

Table 26**Top 10 countries of origin of temporary visa holders earning U.S. doctorates, by country of citizenship and field of study: 2010–20**

(Number)

| Country and field | 2010 | 2011 | 2012 | 2013 | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| China ^a | 3,744 | 3,988 | 4,222 | 4,796 | 4,982 | 5,374 | 5,527 | 5,553 | 6,188 | 6,316 | 6,337 |
| Science and engineering | 3,457 | 3,652 | 3,906 | 4,443 | 4,650 | 4,970 | 5,141 | 5,147 | 5,692 | 5,755 | 5,730 |
| Non-science and engineering | 287 | 336 | 316 | 353 | 332 | 404 | 386 | 406 | 496 | 561 | 607 |
| India | 2,142 | 2,165 | 2,248 | 2,204 | 2,316 | 2,229 | 2,195 | 1,970 | 2,045 | 2,056 | 2,256 |
| Science and engineering | 1,994 | 2,036 | 2,142 | 2,074 | 2,208 | 2,119 | 2,085 | 1,884 | 1,922 | 1,910 | 2,116 |
| Non-science and engineering | 148 | 129 | 106 | 130 | 108 | 110 | 110 | 86 | 123 | 146 | 140 |
| South Korea | 1,381 | 1,445 | 1,472 | 1,383 | 1,284 | 1,234 | 1,229 | 1,128 | 1,040 | 1,167 | 1,054 |
| Science and engineering | 1,076 | 1,085 | 1,132 | 1,012 | 928 | 920 | 891 | 815 | 729 | 824 | 756 |
| Non-science and engineering | 305 | 360 | 340 | 371 | 356 | 314 | 338 | 313 | 311 | 343 | 298 |
| Taiwan | 650 | 693 | 719 | 699 | 668 | 614 | 592 | 520 | 514 | 492 | 468 |
| Science and engineering | 501 | 570 | 581 | 571 | 558 | 514 | 499 | 435 | 445 | 426 | 417 |
| Non-science and engineering | 149 | 123 | 138 | 128 | 110 | 100 | 93 | 85 | 69 | 66 | 51 |
| Iran | 147 | 198 | 287 | 409 | 483 | 629 | 695 | 767 | 937 | 964 | 962 |
| Science and engineering | D | 193 | 278 | 380 | 463 | 608 | 664 | 728 | 871 | 882 | 895 |
| Non-science and engineering | D | 5 | 9 | 29 | 20 | 21 | 31 | 39 | 66 | 82 | 67 |
| Turkey | 477 | 493 | 439 | 478 | 426 | 469 | 472 | 496 | 454 | 406 | 369 |
| Science and engineering | 405 | 422 | 352 | 391 | 360 | 386 | 380 | 392 | 364 | 324 | 303 |
| Non-science and engineering | 72 | 71 | 87 | 87 | 66 | 83 | 92 | 104 | 90 | 82 | 66 |
| Canada | 469 | 455 | 423 | 485 | 488 | 454 | 408 | 409 | 431 | 427 | 398 |
| Science and engineering | 339 | 307 | 299 | 332 | 321 | 318 | 272 | 288 | 307 | 313 | 281 |
| Non-science and engineering | 130 | 148 | 124 | 153 | 167 | 136 | 136 | 121 | 124 | 114 | 117 |
| Saudi Arabia | 40 | 49 | 57 | 73 | 105 | 134 | 238 | 339 | 404 | 555 | 615 |
| Science and engineering | 26 | 34 | 41 | 53 | 76 | 98 | 175 | 232 | 295 | 432 | 472 |
| Non-science and engineering | 14 | 15 | 16 | 20 | 29 | 36 | 63 | 107 | 109 | 123 | 143 |
| Thailand | 222 | 266 | 260 | 264 | 231 | 220 | 185 | 171 | 177 | 159 | 126 |
| Science and engineering | 182 | 235 | 240 | 227 | 200 | 193 | 168 | 153 | 155 | 139 | 117 |
| Non-science and engineering | 40 | 31 | 20 | 37 | 31 | 27 | 17 | 18 | 22 | 20 | 9 |
| Mexico | 201 | 185 | 213 | 177 | 193 | 194 | 221 | 180 | 185 | 187 | 236 |
| Science and engineering | 169 | 159 | 185 | 146 | 161 | 155 | 191 | 145 | 156 | 162 | 196 |
| Non-science and engineering | 32 | 26 | 28 | 31 | 32 | 39 | 30 | 35 | 29 | 25 | 40 |

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes Hong Kong.**Note(s):**

Rank is based on the total number of doctorate recipients from 2010 to 2020.

Source(s):

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