The latest trend data continues to signal the vitality of sociology as an academic discipline. The number of students graduating with bachelor’s degrees in sociology continued to rebound, increasing by another 5 percent between 1995 and 1996 (from 22,974 to 24,169). This increase in BAs continues to correlate with other indicators of the health of the discipline. Between AY 1994-95 and AY 1997-98, the acceptance rate (the percent of new graduates students admitted of those who applied) declined slightly, and the percent receiving funding increased dramatically (from 68 percent to 78 percent).

Source: National Center for Education Statistics, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey