Table A-2
Research degrees included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates: 2016–20

(Number and percent)

Research degree	Degree title	2016		2017		2018		2019		2020	
		Number	Percent								
All research doctorates		54,809	100.0	54,552	100.0	55,085	100.0	55,614	100.0	55,283	100.0
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	53,778	98.1	53,471	98.0	54,136	98.3	54,712	98.4	54,331	98.3
EdD	Doctor of Education	616	1.1	589	1.1	571	1.0	473	0.9	482	0.9
DSc, ScD	Doctor of Science	103	0.2	109	0.2	92	0.2	92	0.2	68	0.1
DEng, DESc, DES	Doctor of Engineering or Engineering Science	33	0.1	28	0.1	21	*	43	0.1	55	0.1
DA	Doctor of Arts	7	*	4	*	5	*	1	*	1	*
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration	32	0.1	32	0.1	24	*	17	*	22	*
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts	141	0.3	139	0.3	116	0.2	115	0.2	172	0.3
DDes	Doctor of Design	5	*	7	*	9	*	8	*	8	*
DPH	Doctor of Public Health	20	*	53	0.1	41	0.1	37	0.1	38	0.1
DHL	Doctor of Hebrew Letters	1	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	1	*	1	*
DME	Doctor of Music Education	0	0.0	3	*	0	0.0	1	*	2	*
DML	Doctor of Modern Languages	5	*	6	*	4	*	6	*	5	*
DNSc	Doctor of Nursing Science	2	*	10	*	0	0.0	2	*	4	*
ThD	Doctor of Theology	14	*	23	*	11	*	11	*	3	*
DFA	Doctor of Fine Arts	2	*	4	*	3	*	2	*	1	*
JSD, SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science	45	0.1	67	0.1	50	0.1	91	0.2	84	0.2
STD	Doctor of Sacred Theology	2	*	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	2	*
JCD	Doctor of Canon Law	2	*	6	*	2	*	1	*	4	*
All other research doctorates ^a		1	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0	0	0.0

^{* =} value < 0.05%.

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 doctorates awarded that were determined to be ineligible for Survey of Earned Doctorates after the doctoral program was begun but before doctorate was granted.