

TABLE 39. Graduate education-related debt of doctorate recipients, by broad field of study: 2004–14

Debt level and broad field of study	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
All doctorate recipients	37,772	38,780	41,024	42,987	44,075	45,137	43,897	44,782	46,491	46,459	46,820
No debt	24,825	26,018	27,889	27,877	28,228	28,442	28,104	28,663	29,297	28,897	29,345
\$10,000 or less	3,057	2,933	3,123	3,591	3,929	3,915	3,510	3,697	4,031	3,932	3,843
\$10,001–\$30,000	3,605	3,582	3,470	4,264	4,461	4,582	4,238	4,314	4,565	4,606	4,437
\$30,001 or more	6,285	6,247	6,542	7,255	7,457	8,198	8,045	8,108	8,598	9,024	9,195
Life sciences <sup>a</sup>	8,015	8,448	8,823	9,754	10,163	10,507	10,410	10,610	11,178	10,955	10,948
No debt	5,635	6,077	6,406	6,773	7,016	7,158	7,228	7,403	7,699	7,364	7,430
\$10,000 or less	634	631	652	818	891	930	842	847	948	916	874
\$10,001–\$30,000	747	762	712	928	962	1,019	939	907	1,008	1,025	1,002
\$30,001 or more	999	978	1,053	1,235	1,294	1,400	1,401	1,453	1,523	1,650	1,642
Physical sciences <sup>b</sup>	5,581	6,082	6,814	7,208	7,385	7,660	7,671	8,005	8,182	8,315	8,686
No debt	4,317	4,800	5,404	5,573	5,707	5,926	5,999	6,203	6,358	6,500	6,772
\$10,000 or less	470	439	507	604	624	627	566	624	626	628	644
\$10,001–\$30,000	355	406	410	495	507	512	510	533	564	562	558
\$30,001 or more	439	437	493	536	547	595	596	645	634	625	712
Social sciences <sup>c</sup>	6,205	6,265	6,352	6,340	6,700	7,000	6,987	7,240	7,452	7,268	7,316
No debt	3,236	3,378	3,467	3,156	3,309	3,391	3,373	3,468	3,496	3,377	3,387
\$10,000 or less	471	452	443	515	577	590	541	622	641	598	592
\$10,001–\$30,000	760	685	684	743	869	849	853	867	963	853	845
\$30,001 or more	1,738	1,750	1,758	1,926	1,945	2,170	2,220	2,283	2,352	2,440	2,492
Engineering	5,250	5,749	6,455	6,924	7,130	7,034	6,959	7,320	7,699	7,913	8,386
No debt	3,990	4,484	5,096	5,355	5,416	5,340	5,321	5,614	5,869	5,941	6,382
\$10,000 or less	461	433	532	540	643	609	580	635	692	699	736
\$10,001–\$30,000	358	358	381	491	526	550	527	504	545	611	616
\$30,001 or more	441	474	446	538	545	535	531	567	593	662	652
Education	5,757	5,463	5,489	5,721	5,868	5,898	4,766	4,255	4,396	4,302	4,075
No debt	3,573	3,397	3,398	3,224	3,163	2,967	2,445	2,152	2,114	1,899	1,727
\$10,000 or less	443	406	412	470	520	488	365	312	373	362	348
\$10,001–\$30,000	564	536	506	651	711	727	556	542	534	574	500
\$30,001 or more	1,177	1,124	1,173	1,376	1,474	1,716	1,400	1,249	1,375	1,467	1,500
Humanities	4,746	4,588	4,750	4,525	4,249	4,441	4,549	4,798	5,008	4,956	4,753
No debt	2,686	2,519	2,682	2,349	2,195	2,254	2,350	2,444	2,399	2,405	2,301
\$10,000 or less	436	420	381	452	479	474	435	470	537	523	447
\$10,001–\$30,000	610	604	578	653	572	612	567	648	673	678	633
\$30,001 or more	1,014	1,045	1,109	1,071	1,003	1,101	1,197	1,236	1,399	1,350	1,372
Other <sup>d</sup>	2,218	2,185	2,341	2,515	2,580	2,597	2,555	2,554	2,576	2,750	2,656
No debt	1,388	1,363	1,436	1,447	1,422	1,406	1,388	1,379	1,362	1,411	1,346
\$10,000 or less	142	152	196	192	195	197	181	187	214	206	202
\$10,001–\$30,000	211	231	199	303	314	313	286	313	278	303	283
\$30,001 or more	477	439	510	573	649	681	700	675	722	830	825

<sup>a</sup> Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological, biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

<sup>b</sup> Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

<sup>c</sup> Includes psychology.

<sup>d</sup> Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

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