

TABLE 5. Full-time graduate students in science, engineering, and health in all institutions, by field: 1975–2011

Year	All science, engineering, and health	Science and engineering			Health		
		Total	Science	Engineering	Total	Clinical medicine	Other health ^a
1975	219,648	202,260	164,437	37,823	17,388	4,560	12,828
1976	223,412	204,815	167,867	36,948	18,597	4,573	14,024
1977	226,738	206,411	169,184	37,227	20,327	4,345	15,982
1978 ^b	223,030	201,737	164,151	37,586	21,293	5,029	16,264
1979	231,760	209,000	168,959	40,041	22,760	5,527	17,233
1980	238,416	214,417	171,767	42,650	23,999	5,774	18,225
1981	242,049	217,952	172,200	45,752	24,097	5,622	18,475
1982	244,757	221,874	172,090	49,784	22,883	5,283	17,600
1983	252,017	229,404	175,472	53,932	22,613	5,318	17,295
1984	253,922	230,957	175,766	55,191	22,965	5,263	17,702
1985	257,287	233,938	178,020	55,918	23,349	5,525	17,824
1986	266,168	242,729	182,532	60,197	23,439	5,554	17,885
1987	271,056	247,105	185,143	61,962	23,951	5,833	18,118
1988	275,127	250,557	187,525	63,032	24,570	6,198	18,372
1989	282,648	256,820	192,424	64,396	25,828	6,433	19,395
1990	292,782	265,323	199,313	66,010	27,459	6,901	20,558
1991	307,010	277,070	206,036	71,034	29,940	7,223	22,717
1992	322,555	290,408	215,965	74,443	32,147	7,953	24,194
1993	329,644	293,905	220,097	73,808	35,739	8,833	26,906
1994	332,088	292,979	221,409	71,570	39,109	9,226	29,883
1995	329,283	287,171	219,389	67,782	42,112	9,777	32,335
1996	328,536	284,039	218,180	65,859	44,497	9,803	34,694
1997	327,289	280,669	214,981	65,688	46,620	10,212	36,408
1998	327,389	278,943	213,508	65,435	48,446	10,944	37,502
1999	334,423	283,893	215,870	68,023	50,530	11,554	38,976
2000	341,283	291,355	219,079	72,276	49,928	11,029	38,899
2001	354,522	304,021	226,573	77,448	50,501	11,822	38,679
2002	378,991	325,472	240,020	85,452	53,519	13,334	40,185
2003	397,420	339,028	248,812	90,216	58,392	14,742	43,650
2004	402,573	340,529	253,574	86,955	62,044	14,999	47,045
2005	406,620	341,742	257,283	84,459	64,878	15,102	49,776
2006	419,015	349,802	261,984	87,818	69,213	16,567	52,646
2007old ^c	430,860	362,976	269,821	93,155	67,884	17,451	50,433
2007new ^c	437,365	371,542	277,229	94,313	65,823	15,478	50,345
2008	449,613	383,560	285,305	98,255	66,053	16,965	49,088
2009	456,115	398,498	293,561	104,937	57,617	16,725	40,892
2010	461,185	409,107	299,315	109,792	52,078	17,704	34,374
2011	457,292	411,168	303,015	108,153	46,124	17,853	28,271

^a Beginning with 2008, more rigorous follow-up was done with institutions regarding exclusion of practitioner-oriented graduate degree programs in psychology and in other health (a subfield of health). This change may affect interpretation of trends in these fields.

^b Master's-granting institutions were not surveyed in 1978; totals represent estimates based on 1977 and 1979 data.

^c In 2007, eligible fields were reclassified, newly eligible fields were added, and survey was redesigned to improve coverage and coding of eligible units. "2007new" presents data as collected in 2007; "2007old" shows data as they would have been collected in prior years. See appendix A in <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf10307/> for more detail.

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