

Project: Bachelor's Degrees The table shows the numbers B (in thousands) of bachelor's degrees earned by women in the United States from 2002 through 2013. A linear model for the data is

$$B = 26.9t + 689, \quad 2 \leq t \leq 13$$

where t represents the year, with $t = 2$ corresponding to 2002.

(Source: *National Center for Education Statistics*)

Year	Bachelor's degrees, B
2002	742
2003	776
2004	804
2005	826
2006	855
2007	875
2008	895
2009	916
2010	943
2011	982
2012	1026
2013	1053

- Use a graphing utility to plot the data and graph the model in the same viewing window.
- Use the model to approximate the number of bachelor's degrees earned by women for each year from 2002 through 2013.
- Compare the estimates to the actual data. Is the model a good fit for the data? Explain.
- What are the slope and y -intercept of the model? Interpret their meaning in the context of the problem.
- Use the model to predict the number of bachelor's degrees earned by women in 2020.