

TABLE 3

Reporting of dissertation research fields: 2020 and 2021

(Number and percent)

Dissertation research fields	2020	2021	Change (number and percentage point) ^a
All doctorate recipients (number)	55,224	52,250	-2,974
Dissertation research field reported (number)	49,149	46,702	-2,447
At least two dissertation fields reported			
Number	18,063	22,044	3,981
Percent	36.8	47.2	10.4
At least three dissertation fields reported			
Number	4,891	5,423	532
Percent	10.0	11.6	1.7
Four dissertation fields reported			
Number	1,077	1,156	79
Percent	2.2	2.5	0.3
Missing or did not report dissertation research field (number)	6,075	5,548	-527

^a Number rows show count differences, and percent rows show percentage-point differences.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.