

Table 8-17. Visual and performing arts research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(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	793	494	299
Sex (%)			
Male	43.4	48.6	34.8
Female	56.6	51.4	65.2
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	70.4	69.2	72.2
Temporary visa holder	23.0	22.1	24.4
Unknown	6.7	8.7	3.3
Marital status (%)			
Never married	31.8	31.6	32.1
Married	37.7	36.6	39.5
Marriage-like relationship	12.4	11.5	13.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.4	4.3	4.7
Unknown	13.7	16.0	10.0
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	18.6	20.1	16.4
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	18.6	18.0	19.5
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.4	34.0	34.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	67.1	73.6	57.1
Master's earned (%)	91.8	92.5	90.7
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	36.0	36.0	36.1
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.2	10.9	12.0
From graduate school start	9.3	8.9	9.8
From doctoral program start ^c	6.7	5.8	7.0
Received tuition remission (%)	92.1	91.6	92.8
Male doctorate recipients (number)	344	240	104
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	70.6	70.4	71.2
Temporary visa holder	23.5	22.5	26.0
Unknown	5.8	7.1	2.9
Marital status (%)			
Never married	30.8	30.0	32.7
Married	38.1	41.3	30.8
Marriage-like relationship	14.0	11.3	20.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.8	3.3	4.8
Unknown	13.4	14.2	11.5
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	18.7	19.9	16.1
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	20.5	20.5	20.7
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.7	34.7	34.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	69.9	77.5	53.1
Master's earned (%)	91.6	93.4	87.5
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	33.9	33.5	34.9
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.0	11.0	11.0
From graduate school start	9.3	9.3	9.3
From doctoral program start ^c	6.3	5.8	7.0
Received tuition remission (%)	91.4	91.3	91.8
Female doctorate recipients (number)	449	254	195
Citizenship status (%)			
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	70.2	68.1	72.8

Table 8-17. Visual and performing arts research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All visual and performing arts fields	Performing arts	Visual arts, media studies, and design
Temporary visa holder	22.5	21.7	23.6
Unknown	7.3	10.2	3.6
Marital status (%)			
Never married	32.5	33.1	31.8
Married	37.4	32.3	44.1
Marriage-like relationship	11.1	11.8	10.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.9	5.1	4.6
Unknown	14.0	17.7	9.2
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	18.5	20.3	16.5
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	17.1	15.5	19.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.3	33.3	34.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	64.9	69.8	59.2
Master's earned (%)	91.9	91.5	92.3
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	37.6	38.5	36.7
Time to doctorate (median years)			
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.3	10.4	12.1
From graduate school start	9.3	8.8	10.0
From doctoral program start ^c	6.8	5.9	7.0
Received tuition remission (%)	92.5	91.9	93.3

^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.