

TABLE E-2. Master's degrees awarded to women, by field: 1998–2007

Field	1998	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	1998	2007
	Number									Percent female	
All fields	247,211	267,321	276,052	285,336	303,585	332,076	344,135	359,947	370,577	57.2	60.7
S&E	38,567	41,670	43,644	43,711	47,172	52,081	53,626	54,750	54,925	41.1	45.7
Sciences	33,409	36,328	38,027	38,148	41,001	44,933	46,014	47,271	47,946	49.3	53.7
Agricultural sciences	1,709	1,819	1,837	1,997	2,059	2,256	2,220	2,153	2,267	44.3	54.9
Biological sciences	3,358	3,513	3,755	3,673	4,019	4,484	4,887	5,106	5,253	52.7	59.7
Computer sciences	3,409	5,003	5,691	5,640	6,255	6,298	5,309	4,618	4,276	29.0	26.2
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	494	513	564	572	612	701	710	761	741	34.6	45.4
Atmospheric sciences	52	37	40	46	55	67	69	71	69	26.1	35.8
Earth sciences	397	434	472	473	501	566	577	612	599	35.9	45.7
Ocean sciences	45	42	52	53	56	68	64	78	73	36.9	57.5
Mathematics and statistics	1,470	1,498	1,389	1,475	1,681	1,950	2,011	2,087	2,098	41.7	41.7
Physical sciences	1,436	1,215	1,301	1,326	1,318	1,513	1,524	1,626	1,563	36.4	36.8
Astronomy	30	25	36	27	42	53	62	66	59	29.7	38.8
Chemistry	998	823	825	852	829	950	939	1024	1005	45.9	46.9
Physics	251	244	286	286	313	413	422	439	417	18.3	23.3
Other	157	123	154	161	134	97	101	97	82	53.4	52.9
Psychology	9,534	10,363	10,939	10,778	11,407	12,235	12,918	13,637	14,679	72.6	78.9
Social sciences	11,999	12,404	12,551	12,687	13,650	15,496	16,435	17,283	17,069	50.6	55.8
Anthropology	686	587	689	642	655	721	737	761	839	62.5	69.1
Area and ethnic studies	842	868	892	865	873	960	975	1223	997	54.3	60.8
Economics	944	952	973	1050	1161	1,252	1,391	1,319	1,306	33.2	39.0
History of science	7	6	10	17	10	14	12	11	18	31.8	64.3
Linguistics	389	407	380	360	380	410	433	450	408	68.5	70.0
Political science and public administration	6,566	6,721	6,843	6,987	7,736	8,833	9,807	10,223	10,316	49.9	55.7
Sociology	1,118	1,387	1,258	1,315	1,296	1,358	1,033	1,110	1,090	63.0	69.2
Other	1,447	1,476	1,506	1,451	1,539	1,948	2,047	2,186	2,095	53.1	56.8
Engineering	5,158	5,342	5,617	5,563	6,171	7,148	7,612	7,479	6,979	19.8	22.6
Aerospace engineering	80	76	90	125	106	149	164	155	170	14.1	18.6
Chemical engineering	344	344	352	335	343	417	425	386	376	25.1	30.6
Civil engineering	1,151	1,075	1,059	1,062	1,147	1,211	1,322	1,346	1,215	24.4	29.0
Electrical engineering	1,375	1,560	1,675	1,561	1,902	2,398	2,480	2,213	2,014	17.3	20.0
Industrial engineering	676	648	784	792	843	906	919	918	877	21.7	25.0
Materials engineering	170	201	172	168	181	199	204	200	209	24.4	26.6
Mechanical engineering	461	455	448	468	459	563	599	633	583	13.0	13.4
Other	901	983	1037	1052	1,190	1,305	1,499	1,628	1,535	21.9	26.2
Non-S&E	208,644	225,651	232,408	241,625	256,413	279,995	290,509	305,197	315,652	61.6	64.4

NOTES: Data not available for 1999. Data based on degree-granting institutions eligible to participate in Title IV federal financial aid programs and do not match previously published data based on accredited higher education institutions.

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