

**Table 14. Doctorate recipients, by broad field of study and sex: Selected years, 1985–2015**

Field of study and sex	1985		1990		1995		2000		2005		2010		2015	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All fields	31,295	100.0	36,064	100.0	41,576	100.0	41,296	100.0	43,319	100.0	48,015	100.0	54,999	100.0
Male	20,552	65.7	22,960	63.7	25,160	60.5	23,165	56.1	23,737	54.8	25,526	53.2	29,596	53.8
Female	10,743	34.3	13,104	36.3	16,416	39.5	18,131	43.9	19,582	45.2	22,489	46.8	25,403	46.2
Life sciences <sup>b</sup>	5,822	100.0	6,655	100.0	7,956	100.0	8,611	100.0	9,296	100.0	11,314	100.0	12,519	100.0
Male	3,946	67.8	4,163	62.6	4,598	57.8	4,568	53.0	4,561	49.1	5,101	45.1	5,578	44.6
Female	1,876	32.2	2,492	37.4	3,358	42.2	4,043	47.0	4,735	50.9	6,213	54.9	6,941	55.4
Physical sciences and earth sciences	3,491	100.0	4,212	100.0	4,519	100.0	4,063	100.0	4,357	100.0	4,994	100.0	5,923	100.0
Male	2,922	83.7	3,421	81.2	3,499	77.4	3,041	74.8	3,141	72.1	3,379	67.7	3,935	66.4
Female	569	16.3	791	18.8	1,020	22.6	1,022	25.2	1,216	27.9	1,615	32.3	1,988	33.6
Mathematics and computer sciences	998	100.0	1,597	100.0	2,178	100.0	1,907	100.0	2,329	100.0	3,223	100.0	3,823	100.0
Male	859	86.1	1,329	83.2	1,727	79.3	1,507	79.0	1,782	76.5	2,409	74.7	2,880	75.3
Female	139	13.9	268	16.8	451	20.7	400	21.0	547	23.5	814	25.3	943	24.7
Psychology and social sciences	6,027	100.0	6,331	100.0	6,906	100.0	7,443	100.0	7,144	100.0	7,882	100.0	9,094	100.0
Male	3,517	58.4	3,378	53.4	3,380	48.9	3,370	45.3	3,159	44.2	3,358	42.6	3,762	41.4
Female	2,510	41.6	2,953	46.6	3,526	51.1	4,073	54.7	3,985	55.8	4,524	57.4	5,332	58.6
Engineering	3,166	100.0	4,894	100.0	5,966	100.0	5,297	100.0	6,408	100.0	7,575	100.0	9,897	100.0
Male	2,968	93.7	4,479	91.5	5,270	88.3	4,459	84.2	5,226	81.6	5,829	77.0	7,596	76.8
Female	198	6.3	415	8.5	696	11.7	838	15.8	1,182	18.4	1,746	23.0	2,301	23.2
Education	6,733	100.0	6,509	100.0	6,638	100.0	6,439	100.0	6,217	100.0	5,286	100.0	5,116	100.0
Male	3,242	48.2	2,758	42.4	2,546	38.4	2,260	35.1	2,065	33.2	1,662	31.4	1,614	31.5
Female	3,491	51.8	3,751	57.6	4,092	61.6	4,179	64.9	4,152	66.8	3,624	68.6	3,502	68.5
Humanities and arts	3,406	100.0	3,854	100.0	5,034	100.0	5,458	100.0	5,181	100.0	5,015	100.0	5,599	100.0
Male	2,014	59.1	2,188	56.8	2,695	53.5	2,786	51.0	2,600	50.2	2,462	49.1	2,767	49.4
Female	1,392	40.9	1,666	43.2	2,339	46.5	2,672	49.0	2,581	49.8	2,553	50.9	2,832	50.6
Other <sup>c</sup>	1,652	100.0	2,012	100.0	2,379	100.0	2,078	100.0	2,387	100.0	2,726	100.0	3,028	100.0
Male	1,084	65.6	1,244	61.8	1,445	60.7	1,174	56.5	1,203	50.4	1,326	48.6	1,464	48.3
Female	568	34.4	768	38.2	934	39.3	904	43.5	1,184	49.6	1,400	51.4	1,564	51.7

<sup>a</sup> Excludes respondents who did not report sex: 171 in 1995, 73 in 2000, 66 in 2005, 16 in 2010, and 7 in 2015.

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

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

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.