

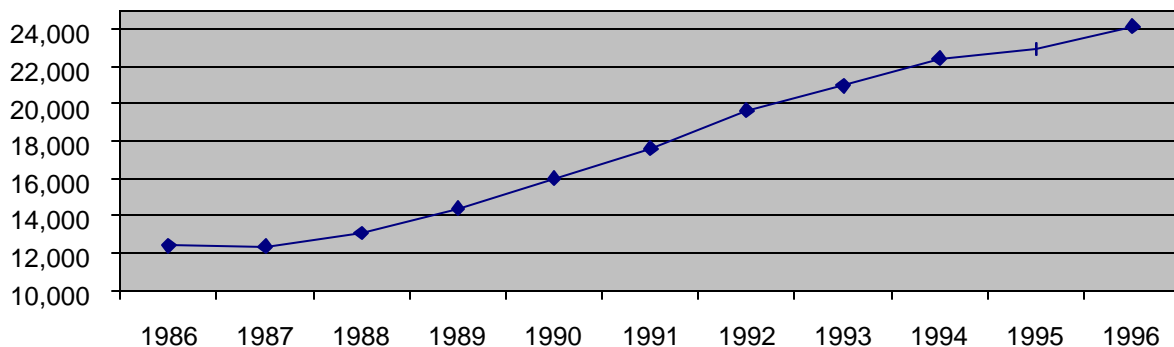
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After the Fall: Growth Trends Continue

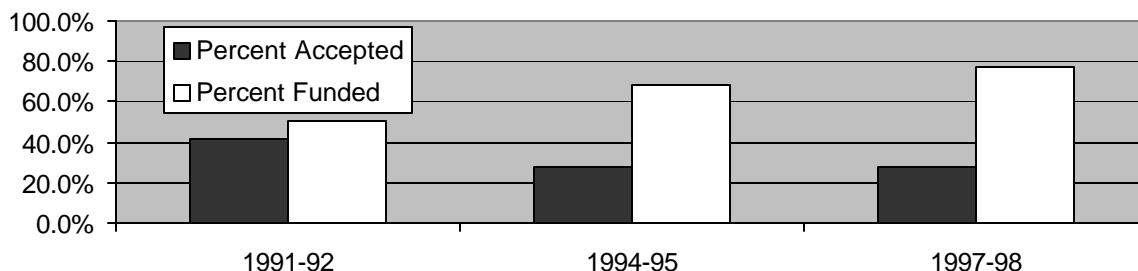
The latest trend data continues to signal the vitality of sociology as an academic discipline. The number of students graduating with bachelor's degrees in sociology continued to rebound, increasing by another 5 percent between 1995 and 1996 (from 22,974 to 24,169). This increase in BAs continues to 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 graduate students admitted of those who applied) declined slightly, and the percent receiving funding increased dramatically (from 68 percent to 78 percent).

Bachelors Degrees Awarded in Sociology by Year, 1986-1996



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

Percentage of Applicants to Sociology Doctorate Programs Accepted and Percentage of Accepted Students Receiving Funding



Source: American Sociological Association, Survey of Graduate Departments of Sociology, 1992, 1995, and 1998