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(Number, percent, and median years)

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|--|------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|-------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| All doctorate recipients (number) ^a | 10,303 | 379 | 1,164 | 981 | 701 | 1,799 | 234 | 992 | 1,533 | 2,520 |
| Sex (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | 76.0 | 85.2 | 61.9 | 67.8 | 77.3 | 83.4 | 73.5 | 70.7 | 83.7 | 76.4 |
| Female | 24.0 | 14.8 | 38.1 | 32.2 | 22.7 | 16.5 | 26.5 | 29.2 | 16.3 | 23.6 |
| Unknown | * | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.1 | 0.0 | 0.0 |
| Citizenship (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. citizen or permanent resident | 41.3 | 55.9 | 66.3 | 48.9 | 28.5 | 28.8 | 35.9 | 50.5 | 39.1 | 35.2 |
| Temporary visa holder | 55.2 | 40.4 | 30.8 | 48.8 | 65.9 | 66.6 | 59.8 | 46.5 | 57.4 | 61.5 |
| Unknown | 3.6 | 3.7 | 2.8 | 2.2 | 5.6 | 4.6 | 4.3 | 3.0 | 3.5 | 3.3 |
| Marital status (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 43.2 | 46.7 | 49.0 | 50.8 | 33.0 | 41.0 | 38.0 | 49.2 | 42.5 | 39.8 |
| Married | 40.6 | 30.9 | 33.8 | 33.7 | 47.8 | 44.1 | 44.4 | 32.7 | 40.7 | 45.9 |
| Marriage-like relationship | 4.0 | D | 6.9 | 5.2 | 2.7 | 2.7 | D | 5.6 | 3.7 | 2.8 |
| Separated, divorced, widowed | 1.3 | D | 1.5 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.6 | D | 1.0 | 0.8 | 1.6 |
| Unknown | 11.0 | 15.0 | 8.8 | 9.5 | 15.5 | 10.7 | 13.7 | 11.5 | 12.3 | 9.8 |
| Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b | 77.1 | 80.7 | 71.3 | 83.5 | 79.5 | 82.1 | 71.8 | 66.5 | 85.1 | 72.2 |
| Master's earned (%) | 72.0 | 81.3 | 54.6 | 51.2 | 83.5 | 78.2 | 81.2 | 59.1 | 76.6 | 80.6 |
| Age at doctorate (median years) | 30.1 | 29.8 | 29.4 | 28.8 | 31.4 | 30.6 | 31.3 | 29.2 | 30.1 | 30.8 |
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| From bachelor's | 7.4 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.2 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 8.6 | 6.6 | 7.3 | 8.0 |
| From graduate school start | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.1 | 5.8 | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.7 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.3 |
| From doctoral program start ^c | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Male doctorate recipients (number) | 7,833 | 323 | 720 | 665 | 542 | 1,501 | 172 | 701 | 1,283 | 1,926 |
| Citizenship (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. citizen or permanent resident | 39.8 | 56.3 | 64.3 | 49.6 | 27.3 | 29.1 | 31.4 | 49.1 | 39.4 | 34.1 |
| Temporary visa holder | 56.8 | 40.2 | 33.1 | 48.3 | 67.3 | 67.0 | 64.0 | 47.9 | 57.2 | 62.9 |
| Unknown | 3.4 | 3.4 | 2.6 | 2.1 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 4.7 | 3.0 | 3.4 | 3.1 |
| Marital status (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 43.1 | 45.8 | 50.4 | 51.0 | D | 42.4 | D | 50.1 | 42.9 | 39.3 |
| Married | 41.2 | 31.9 | 33.6 | 34.1 | 49.4 | 43.7 | 48.8 | 33.0 | 40.7 | 46.6 |
| Marriage-like relationship | 3.6 | D | 7.1 | D | 2.0 | D | D | D | D | 2.4 |
| Separated, divorced, widowed | 1.1 | D | 0.8 | D | D | D | D | D | D | 1.4 |
| Unknown | 10.9 | 15.2 | 8.1 | 9.0 | 15.9 | 9.7 | 14.0 | 11.4 | 11.9 | 10.2 |
| Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b | 78.8 | 81.1 | 73.1 | 85.0 | 79.9 | 83.1 | 70.9 | 67.6 | 86.6 | 74.3 |
| Master's earned (%) | 73.1 | 81.4 | 54.4 | 49.8 | 83.6 | 78.5 | 80.2 | 58.2 | 77.5 | 81.5 |
| Age at doctorate (median years) | 30.3 | 29.8 | 29.5 | 28.9 | 31.8 | 30.7 | 31.8 | 29.3 | 30.2 | 31.0 |

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| Time to doctorate (median years) | | | | | | | | | | |
| From bachelor's | 7.5 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.3 | 8.5 | 8.0 | 9.3 | 6.6 | 7.4 | 8.1 |
| From graduate school start | 6.8 | 6.8 | 6.3 | 5.8 | 7.6 | 7.3 | 7.8 | 6.0 | 6.8 | 7.3 |
| From doctoral program start ^c | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.9 | 5.4 | 5.0 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 |
| Female doctorate recipients (number) | 2,468 | 56 | 444 | 316 | 159 | 297 | 62 | 290 | 250 | 594 |
| Citizenship (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| U.S. citizen or permanent resident | 45.9 | 53.6 | 69.6 | 47.5 | 32.7 | 27.3 | 48.4 | 54.1 | 37.6 | 38.7 |
| Temporary visa holder | 50.0 | 41.1 | 27.3 | 50.0 | 61.0 | 65.0 | 48.4 | 43.1 | 58.4 | 57.2 |
| Unknown | 4.1 | 5.4 | 3.2 | 2.5 | 6.3 | 7.7 | 3.2 | 2.8 | 4.0 | 4.0 |
| Marital status (%) | | | | | | | | | | |
| Never married | 43.4 | 51.8 | 46.6 | 50.3 | D | 34.3 | D | 47.2 | 40.8 | 41.4 |
| Married | 38.4 | 25.0 | 34.2 | 32.9 | 42.1 | 46.1 | 32.3 | 32.1 | 40.8 | 43.6 |
| Marriage-like relationship | 5.1 | 8.9 | 6.5 | D | 5.0 | D | D | D | D | 4.0 |
| Separated, divorced, widowed | 1.7 | 0.0 | 2.5 | D | D | D | D | D | D | 2.4 |
| Unknown | 11.4 | 14.3 | 10.1 | 10.4 | 14.5 | 15.2 | 12.9 | 11.4 | 14.0 | 8.6 |

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|--|------------------------------|--|---|----------------------|----------------------|--|--|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------|
| Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b | 71.7 | 78.6 | 68.5 | 80.4 | 78.0 | 77.1 | 74.2 | 64.1 | 77.2 | 65.5 |
| Master's earned (%) | 68.5 | 80.4 | 54.7 | 54.1 | 83.0 | 76.8 | 83.9 | 61.4 | 72.0 | 77.6 |
| Age at doctorate (median years) | 29.6 | 29.9 | 29.2 | 28.7 | 30.6 | 30.3 | 30.5 | 28.8 | 29.4 | 30.3 |
| Time to doctorate (median years) | | | | | | | | | | |
| From bachelor's | 7.1 | 7.3 | 6.9 | 6.1 | 8.1 | 7.9 | 7.9 | 6.6 | 7.0 | 7.8 |
| From graduate school start | 6.3 | 6.8 | 5.9 | 5.8 | 7.3 | 7.3 | 7.0 | 6.0 | 6.5 | 6.9 |
| From doctoral program start ^c | 5.1 | 5.5 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 4.8 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.3 | 5.0 | 5.0 |

^{* =} value between 0.00% and 0.05%; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

Note(s):

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

Source(s):

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

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b A bachelor's degree is counted as "in same field as doctorate" if the fields of study of the doctorate recipient's first or most recent bachelor's degree and doctoral degree are both in the same major field category, except for engineering and education fields where broad field categories need to be the same. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields based on the National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics' field of study taxonomy.

^c Time to doctorate from doctoral program start is based on master's degree entry if the master's degree was at the doctoral institution in the same fine field of study or was a prerequisite to the doctorate; otherwise, it is based on doctoral program entry.