



Fact Sheet

On Higher Education

Undergraduate Degrees Conferred, by Field of Study and Race/Ethnicity: 2009-2010

Degree and Fields	Totals	White	African American	Hispanic	Asian / Pacific Islander	American Indian / American Native	Non-Resident Alien
Associate's Degrees							
Arts & Humanities	315,922	64.0%	12.0%	15.3%	5.2%	1.2%	2.3%
Social Sciences	59,203	56.8%	14.7%	18.1%	7.4%	1.4%	1.6%
Biological / Life Sciences	8,558	79.0%	3.7%	8.8%	4.6%	2.5%	1.5%
Business	133,371	61.4%	16.6%	11.9%	5.8%	1.3%	3.0%
Education	17,048	66.6%	14.0%	13.5%	1.9%	2.9%	1.1%
Health Professions	177,686	69.8%	13.6%	9.4%	5.2%	1.0%	1.0%
Math, Computer Science, & Engineering	67,875	67.4%	13.7%	11.5%	4.9%	1.0%	1.5%
Physical Sciences	4,140	62.9%	8.8%	12.7%	9.5%	1.1%	5.1%
Other / Vocational / Technical	65,097	68.2%	13.3%	14.0%	2.6%	1.4%	0.5%
Bachelor's Degrees							
Architecture	320,857	74.6%	8.6%	8.6%	5.2%	0.7%	2.3%
Arts & Humanities	367,383	67.9%	11.4%	10.4%	7.2%	0.9%	2.2%
Social Sciences	112,736	68.9%	6.7%	6.8%	14.4%	0.7%	2.6%
Biological / Life Sciences	358,293	67.5%	11.7%	8.4%	7.3%	0.6%	4.4%
Business	101,265	83.4%	6.7%	6.0%	2.0%	0.9%	1.0%
Education	129,634	72.3%	11.6%	6.8%	7.0%	0.8%	1.6%
Health Professions	143,869	69.8%	7.0%	7.0%	10.2%	0.6%	5.4%
Math, Computer Science, & Engineering	23,379	73.8%	5.5%	5.5%	10.5%	0.7%	4.0%
Physical Sciences	82,547	68.5%	15.0%	11.1%	3.5%	0.9%	1.1%
Other / Vocational / Technical	10,051	69.5%	5.0%	11.7%	9.1%	0.6%	4.2%

The following categories include multiple fields of study: Arts & Humanities (communication and journalism, foreign languages, literature, and linguistics; liberal arts and sciences; general studies and humanities; library sciences; philosophy, theology and religious studies); Social Sciences (ethnic, cultural, and gender studies; family and consumer sciences; legal professions and studies; multi/interdisciplinary studies; psychology; public administration and social services; history; social sciences); Biological / Life Sciences (agriculture; natural resources and conservation; biological and biomedical sciences); Physical Sciences (physical sciences; science technologists/technicians); and Other/Vocational/Technical (personal and culinary services; parks, recreation, leisure, and fitness studies; security and protective services; construction trades; mechanics and repairers; precision production; transportation)

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, Completion Survey Fall 2009.

Note: Figures reported by NCES are imputed. They may not match figures in past ACE reports because those published figures are not imputed.