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All doctorate recipients (number)	59,015	36,235	19,340	3,781	1,321	108	6	4,230	12,694	2,990	973	22,410	2,860	1,396	127	611	729	709	630		
Primary source of support (%) ^b																					
Teaching assistantships	20.2	18.6	23.2	18.5	26.2	9.9	D	16.7	23.2	12.5	27.5	19.9	21.6	16.0	21.6	18.8	D	20.2	20.8		
Research or other assistantships or traineeships ^c	36.8	30.0	49.6	24.9	37.6	18.7	D	37.8	54.0	16.3	44.6	31.5	39.4	29.1	D	27.2	39.4	19.0	45.5		
Fellowships, scholarships, or dissertation grants	24.0	26.3	19.6	33.1	28.0	37.4	D	29.8	16.9	26.9	19.0	24.0	26.8	32.6	D	26.2	27.4	30.2	21.8		
Own resources	15.2	20.7	4.7	20.0	3.0	28.6	D	13.1	4.6	38.5	6.8	19.8	4.6	19.6	D	24.5	5.7	26.2	7.9		
Employer or other sources	3.8	4.4	2.9	3.5	5.1	5.5	D	2.5	1.4	5.8	2.0	4.8	7.6	2.8	9.6	3.3	D	4.4	4.0		
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^d	60.6	60.9	60.6	60.7	61.7	52.7	D	59.5	59.9	47.1	61.0	63.1	65.0	64.6	D	53.8	54.9	48.3	48.9		
Master's earned (%)	72.0	68.7	78.3	66.9	82.0	83.9	D	65.6	75.7	85.1	83.2	67.5	86.4	65.6	84.1	74.4	D	60.7	71.1		
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	44.0	49.2	35.5	54.4	35.1	42.3	D	47.2	37.7	40.9	31.0	50.1	29.2	51.6	33.0	48.1	D	39.8	29.6		
Marital status (%)																					
Not married ^e	41.3	38.9	52.9	41.2	47.4	38.0	D	42.1	57.8	48.4	49.7	37.2	50.6	47.5	54.3	30.9	D	10.2	13.0		
Married or in marriage-like relationship	46.2	54.0	39.4	51.8	48.1	46.3	D	52.7	39.0	44.7	46.1	57.7	45.8	51.2	44.1	40.4	D	15.5	12.1		
Unknown	12.6	7.1	7.7	7.0	4.5	15.7	D	5.3	3.2	6.9	4.1	5.1	3.6	1.3	1.6	28.6	D	74.3	74.9		
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	18.3	20.5	14.3	19.5	15.9	33.0	D	19.2	11.2	30.4	36.3	19.9	18.8	15.4	19.4	20.5	D	20.2	22.1		

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Has one or more functional limitations (%)	15.0	17.4	10.5	23.5	15.6	32.2	D	12.5	9.6	17.1	9.9	17.0	11.8	21.5	13.6	18.6	D	20.5	7.3
Age at doctorate (median years)	31.4	31.6	31.2	31.6	33.1	36.3	32.1	31.1	30.6	36.0	33.9	31.3	32.3	30.9	31.9	32.4	31.4	32.1	31.4
Time to doctorate (median years)																			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	8.6	8.7	8.5	8.3	9.4	10.6	9.7	8.4	8.1	11.9	10.3	8.5	9.4	8.3	8.9	10.0	8.8	9.1	8.6
From graduate school start	7.0	7.0	7.3	7.0	7.8	8.3	6.9	6.9	7.0	9.3	7.5	6.9	7.9	6.8	7.4	7.8	7.8	7.4	6.9
From doctoral program start ^f	5.8	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.7	5.8	4.1	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.0	5.8	5.6	5.8	5.5	5.8	5.8	5.3	5.3
Received tuition remission (%)	85.3	83.4	89.1	82.3	86.2	71.7	D	87.5	91.7	68.5	87.2	85.0	81.4	84.1	74.6	78.9	D	76.2	85.7

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Total includes doctorate recipients who did not report citizenship status.

^b Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting a primary source of financial support during graduate school.

^c Research or other assistantships or traineeships includes research assistantships, other assistantships, traineeships, internships, or clinical residencies.

^d 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.

^e Not married includes never married, separated, divorced, or widowed.

^f Time to doctorate from doctoral program start is based on master's degree entry if the master's degree was at the same institution in the same field of study or was a prerequisite to the doctorate; otherwise, it is based on doctoral program entry.

Note(s):
Hispanic or Latino may be of any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin. Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.