

Table 17. Doctorate recipients, by broad field of study and citizenship status: Selected years, 1985–2015

Field of study and citizenship status	1985	1990	1995	2000	2005	2010	2015
All fields	31,295	36,065	41,747	41,369	43,385	48,031	55,006
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	24,711	26,619	32,062	29,952	27,945	31,604	35,117
Temporary visa holder	5,252	8,140	8,831	9,667	12,832	13,636	16,155
Unknown	1,332	1,306	854	1,750	2,608	2,791	3,734
Life sciences ^a	5,822	6,655	7,998	8,622	9,310	11,319	12,520
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	4,694	4,944	6,131	6,086	6,282	7,812	8,484
Temporary visa holder	934	1,539	1,741	2,213	2,553	2,926	3,262
Unknown	194	172	126	323	475	581	774
Physical sciences and earth sciences	3,491	4,212	4,540	4,071	4,359	4,995	5,924
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	2,618	2,835	3,367	2,547	2,344	2,860	3,481
Temporary visa holder	734	1,240	1,091	1,331	1,788	1,884	2,104
Unknown	139	137	82	193	227	251	339
Mathematics and computer sciences	998	1,597	2,187	1,910	2,334	3,223	3,825
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	632	828	1,389	1,035	1,011	1,599	1,661
Temporary visa holder	332	699	749	807	1,200	1,446	1,924
Unknown	34	70	49	68	123	178	240
Psychology and social sciences	6,027	6,331	6,930	7,452	7,149	7,883	9,095
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	4,994	5,078	5,652	5,930	5,252	5,803	6,698
Temporary visa holder	721	983	1,115	1,148	1,464	1,553	1,625
Unknown	312	270	163	374	433	527	772
Engineering	3,166	4,894	6,008	5,323	6,426	7,578	9,897
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	1,594	2,349	3,343	2,575	2,288	3,332	4,223
Temporary visa holder	1,423	2,286	2,527	2,451	3,756	3,866	5,122
Unknown	149	259	138	297	382	380	552
Education	6,733	6,509	6,648	6,442	6,227	5,288	5,117
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	5,909	5,789	5,993	5,686	5,255	4,477	4,209
Temporary visa holder	577	506	506	539	536	478	539
Unknown	247	214	149	217	436	333	369
Humanities and arts	3,406	3,854	5,040	5,462	5,187	5,016	5,600
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	3,024	3,372	4,360	4,604	4,036	4,030	4,480
Temporary visa holder	232	384	591	665	806	667	713
Unknown	150	98	89	193	345	319	407
Other ^b	1,652	2,013	2,396	2,087	2,393	2,729	3,028
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	1,246	1,424	1,827	1,489	1,477	1,691	1,881
Temporary visa holder	299	503	511	513	729	816	866
Unknown	107	86	58	85	187	222	281

^a Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological and biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

^b Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

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