

Table 34. Highest educational attainment of either parent of doctorate recipients: Selected years, 1985–2015 (Percent)

Year	High school or less	Some college ^a	Bachelor's degree	Advanced degree
1985	37.9	14.7	22.6	24.8
1990	32.9	15.2	20.9	31.0
1995	28.7	15.1	21.6	34.7
2000	25.2	13.3	22.4	39.2
2005	22.2	13.5	24.7	39.2
2010	19.1	13.0	25.3	42.0
2015	18.0	12.3	26.5	42.7

^a Includes those who attended college but did not earn a bachelor's.

NOTE: Percentages may not sum to 100 because of rounding and because 175 doctorate recipients (0.5%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2005, 245 doctorate recipients (0.6%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2010, and 257 doctorate recipients (0.5%) reported "not applicable/unknown" for both father's and mother's education in 2015.

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