,994 | 31,044 | 10,950 | 26.1 |
| 1980 | 42,950 | 31,147 | 11,803 | 27.5 |
| 1981 | 43,398 | 30,614 | 12,784 | 29.5 |
| 1982 | 43,060 | 29,894 | 13,166 | 30.6 |
| 1983 | 43,482 | 29,029 | 14,453 | 33.2 |
| 1984 | 44,115 | 29,192 | 14,923 | 33.8 |
| 1985 | 44,961 | 29,105 | 15,856 | 35.3 |
| 1986 | 43,530 | 27,965 | 15,565 | 35.8 |
| 1987 | 42,720 | 26,830 | 15,890 | 37.2 |
| 1988 | 42,311 | 26,412 | 15,899 | 37.6 |
| 1989 | 41,800 | 25,803 | 15,997 | 38.3 |
| 1990 | 42,764 | 25,747 | 17,017 | 39.8 |
| 1991 | 44,453 | 26,449 | 18,004 | 40.5 |
| 1992 | 46,498 | 27,765 | 18,733 | 40.3 |
| 1993 | 46,593 | 27,861 | 18,732 | 40.2 |
| 1994 | 46,320 | 27,503 | 18,817 | 40.6 |
| 1995 | 45,700 | 27,218 | 18,482 | 40.4 |
| 1996 | 46,255 | 27,255 | 19,000 | 41.1 |
| 1997 | 47,312 | 27,609 | 19,703 | 41.6 |
| 1998 | 46,364 | 26,955 | 19,409 | 41.9 |
| 1999 | NA | NA | NA | NA |
| 2000 | 45,109 | 25,494 | 19,615 | 43.5 |
| 2001 | 44,250 | 24,267 | 19,983 | 45.2 |
| 2002 | 45,532 | 24,708 | 20,824 | 45.7 |
| 2003 | 45,795 | 24,361 | 21,434 | 46.8 |
| 2004 | 47,106 | 24,943 | 22,163 | 47.0 |
| 2005 | 50,138 | 26,622 | 23,516 | 46.9 |
| 2006 | 50,413 | 27,224 | 23,189 | 46.0 |
| 2007 | 50,730 | 27,592 | 23,138 | 45.6 |
| 2008 | 49,522 | 26,742 | 22,780 | 46.0 |

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. Non-health fields include law, divinity/ministry, and rabbinical and Talmudic studies. Total excludes cases where field of study was not reported.

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.