

Table A-1. Research doctorates included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates: 2020–24

(Number and percent)

Doctoral degree type	Degree title	2020		2021		2022		2023		2024	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All research doctorates		55,200	100.0	52,159	100.0	57,439	100.0	57,806	100.0	58,131	100.0
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	54,246	98.3	51,359	98.5	56,662	98.6	56,994	98.6	57,278	98.5
EdD	Doctor of Education	486	0.9	463	0.9	471	0.8	500	0.9	520	0.9
DSc, ScD	Doctor of Science	68	0.1	28	0.1	36	0.1	21	*	17	*
DEng, DESc, DES	Doctor of Engineering or Engineering Science	54	0.1	21	*	19	*	23	*	18	*
DA	Doctor of Arts	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	0	0.0
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration	22	*	13	*	15	*	14	*	8	*
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts	170	0.3	155	0.3	130	0.2	148	0.3	167	0.3
DDes	Doctor of Design	8	*	13	*	4	*	9	*	9	*
DPH	Doctor of Public Health	38	0.1	34	0.1	24	*	26	*	23	*
DHL	Doctor of Hebrew Letters	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	1	*
DME	Doctor of Music Education	2	*	2	*	0	0.0	2	*	0	0.0
DML	Doctor of Modern Languages	5	*	1	*	4	*	4	*	3	*
DNSc	Doctor of Nursing Science	5	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	*	0	0.0
ThD	Doctor of Theology	3	*	7	*	8	*	8	*	8	*
DFA	Doctor of Fine Arts	1	*	5	*	4	*	2	*	0	0.0
JSD, SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science	84	0.2	54	0.1	57	0.1	48	0.1	78	0.1
STD	Doctor of Sacred Theology	2	*	2	*	2	*	3	*	0	0.0
JCD	Doctor of Canon Law	4	*	2	*	1	*	1	*	1	*

* = value between 0.00% and 0.05%.

Note(s):

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. All PhDs are considered research doctorates; other doctoral degrees included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates are from a small number of doctorate programs that had historical designations as research doctorates.

Source(s):

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