

TABLE 7-27. Primary source of support for U.S. citizen and permanent resident S&E doctorate recipients, by disability status: 2014  
(Percent distribution)

Primary source of support	All recipients <sup>a</sup>	Without disability	With disability
All recipients (number)	22,528	20,149	1,383
All sources	100.0	100.0	100.0
Personal or family funds	12.5	12.7	17.4
Loans	5.9	5.9	9.4
Savings	1.1	1.1	1.2
Other earnings in graduate school	3.0	3.1	4.1
Other family earnings or savings	2.5	2.6	2.7
Teaching assistantship	16.8	17.5	18.9
Research assistantship, traineeship, or internship	29.8	31.3	28.6
Research assistantship	27.3	28.7	26.4
Traineeship	1.8	1.9	1.4
Internship or clinical residency	0.1	D	D
Other assistantship	0.6	D	D
Fellowship, scholarship, or grant	32.8	34.4	31.5
Fellowship or scholarship	24.1	25.3	23.4
Grant	8.6	9.1	8.1
Employer reimbursement or assistance	3.1	3.3	2.5
Other	5.0	0.7	1.2

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

S&E = science and engineering.

<sup>a</sup> Includes doctorate recipients for whom disability status is unknown. As a result, detail may not sum to total.

NOTES: American Indian or Alaska Native doctorate recipients with unknown or refused citizenship status are counted as U.S. citizens and thus are included. Other source of support includes foreign and unknown source of support. Data in this table refer to research doctorates only and differ from doctoral degree data in this report that are based on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey. The greatest differences are in psychology, education, and medical or health sciences. Doctorate recipients could report more than one disability. Survey asks degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Data starting with 2012 are not comparable to data published for earlier years of this series because the question on disability changed.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2014.