

Table 8-18. Other non-science and engineering research doctorate recipients, statistical profile by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(Number, percent, and median years)

Characteristic	All other non-science and engineering fields	Communication and journalism	Multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary studies	Public administration and social services	Non-science and engineering, other
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	2,197	584	349	532	732
Sex (%)					
Male	38.8	34.4	41.3	31.4	46.4
Female	61.2	65.6	58.7	68.6	53.6
Unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	65.6	65.6	67.3	76.5	57.0
Temporary visa holder	27.4	28.8	20.9	16.9	36.9
Unknown	7.0	5.7	11.7	6.6	6.1
Marital status (%)					
Never married	28.9	34.4	27.8	25.6	27.6
Married	43.3	40.4	40.1	44.7	46.0
Marriage-like relationship	7.5	9.8	7.2	6.2	6.7
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.7	2.9	5.2	9.6	5.5
Unknown	14.6	12.5	19.8	13.9	14.2
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	29.9	23.1	26.3	37.3	31.8
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	19.4	22.4	17.8	17.1	19.3
Age at doctorate (median years)	35.4	33.5	36.1	37.3	35.3
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	39.2	51.1	35.6	31.3	37.3
Master's earned (%)	94.6	97.1	91.8	96.9	92.2
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	34.1	28.7	41.3	36.3	33.7
Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.8	10.2	12.7	13.4	11.4
From graduate school start	9.8	8.5	10.3	11.0	9.4
From doctoral program start ^c	5.7	5.0	6.8	5.8	5.3
Received tuition remission (%)	79.3	89.7	77.6	73.6	75.9
Male doctorate recipients (number)	852	201	144	167	340
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	61.5	67.2	69.4	68.3	51.5
Temporary visa holder	31.0	25.9	18.8	25.1	42.1
Unknown	7.5	7.0	11.8	6.6	6.5
Marital status (%)					
Never married	25.9	33.8	25.7	20.4	24.1
Married	45.4	37.8	44.4	49.1	48.5

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Marriage-like relationship	7.5	10.0	6.3	6.6	7.1
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.2	3.5	3.5	7.8	5.6
Unknown	16.0	14.9	20.1	16.2	14.7
Has dependent age 18 or younger (%)	32.5	25.0	27.0	42.1	34.5
Has one or more functional limitations (%)	18.8	24.8	16.1	14.3	18.7
Age at doctorate (median years)	35.8	34.1	36.6	37.3	35.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	39.1	53.2	38.5	22.8	39.2
Master's earned (%)	94.3	96.0	91.8	98.0	92.6
Master's earned at same doctorate institution (%)	31.4	28.3	32.4	31.4	32.9
Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.6	10.1	12.7	12.7	11.3
From graduate school start	9.8	8.1	10.3	11.0	9.5
From doctoral program start ^c	5.3	5.0	6.7	5.7	5.0
Received tuition remission (%)	76.3	86.0	78.3	72.1	71.9
Female doctorate recipients (number)	1,345	383	205	365	392
Citizenship status (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	68.3	64.8	65.9	80.3	61.7
Temporary visa holder	25.1	30.3	22.4	13.2	32.4
Unknown	6.7	5.0	11.7	6.6	5.9
Marital status (%)					
Never married	30.9	34.7	29.3	27.9	30.6
Married	41.9	41.8	37.1	42.7	43.9
Marriage-like relationship	7.4	9.7	7.8	6.0	6.4
Separated, divorced, widowed	6.1	2.6	6.3	10.4	5.4
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Time to doctorate (median years)					
Years since earning bachelor's degree	11.8	10.3	12.7	14.0	11.5
From graduate school start	9.8	8.8	10.2	11.0	9.4
From doctoral program start ^c	5.8	5.0	6.8	5.8	5.7
Received tuition remission (%)	81.1	91.6	77.1	74.3	79.3

^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.