

TABLE 1

Doctorate recipients from U.S. colleges and universities: 1958–2018

(Number and percent)

| Year | Doctorate recipients | % change from previous year |
|------|----------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1958 | 8,773 | - |
| 1959 | 9,213 | 5.0 |
| 1960 | 9,733 | 5.6 |
| 1961 | 10,413 | 7.0 |
| 1962 | 11,500 | 10.4 |
| 1963 | 12,728 | 10.7 |
| 1964 | 14,325 | 12.5 |
| 1965 | 16,340 | 14.1 |
| 1966 | 17,949 | 9.8 |
| 1967 | 20,403 | 13.7 |
| 1968 | 22,937 | 12.4 |
| 1969 | 25,743 | 12.2 |
| 1970 | 29,498 | 14.6 |
| 1971 | 31,867 | 8.0 |
| 1972 | 33,041 | 3.7 |
| 1973 | 33,755 | 2.2 |
| 1974 | 33,047 | -2.1 |
| 1975 | 32,952 | -0.3 |
| 1976 | 32,946 | * |
| 1977 | 31,716 | -3.7 |
| 1978 | 30,875 | -2.7 |
| 1979 | 31,238 | 1.2 |
| 1980 | 31,019 | -0.7 |
| 1981 | 31,355 | 1.1 |
| 1982 | 31,108 | -0.8 |
| 1983 | 31,280 | 0.6 |
| 1984 | 31,334 | 0.2 |
| 1985 | 31,295 | -0.1 |
| 1986 | 31,897 | 1.9 |
| 1987 | 32,365 | 1.5 |
| 1988 | 33,497 | 3.5 |
| 1989 | 34,325 | 2.5 |
| 1990 | 36,065 | 5.1 |
| 1991 | 37,530 | 4.1 |
| 1992 | 38,886 | 3.6 |
| 1993 | 39,800 | 2.4 |
| 1994 | 41,034 | 3.1 |
| 1995 | 41,747 | 1.7 |
| 1996 | 42,437 | 1.7 |
| 1997 | 42,539 | 0.2 |
| 1998 | 42,636 | 0.2 |
| 1999 | 41,100 | -3.6 |
| 2000 | 41,369 | 0.7 |
| 2001 | 40,744 | -1.5 |
| 2002 | 40,031 | -1.7 |
| 2003 | 40,762 | 1.8 |
| 2004 | 42,122 | 3.3 |
| 2005 | 43,385 | 3.0 |
| 2006 | 45,620 | 5.2 |
| 2007 | 48,132 | 5.5 |

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| 2008 | 48,776 | 1.3 |
| 2009 | 49,552 | 1.6 |
| 2010 | 48,028 | -3.1 |
| 2011 | 48,910 | 1.8 |
| 2012 | 50,943 | 4.2 |
| 2013 | 52,703 | 3.5 |
| 2014 | 53,989 | 2.4 |
| 2015 | 54,889 | 1.7 |
| 2016 | 54,798 | -0.2 |
| 2017 | 54,559 | -0.4 |
| 2018 | 55,195 | 1.2 |

* = value < |0.05%|.

Source(s)

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