

Table 17**Doctorate recipients, by broad field of study and citizenship status: Selected years, 1975–2020**

(Number)

Field and citizenship status	1975	1980	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015	2020
All fields	32,952	31,019	31,295	36,065	41,747	41,369	43,385	48,028	54,886	55,283
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	28,872	26,532	24,711	26,619	32,062	29,952	27,945	31,602	35,071	34,492
Temporary visa holder	3,562	3,696	5,252	8,140	8,831	9,667	12,832	13,636	16,129	18,482
Unknown	518	791	1,332	1,306	854	1,750	2,608	2,790	3,686	2,309
Life sciences ^a	5,103	5,501	5,822	6,655	7,998	8,622	9,310	11,319	12,493	12,561
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	4,312	4,688	4,694	4,944	6,131	6,086	6,282	7,812	8,470	8,707
Temporary visa holder	701	725	934	1,539	1,741	2,213	2,553	2,926	3,264	3,430
Unknown	90	88	194	172	126	323	475	581	759	424
Physical sciences and earth sciences	3,633	3,109	3,491	4,212	4,540	4,071	4,359	4,995	5,916	6,247
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	3,023	2,536	2,618	2,835	3,367	2,547	2,344	2,860	3,481	3,741
Temporary visa holder	549	510	734	1,240	1,091	1,331	1,788	1,884	2,099	2,311
Unknown	61	63	139	137	82	193	227	251	336	195
Mathematics and computer sciences	1,147	962	998	1,597	2,187	1,910	2,334	3,223	3,818	4,392
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	924	752	632	828	1,389	1,035	1,011	1,599	1,663	1,736
Temporary visa holder	197	183	332	699	749	807	1,200	1,446	1,917	2,475
Unknown	26	27	34	70	49	68	123	178	238	181
Psychology and social sciences	6,325	6,118	6,027	6,331	6,930	7,452	7,149	7,882	9,073	8,946
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	5,638	5,407	4,994	5,078	5,652	5,930	5,252	5,803	6,685	6,605
Temporary visa holder	581	535	721	983	1,115	1,148	1,464	1,553	1,622	1,832
Unknown	106	176	312	270	163	374	433	526	766	509
Engineering	3,002	2,479	3,166	4,894	6,008	5,323	6,426	7,578	9,875	10,476
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	2,138	1,555	1,594	2,349	3,343	2,575	2,288	3,332	4,219	4,154
Temporary visa holder	819	861	1,423	2,286	2,527	2,451	3,756	3,866	5,108	5,955
Unknown	45	63	149	259	138	297	382	380	548	367
Education	7,360	7,586	6,733	6,509	6,648	6,442	6,227	5,287	5,098	4,716
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	6,934	6,864	5,909	5,789	5,993	5,686	5,255	4,476	4,196	3,896
Temporary visa holder	352	515	577	506	506	539	536	478	539	661
Unknown	74	207	247	214	149	217	436	333	363	159
Humanities and arts	4,965	3,803	3,406	3,854	5,040	5,462	5,187	5,015	5,594	4,939
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	4,667	3,501	3,024	3,372	4,360	4,604	4,036	4,029	4,478	3,915
Temporary visa holder	211	179	232	384	591	665	806	667	713	742
Unknown	87	123	150	98	89	193	345	319	403	282
Other ^b	1,417	1,461	1,652	2,013	2,396	2,087	2,393	2,729	3,019	3,006
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	1,236	1,229	1,246	1,424	1,827	1,489	1,477	1,691	1,879	1,738
Temporary visa holder	152	188	299	503	511	513	729	816	867	1,076
Unknown	29	44	107	86	58	85	187	222	273	192

^a Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological and biomedical sciences; and health sciences.^b Includes other non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.**Source(s):**

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