

Table 3-6. Median years to non-science and engineering research doctorate, by sex, citizenship status, ethnicity, race, and broad field of doctorate: 2025

(Number and median years)

Time to degree and demographic characteristic	All fields		Non-science and engineering, total		Business		Education		Humanities		Visual and performing arts		Other non-science and engineering	
	Number	Median	Number	Median	Number	Median	Number	Median	Number	Median	Number	Median	Number	Median
Doctorate recipients reporting year of doctoral program entry ^b	52,770	5.8	10,252	5.9	1,143	5.3	3,542	5.5	2,942	6.8	696	6.7	1,929	5.7
Sex														
Male	27,052	5.7	4,064	5.9	648	5.2	934	5.7	1,442	6.8	305	6.3	735	5.3
Female	25,718	5.8	6,188	5.9	495	5.3	2,608	5.4	1,500	6.8	391	6.8	1,194	5.8
Citizenship status														
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	33,968	5.8	7,737	6.0	534	5.2	3,028	5.7	2,295	6.8	525	6.7	1,355	5.8
Temporary visa holder	18,086	5.6	2,367	5.8	584	5.3	456	5.0	612	6.8	168	6.3	547	5.0
Ethnicity or race (U.S. citizens and permanent residents)														
Hispanic or Latino	3,542	5.8	819	6.0	39	5.8	352	5.8	266	6.8	54	6.5	108	5.8
Not Hispanic or Latino														
American Indian or Alaska Native	91	5.8	31	5.3	D	D	16	5.8	8	4.5	D	D	D	D
Asian	4,025	5.8	532	6.0	81	5.8	172	5.7	129	7.1	42	6.5	108	6.3
Black or African American	2,799	5.8	1,079	5.8	81	4.9	596	5.6	126	6.0	40	6.2	236	5.8
White	21,346	5.8	4,817	6.0	300	5.0	1,721	5.6	1,624	6.8	354	6.7	818	5.8
More than one race	1,378	5.8	252	6.0	D	D	109	5.1	69	6.8	D	D	D	D
Other race or race not reported	496	5.8	119	6.0	8	5.7	35	5.3	44	7.1	8	6.5	24	5.8
Ethnicity not reported	291	5.3	88	5.7	10	3.9	27	5.7	29	5.8	9	4.8	13	6.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

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

^b Doctorate recipients reporting year of doctoral program entry includes only cases with valid year of entry into master's program if master's degree was at the doctoral institution in the same field of study or was a prerequisite to the doctorate; otherwise, includes only cases with valid year of doctoral program entry.

Note(s):
Hispanic or Latino may be of any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin. 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.