

Table 8-15**Humanities research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2021**

(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All humanities fields	English language and literature, letters	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	History	Philosophy and religious studies	Humanities, other
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	3,076	933	505	672	592	374
Sex (%)						
Male	52.6	38.9	43.0	56.7	64.0	74.6
Female	47.3	60.9	57.0	43.3	36.0	25.4
Unknown	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship status (%)						
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	76.0	83.2	60.4	78.0	77.2	74.1
Temporary visa holder	17.8	10.7	33.1	17.4	17.2	16.3
Unknown	6.2	6.1	6.5	4.6	5.6	9.6
Marital status (%)						
Never married	25.2	25.4	29.3	28.7	25.8	12.0
Married	45.5	43.5	41.2	43.2	44.8	62.0
Marriage-like relationship	11.3	13.9	9.9	11.8	12.5	4.0
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.3	3.9	5.7	4.5	4.1	3.5
Unknown	13.6	13.3	13.9	11.9	12.8	18.4
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	27.0	21.8	24.1	23.2	26.4	53.3
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	15.2	17.3	14.0	14.0	16.1	12.2
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.6	33.8	35.1	33.9	34.0	38.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	73.4	82.8	71.4	72.1	70.1	59.6
Master's earned (%)	93.3	94.6	94.8	91.7	88.9	97.8
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	41.5	35.2	46.0	46.2	45.6	36.8
Time to doctorate (median years)						
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.3	11.0	11.7	11.0	11.0	15.0
From graduate school start	9.8	9.0	9.9	9.2	9.8	12.2
From doctoral program start ^c	6.8	6.1	6.8	6.9	6.9	6.8
Received tuition remission (%)	89.2	90.7	92.6	92.5	89.7	73.3
Male doctorate recipients (number)	1,619	363	217	381	379	279
Citizenship status (%)						
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	75.2	81.8	59.9	76.4	77.0	74.2
Temporary visa holder	18.8	12.7	33.6	19.7	17.4	15.8
Unknown	6.1	5.5	6.5	3.9	5.5	10.0
Marital status (%)						
Never married	22.9	26.2	29.0	D	25.1	D
Married	49.8	46.0	42.4	47.0	47.0	68.5
Marriage-like relationship	10.7	13.8	12.0	12.3	11.1	3.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.2	2.2	3.7	D	4.0	D
Unknown	13.3	11.8	12.9	11.3	12.9	19.0

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Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	31.6	23.2	21.6	24.5	31.0	63.8
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	13.1	11.7	13.2	12.5	15.5	12.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	35.1	33.9	35.8	34.1	34.6	39.2
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	73.6	84.8	71.4	73.5	72.3	61.9
Master's earned (%)	94.3	95.1	96.0	93.2	90.8	98.3
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	40.9	33.7	47.1	44.6	43.3	37.3
Time to doctorate (median years)						
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.5	10.8	12.0	10.9	11.0	15.6
From graduate school start	9.8	9.0	10.0	9.2	9.8	13.0
From doctoral program start ^c	6.8	6.1	7.0	6.8	6.9	6.8
Received tuition remission (%)	87.2	91.6	91.8	90.6	89.2	69.4
Female doctorate recipients (number)	1,455	568	288	291	213	95
Citizenship status (%)						
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	77.1	84.3	60.8	80.1	77.5	73.7
Temporary visa holder	16.7	9.5	32.6	14.4	16.9	17.9
Unknown	6.2	6.2	6.6	5.5	5.6	8.4
Marital status (%)						
Never married	27.8	25.0	29.5	D	27.2	D
Married	40.8	42.1	40.3	38.1	40.8	43.2
Marriage-like relationship	12.0	14.1	8.3	11.0	15.0	6.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.6	4.9	7.3	D	4.2	D
Unknown	13.8	13.9	14.6	12.7	12.7	16.8
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	21.9	20.9	26.1	21.6	18.3	23.8
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	17.6	20.9	14.5	15.9	17.2	12.8
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.0	33.6	34.4	33.8	33.3	37.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	73.2	81.6	71.4	70.3	66.2	52.9
Master's earned (%)	92.2	94.3	93.8	89.8	85.6	96.5
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	42.2	36.2	45.2	48.3	50.0	35.4
Time to doctorate (median years)						
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.2	11.0	11.5	11.0	11.0	14.0
From graduate school start	9.4	9.0	9.9	9.3	9.3	10.6

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From doctoral program start ^c	6.8	6.0	6.8	7.0	6.9	6.8
Received tuition remission (%)	91.5	90.2	93.2	95.0	90.4	85.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^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 broad field category.^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 field of study or was a prerequisite to the doctorate; otherwise, it is based on doctoral program entry.**Note(s):**

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. Beginning in 2021, a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes was used in the survey data collection, and the new broad, major, and detailed fields were used in tables reporting only the most recent data year. Therefore, the field of doctorate data in 2021 may not be comparable to prior years; see the "Technical Notes" for more information, table A-4 for a summary of SED-CIP codes in the new SED field taxonomy, table A-5 for a full list of SED-CIP codes in the new field taxonomy, and table A-6 for the SED-CIP code crosswalk to the historical field taxonomy.

Source(s):

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