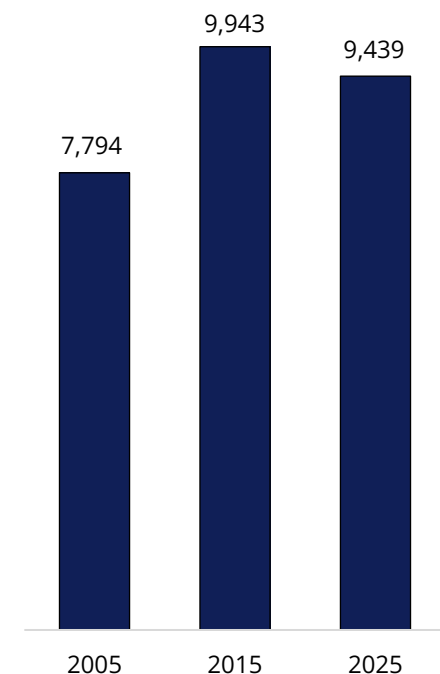


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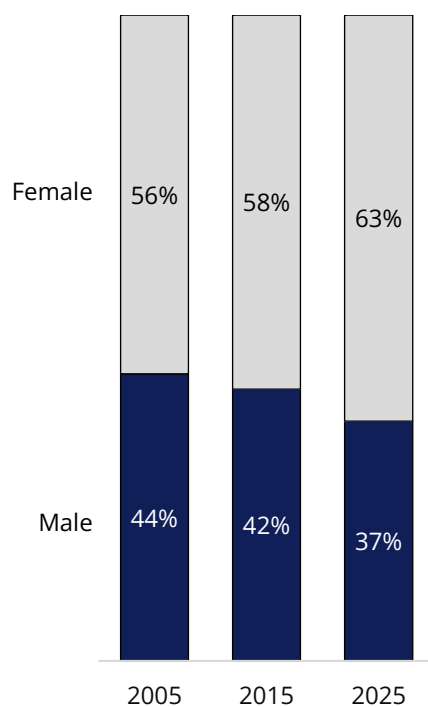
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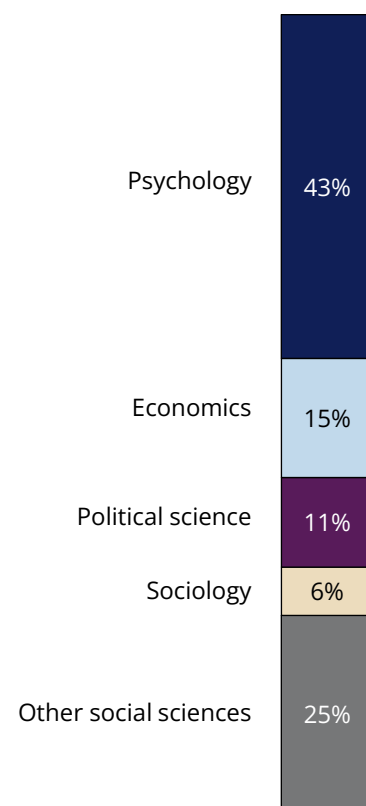
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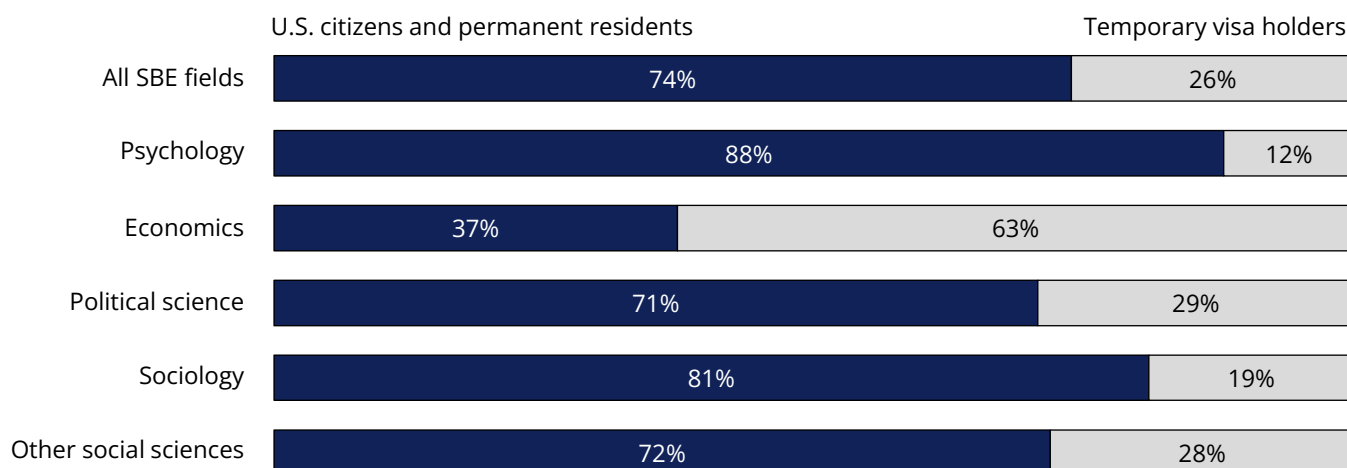
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Citizenship status by field of degree: 2025



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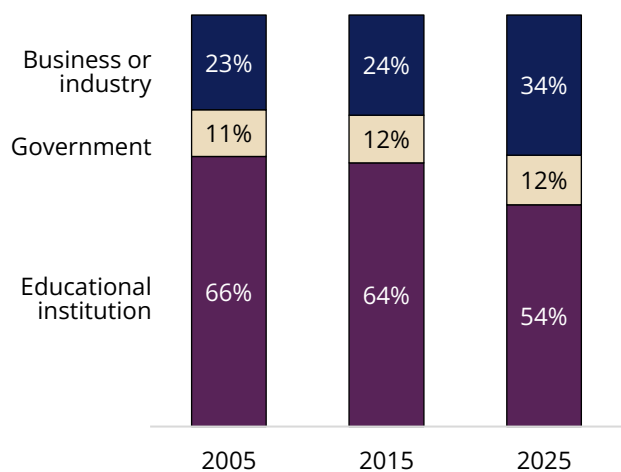


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Definite non-postdoctoral employment commitments by sector: 2005, 2015, and 2025



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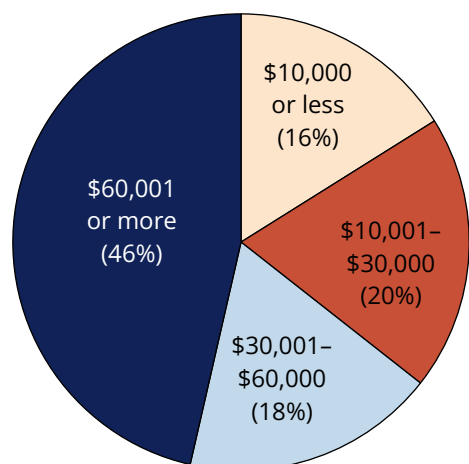
64%

of social, behavioral, and economic sciences research doctorate recipients reported having **no graduate education-related debt** after receiving their doctoral degree in 2025.

Source: NCSES, Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Graduate education-related debt among those with graduate debt: 2025

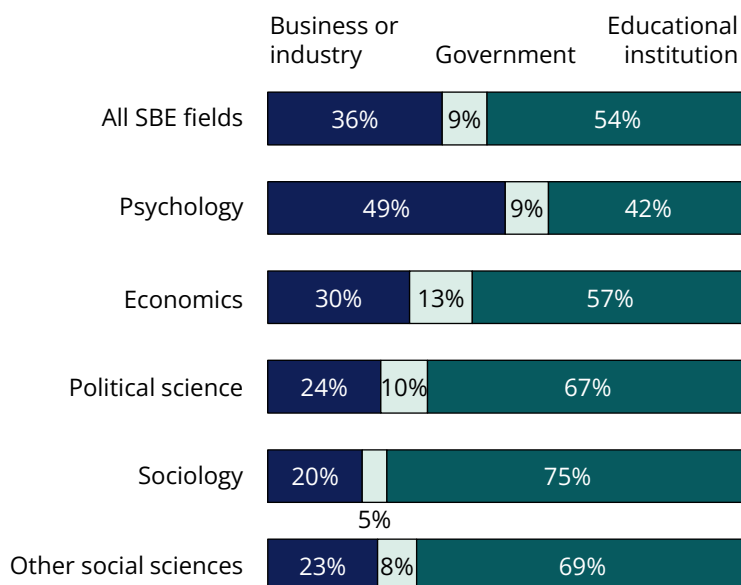
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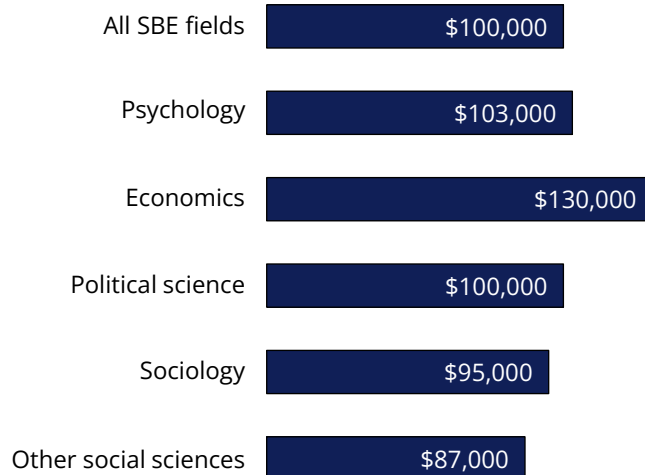
SBE Research Doctorate Recipients under the Age of 76

Employment sector by field of degree: 2023



Source: NCSES, Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

Median salary by field of degree: 2023



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