

Since 1990, the number of baccalaureate degrees awarded in sociology has increased by 70 percent from about 16,000 to about 27,000. Unlike sociology during this same period, economics has faced both declines and increases, but still has fewer graduates than in 1990.

The number of master's degrees has increased by about two-thirds.

The number of doctoral degrees awarded in sociology has increased steadily from 1990 through 2004 for an average of 470 per year in 1990-1991 to the current 598 in 2003-2004.

More information regarding trends in bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees awarded in sociology since 1930 can be found on our [website](#).³

Sociology Degrees Awarded Increase Since 1990 (Number of Degrees Awarded)

Year	Doctorates	Masters	Bachelor's
1990	446	1,213	15,993
1991	477	1,293	17,632
1992	506	1,379	19,644
1993	549	1,564	21,007
1994	542	1,675	22,468
1995	555	1,790	22,974
1996	531	1,822	24,158
1997	601	1,752	24,749
1998	604	1,774	24,886
2000	602	2,036	25,685
2001	550	1,901	25,357
2002	547	1,957	25,296
2003	598	1,929	26,200
2004	564	2,031	27,020

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics (NCES), *Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Completions, 1990-2004* (Washington, DC: NCES, 2006). Retrieved November 8, 2006 (<http://caspar.nsf.gov>).

³ Available at http://www.asanet.org/cs/root/leftnav/research_and_stats/research_index_page.