

TABLE 4-15a

Social sciences master's and doctoral student demographics, enrollment status, and funding: 2021

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All graduate students		Master's students		Doctoral students	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	412	58.9	402	57.5	206	29.5
Schools	424	53.9	413	52.5	213	27.1
Units	2,057	9.6	1,647	7.7	952	4.5
All graduate students	82,223	100.0	47,616	100.0	34,607	100.0
Male	37,356	45.4	20,831	43.7	16,525	47.8
Female	44,867	54.6	26,785	56.3	18,082	52.2
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	61,463	74.8	39,426	82.8	22,037	63.7
Hispanic or Latino	8,994	10.9	6,377	13.4	2,617	7.6
Not Hispanic or Latino						
American Indian or Alaska Native	421	0.5	238	0.5	183	0.5
Asian	4,169	5.1	2,460	5.2	1,709	4.9
Black or African American	6,776	8.2	4,569	9.6	2,207	6.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	120	0.1	81	0.2	39	0.1
White	35,475	43.1	22,346	46.9	13,129	37.9
More than one race	2,310	2.8	1,471	3.1	839	2.4
Unknown ethnicity and race	3,198	3.9	1,884	4.0	1,314	3.8
Temporary visa holders	20,760	25.2	8,190	17.2	12,570	36.3
Part time	23,682	28.8	18,512	38.9	5,170	14.9
Full time	58,541	71.2	29,104	61.1	29,437	85.1
First time	19,618	23.9	15,026	31.6	4,592	13.3
Primary source of support for full-time students ^b						
Federal	3,238	3.9	1,389	2.9	1,849	5.3
DOD	552	0.7	470	1.0	82	0.2
DOE	25	*	7	*	18	0.1
HHS	283	0.3	44	0.1	239	0.7
NIH	197	0.2	29	0.1	168	0.5
Other HHS	86	0.1	15	*	71	0.2
NASA	34	*	7	*	27	0.1
NSF	702	0.9	85	0.2	617	1.8
USDA	367	0.4	134	0.3	233	0.7
Other	1,275	1.6	642	1.3	633	1.8
Nonfederal	33,275	40.5	9,436	19.8	23,839	68.9
Institutional	31,570	38.4	8,756	18.4	22,814	65.9
Domestic	1,294	1.6	512	1.1	782	2.3
Foreign	411	0.5	168	0.4	243	0.7
Self-support	22,028	26.8	18,279	38.4	3,749	10.8
Primary mechanism of support for full-time students ^b						
Fellowships	8,992	10.9	1,931	4.1	7,061	20.4
Research assistantships	6,294	7.7	1,675	3.5	4,619	13.3
Teaching assistantships	14,133	17.2	2,840	6.0	11,293	32.6
Traineeships	914	1.1	322	0.7	592	1.7
Other types of support	28,208	34.3	22,336	46.9	5,872	17.0
Self-support	22,028	26.8	18,279	38.4	3,749	10.8
Other	6,180	7.5	4,057	8.5	2,123	6.1

* = value < 0.05%.

DOD = Department of Defense; DOE = Department of Energy; HHS = Department of Health and Human Services; NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration; NIH = National Institutes of Health; NSF = National Science Foundation; USDA = Department of Agriculture.

^a Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

^b Funding data are available only for full-time students.

Note(s):

Percentages may not add to total because of rounding. For more information on the mapping of Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering fields and codes, see technical table A-17.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2021.