

Table 8-12. Psychology research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All psychology fields	Clinical psychology	Counseling and applied psychology	Research and experimental psychology	Psychology, other
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	3,941	1,179	1,315	874	573
Sex (%)					
Male	23.2	20.3	23.2	29.1	20.6
Female	76.8	79.7	76.8	70.9	79.4
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	81.0	88.5	83.1	76.8	67.0
Temporary visa holder	10.1	4.3	8.4	20.0	10.5
Unknown	9.0	7.2	8.4	3.2	22.5
Marital status (%)					
Never married	30.8	30.8	29.2	39.9	20.8
Married	34.3	33.2	37.9	33.4	30.0
Marriage-like relationship	13.5	15.8	12.3	15.1	9.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.3	3.1	5.7	3.5	5.1
Unknown	17.0	17.2	14.9	8.0	34.9
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	16.6	15.5	18.7	11.9	23.1
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	20.0	18.7	19.8	21.4	20.8
Age at doctorate (median years)	31.4	31.3	32.3	30.4	32.2
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	70.5	78.6	67.4	69.5	60.4
Master's earned (%)	88.0	88.2	90.3	84.3	88.0
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	63.7	72.8	54.8	68.1	58.4
Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	8.8	9.0	9.3	8.0	9.3
From graduate school start	7.0	6.8	7.6	6.3	7.0
From doctoral program start ^c	5.9	6.0	5.5	5.7	5.3
Received tuition remission (%)	80.6	79.9	76.2	90.4	74.7
Male doctorate recipients (number)	916	239	305	254	118
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.8	84.1	83.9	76.8	66.9
Temporary visa holder	11.6	5.9	9.2	20.5	10.2
Unknown	8.6	10.0	6.9	2.8	22.9
Marital status (%)					
Never married	33.2	28.9	31.8	44.1	22.0
Married	32.5	33.1	36.4	28.0	31.4
Marriage-like relationship	14.1	13.8	13.4	D	D
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.4	2.1	4.9	D	D
Unknown	16.8	22.2	13.4	7.9	33.9
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	16.8	19.8	15.2	11.1	32.1
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	22.2	23.0	21.4	24.6	16.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	32.3	32.5	33.2	30.9	34.0
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	67.9	77.8	63.7	67.6	58.5
Master's earned (%)	85.6	87.8	87.9	81.3	85.4

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(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All psychology fields	Clinical psychology	Counseling and applied psychology	Research and experimental psychology	Psychology, other
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	61.2	72.1	51.3	66.5	52.9
Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	9.1	9.3	9.3	8.2	10.0
From graduate school start	7.0	7.0	7.8	6.7	7.4
From doctoral program start ^c	5.9	6.0	5.8	5.8	5.0
Received tuition remission (%)	81.4	78.7	76.2	92.3	73.4
Female doctorate recipients (number)	3,025	940	1,010	620	455
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	81.3	89.6	82.9	76.8	67.0
Temporary visa holder	9.6	3.9	8.2	19.8	10.5
Unknown	9.1	6.5	8.9	3.4	22.4
Marital status (%)					
Never married	30.1	31.3	28.4	38.2	20.4
Married	34.9	33.2	38.3	35.6	29.7
Marriage-like relationship	13.4	16.3	12.0	D	D
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.6	3.3	5.9	D	D
Unknown	17.0	16.0	15.3	8.1	35.2
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	16.5	14.4	19.8	12.3	20.7
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	19.3	17.7	19.3	20.1	22.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	31.2	31.0	32.0	30.2	31.6
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	71.2	78.8	68.6	70.3	60.9
Master's earned (%)	88.7	88.3	91.1	85.5	88.7
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	64.4	73.0	55.9	68.7	59.7
Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	8.7	8.7	9.3	7.8	9.3
From graduate school start	6.9	6.3	7.3	6.0	6.9
From doctoral program start ^c	5.8	6.0	5.3	5.3	5.4
Received tuition remission (%)	80.4	80.2	76.2	89.7	75.0

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. The survey data collection for the field of study changed in 2021, which may affect the data comparisons across years. This table uses the new field taxonomy based on a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes and does not match data that uses the trend field taxonomy. For more information about the field taxonomy changes, see the "Technical Notes."

Source(s):

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