

TABLE 4-15a

**Social sciences master's and doctoral student demographics, enrollment status, and funding: 2023**

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All graduate students		Master's students		Doctoral students	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	409	59.5	395	57.5	210	30.6
Schools	421	54.7	407	52.9	216	28.1
Units	2,014	8.8	1,585	7.0	944	4.1
All graduate students	74,591	100.0	41,600	100.0	32,991	100.0
Male	33,683	45.2	18,181	43.7	15,502	47.0
Female	40,908	54.8	23,419	56.3	17,489	53.0
U.S. citizens and permanent residents <sup>a</sup>	52,500	70.4	32,287	77.6	20,213	61.3
Hispanic or Latino	8,171	11.0	5,553	13.3	2,618	7.9
Not Hispanic or Latino						
American Indian or Alaska Native	340	0.5	165	0.4	175	0.5
Asian	3,761	5.0	2,066	5.0	1,695	5.1
Black or African American	6,300	8.4	4,051	9.7	2,249	6.8
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	113	0.2	78	0.2	35	0.1
White	29,079	39.0	17,738	42.6	11,341	34.4
More than one race	2,220	3.0	1,322	3.2	898	2.7
Unknown ethnicity and race	2,516	3.4	1,314	3.2	1,202	3.6
Temporary visa holders	22,091	29.6	9,313	22.4	12,778	38.7
Part time	20,245	27.1	15,339	36.9	4,906	14.9
Full time	54,346	72.9	26,261	63.1	28,085	85.1
First time	17,671	23.7	12,834	30.9	4,837	14.7
Primary source of support for full-time students <sup>b</sup>						
Federal	3,080	4.1	1,469	3.5	1,611	4.9
DOD	561	0.8	415	1.0	146	0.4
DOE	24	*	6	*	18	0.1
HHS	261	0.3	31	0.1	230	0.7
NIH	173	0.2	10	*	163	0.5
Other HHS	88	0.1	21	0.1	67	0.2
NASA	33	*	6	*	27	0.1
NSF	609	0.8	93	0.2	516	1.6
USDA	221	0.3	78	0.2	143	0.4
Other	1,371	1.8	840	2.0	531	1.6
Nonfederal	32,169	43.1	9,221	22.2	22,948	69.6
Institutional	30,610	41.0	8,494	20.4	22,116	67.0
Domestic	1,212	1.6	561	1.3	651	2.0
Foreign	347	0.5	166	0.4	181	0.5

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Self-support	19,097	25.6	15,571	37.4	3,526	10.7
Primary mechanism of support for full-time students <sup>b</sup>						
Fellowships	8,689	11.6	1,940	4.7	6,749	20.5
Research assistantships	6,122	8.2	1,790	4.3	4,332	13.1
Teaching assistantships	13,010	17.4	2,567	6.2	10,443	31.7
Traineeships	1,005	1.3	380	0.9	625	1.9
Other types of support	25,520	34.2	19,584	47.1	5,936	18.0
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Other	6,423	8.6	4,013	9.6	2,410	7.3

\* = value &lt; 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.

<sup>a</sup> Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

<sup>b</sup> 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, 2023.