

TABLE 34. Highest educational attainment of either parent of doctorate recipients: Selected years, 1984–2014

(Percent)

Year	High school or less	Some college <sup>a</sup>	Bachelor's degree	Advanced degree
1984	38.3	15.0	22.5	24.2
1989	34.5	13.9	23.4	28.1
1994	30.0	15.2	21.1	33.7
1999	25.1	13.6	21.9	39.4
2004	22.7	13.4	23.8	39.7
2009	20.1	13.0	25.3	41.2
2014	18.1	12.2	26.1	43.0

<sup>a</sup> Includes those who attended college but did not earn a bachelor's.

NOTE: Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding and because 170 doctorate recipients (0.4%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2004, 209 doctorate recipients (0.5%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2009, and 253 doctorate recipients (0.5%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2014.

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