

Table 8-17. Visual and performing arts research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2024

(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All visual and performing arts fields	Performing arts	Visual arts, media studies, and design
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	874	518	356
Sex (%)			
Male	42.8	54.2	26.1
Female	57.2	45.8	73.9
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	74.5	74.1	75.0
Temporary visa holder	19.0	18.0	20.5
Unknown	6.5	7.9	4.5
Marital status (%)			
Never married	36.0	37.1	34.6
Married	33.6	30.1	38.8
Marriage-like relationship	13.7	13.7	13.8
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.9	3.5	4.5
Unknown	12.7	15.6	8.4
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	16.0	14.4	18.1
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	20.7	21.9	19.2
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.3	33.7	34.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	67.4	75.4	56.5
Master's earned (%)	92.4	92.5	92.3
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	32.1	26.9	39.2
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.0	10.6	11.9
From graduate school start	9.2	8.8	9.8
From doctoral program start ^c	6.7	5.8	7.3
Received tuition remission (%)	93.0	93.9	91.9
Male doctorate recipients (number)	374	281	93
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	74.3	76.2	68.8
Temporary visa holder	20.3	17.8	28.0
Unknown	5.3	6.0	3.2
Marital status (%)			
Never married	38.0	39.5	33.3
Married	32.6	30.2	39.8
Marriage-like relationship	14.2	D	D
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.2	D	D
Unknown	12.0	14.6	4.3
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	16.4	16.3	16.7
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	16.0	16.6	14.6
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.3	34.0	34.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	68.8	75.5	50.5
Master's earned (%)	94.7	94.8	94.5
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	28.8	23.9	42.4
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	10.6	10.2	11.5
From graduate school start	9.0	8.6	10.0
From doctoral program start ^c	6.0	5.7	7.3
Received tuition remission (%)	93.7	94.2	92.2
Female doctorate recipients (number)	500	237	263
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	74.6	71.7	77.2

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Temporary visa holder	18.0	18.1	17.9
Unknown	7.4	10.1	4.9
Marital status (%)			
Never married	34.6	34.2	35.0
Married	34.4	30.0	38.4
Marriage-like relationship	13.4	D	D
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.4	D	D
Unknown	13.2	16.9	9.9
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	15.7	12.2	18.6
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	24.3	28.4	21.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.3	33.6	34.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	66.3	75.4	58.8
Master's earned (%)	90.6	89.7	91.4
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	34.7	30.8	37.9
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.3	11.0	12.0
From graduate school start	9.3	8.8	9.8
From doctoral program start ^c	6.8	6.0	7.3
Received tuition remission (%)	92.5	93.4	91.7

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a All doctorate recipients includes doctorate recipients who did not report sex.^b A bachelor's and doctoral degree are considered to be in the same field if doctorate recipient's first or most recent bachelor's degree is in the same broad field as their doctoral degree.^c Time to doctorate from doctoral program start is based on master's degree entry if the master's degree was at the same 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 new broad, major, and detailed fields are used in tables reporting data from 2021 to the present; see the field list in table A-4. Therefore, the field of doctorate data prior to 2021 may not be comparable to subsequent years. For more information about the 2021 taxonomy change, see the "Technical Notes."

Source(s):

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