

PHYSICS TRENDS

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Number of PhDs Granted in Selected Subfields, 1999

Condensed Matter Physics	308
Atomic, Molecular & Optics	196
Elementary Particles	169
Astronomy & Astrophysics	160
Nuclear Physics	76
Plasma and Fluid Dynamics	72
Polymer Physics	28
Acoustics	16
Other Physics	406
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All Physics & Astronomy	1431

Source: National Science Foundation, Survey of Earned Doctorates