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**Highest educational attainment of either parent of doctorate recipients: Selected years, 1993–2018**

(Percent)

Year	High school or less	Some college <sup>a</sup>	Bachelor's degree	Master's degree	Professional degree <sup>b</sup>	Research doctoral degree
1993	31.2	15.1	20.8	12.8	8.6	11.4
1998	25.8	13.7	22.4	15.5	8.9	13.7
2003	23.2	13.3	23.2	17.2	9.0	14.0
2008	20.8	13.3	25.4	20.4	9.3	10.3
2013	18.5	12.7	25.4	22.4	10.0	10.6
2018	16.2	12.9	26.4	22.1	9.6	12.3

<sup>a</sup> Includes those who attended college but did not earn a bachelor's degree.<sup>b</sup> Includes professional doctorate such as MD, DDS, DVM, JD, PsyD, DDiv.**Note(s)**

Percentages may not sum to 100 due to rounding and doctorate recipients who reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education.

**Source(s)**

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