

Table A-1. Research doctoral degrees included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates: 2021–25

(Number and percent)

Doctoral degree type	Degree title	2021		2022		2023		2024		2025	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All research doctorates		52,158	100.0	57,435	100.0	57,801	100.0	58,013	100	59,015	100.0
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	51,358	98.5	56,658	98.6	56,990	98.6	57,162	99	58,160	98.6
EdD	Doctor of Education	463	0.9	471	0.8	499	0.9	518	1	534	0.9
DSc, ScD	Doctor of Science	28	0.1	36	0.1	21	*	17	*	17	*
DEng, DESc, DES	Doctor of Engineering or Engineering Science	21	*	19	*	23	*	19	*	22	*
DA	Doctor of Arts	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	0	0	0	0.0
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration	13	*	15	*	14	*	8	*	3	*
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts	155	0.3	130	0.2	148	0.3	167	0	159	0.3
DDes	Doctor of Design	13	*	4	*	9	*	9	*	14	*
DPH	Doctor of Public Health	34	0.1	24	*	26	*	23	*	31	0.1
DHL	Doctor of Hebrew Letters	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0
DME	Doctor of Music Education	2	*	0	0.0	2	*	0	0	1	*
DML	Doctor of Modern Languages	1	*	4	*	4	*	3	*	7	*
DNSc	Doctor of Nursing Science	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	*	0	0	0	0.0
ThD	Doctor of Theology	7	*	8	*	8	*	8	*	6	*
DFA	Doctor of Fine Arts	5	*	4	*	2	*	0	0	4	*
JSD, SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science	54	0.1	57	0.1	48	0.1	77	0	54	0.1
STD	Doctor of Sacred Theology	2	*	2	*	3	*	0	0	2	*
JCD	Doctor of Canon Law	2	*	1	*	1	*	1	*	1	*

* = value between 0.00% and 0.05%.

Note(s):
Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. All PhDs are considered research doctorates; other doctoral degrees included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates are from a small number of doctorate programs that had historical designations as research doctorates.

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