

Table 300. First Professional Degrees Earned in Selected Professions: 1970 to 2008

[First professional degrees include degrees which require at least 6 years of college work for completion (including at least 2 years of preprofessional training). Based on survey; see Appendix III]

Type of degree and sex of recipient	1970	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2006	2007	2008
Medicine (M.D.):										
Institutions conferring degrees	86	112	120	124	119	118	120	119	120	120
Degrees conferred, total	8,314	14,902	16,041	15,075	15,537	15,286	15,461	15,455	15,730	15,646
Percent to women	8.4	23.4	30.4	34.2	38.8	42.7	47.3	48.9	49.2	49.3
Dentistry (D.D.S. or D.M.D.):										
Institutions conferring degrees	48	58	59	57	53	54	53	54	55	55
Degrees conferred, total	3,718	5,258	5,339	4,100	3,897	4,250	4,454	4,389	4,596	4,795
Percent to women	0.9	13.3	20.7	30.9	36.4	40.1	43.8	44.5	44.6	44.5
Law (LL.B. or J.D.):										
Institutions conferring degrees	145	179	181	182	183	190	198	197	200	201
Degrees conferred, total	14,916	35,647	37,491	36,485	39,349	38,152	43,423	43,440	43,486	43,769
Percent to women	5.4	30.2	38.5	42.2	42.6	45.9	48.7	48.0	47.6	47.0
Theological (B.D., M.Div., M.H.L.):										
Institutions conferring degrees	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	192	198	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)	(NA)
Degrees conferred, total	5,298	7,115	7,221	5,851	5,978	6,129	5,533	5,666	5,990	5,751
Percent to women	2.3	13.8	18.5	24.8	25.7	29.2	35.6	33.6	33.2	34.3

NA Not available.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, *Digest of Education Statistics*, annual. See also <<http://www.nces.ed.gov/programs/digest/>>.

Table 301. Academic Libraries by Selected Characteristics: 2008

[As of Fall of year shown. For information on public libraries, see Tables 1151 and 1152]

Institution characteristic	Number of libraries	Circulation (1,000)		Expenditures (mil. dol.)	Paid staff ¹			
		General collection	Reserve collection		Total ²	Librarians	Other professional staff	Student assistants
All U.S. academic libraries . . .	3,827	138,103	40,663	6,786	93,438	27,030	7,491	24,110
Control:								
Public	1,576	88,140	27,745	4,031	56,019	15,666	4,355	13,572
Private	2,251	49,962	12,918	2,754	37,419	11,364	3,136	10,537
Level: ³								
Total 4-year and above	2,393	120,659	34,859	6,145	80,431	22,797	6,433	21,315
Doctor's	721	88,575	24,553	4,751	56,617	15,367	4,964	13,822
Master's	911	21,614	6,789	991	16,716	5,143	984	5,158
Bachelor's	730	10,168	3,333	355	6,572	2,093	456	2,200
Less than 4-year	1,434	17,444	5,805	640	13,007	4,233	1,058	2,794
Size (FTE enrollment): ⁴								
Less than 1,000	1,455	7,255	1,310	329	6,692	2,331	640	2,232
1,000 to 2,999	1,136	19,700	6,072	856	14,630	4,534	1,018	4,569
3,000 to 4,999	475	11,348	3,803	558	9,298	2,955	670	2,414
5,000 to 9,999	405	17,603	7,147	1,017	14,665	4,443	976	3,610
10,000 to 19,999	238	30,325	10,942	1,642	20,625	5,541	1,586	4,838
20,000 or more	118	51,872	11,389	2,384	27,528	7,226	2,601	6,446

¹ Full-time equivalent (FTE) staff is calculated by dividing the total number of hours for all part-time positions by the number of hours the library defines as a full-time position. ² Includes other staff not shown separately. ³ Level refers to the highest level of any degree offered by the institution. Doctoral, master's, and bachelor's level institutions do not sum to total number of 4-year and above institutions because there are 4-year and above institutions that grant "other" degrees and are thus not included in the breakdown.

⁴ Full-time equivalent (FTE) enrollment is calculated by adding one-third of part-time enrollment to full-time enrollment.

Source: U.S. National Center for Education Statistics, Academic Libraries Survey (ALS), 2008. See also <<http://nces.ed.gov/surveys/libraries/academic.asp>>.