

TABLE 39. Graduate education-related debt of doctorate recipients, by broad field of study: 2003–13

Debt level and broad field of study	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013
All doctorate recipients	36,557	37,772	38,780	41,024	42,988	44,075	45,137	43,897	44,783	46,494	46,411
No debt	23,098	24,825	26,018	27,889	27,878	28,228	28,442	28,104	28,664	29,298	28,866
\$10,000 or less	3,384	3,057	2,933	3,123	3,591	3,929	3,915	3,510	3,697	4,031	3,927
\$10,001–\$30,000	3,994	3,605	3,582	3,470	4,264	4,461	4,582	4,238	4,314	4,565	4,606
\$30,001 or more	6,081	6,285	6,247	6,542	7,255	7,457	8,198	8,045	8,108	8,600	9,012
Life sciences ^a	7,785	8,015	8,448	8,823	9,754	10,163	10,507	10,410	10,610	11,182	10,947
No debt	5,270	5,635	6,077	6,406	6,773	7,016	7,158	7,228	7,403	7,701	7,354
\$10,000 or less	744	634	631	652	818	891	930	842	847	948	916
\$10,001–\$30,000	765	747	762	712	928	962	1,019	939	907	1,008	1,029
\$30,001 or more	1,006	999	978	1,053	1,235	1,294	1,400	1,401	1,453	1,525	1,648
Physical sciences ^b	5,354	5,581	6,082	6,814	7,209	7,385	7,660	7,671	8,005	8,181	8,303
No debt	3,960	4,317	4,800	5,404	5,574	5,707	5,926	5,999	6,203	6,357	6,493
\$10,000 or less	504	470	439	507	604	624	627	566	624	626	625
\$10,001–\$30,000	442	355	406	410	495	507	512	510	533	564	562
\$30,001 or more	448	439	437	493	536	547	595	596	645	634	623
Social sciences ^c	6,174	6,205	6,265	6,352	6,340	6,700	7,000	6,987	7,240	7,451	7,269
No debt	3,099	3,236	3,378	3,467	3,156	3,309	3,391	3,373	3,468	3,496	3,377
\$10,000 or less	552	471	452	443	515	577	590	541	622	641	597
\$10,001–\$30,000	809	760	685	684	743	869	849	853	867	963	853
\$30,001 or more	1,714	1,738	1,750	1,758	1,926	1,945	2,170	2,220	2,283	2,351	2,442
Engineering	4,846	5,250	5,749	6,455	6,924	7,130	7,034	6,959	7,320	7,700	7,909
No debt	3,669	3,990	4,484	5,096	5,355	5,416	5,340	5,321	5,614	5,869	5,943
\$10,000 or less	387	461	433	532	540	643	609	580	635	693	696
\$10,001–\$30,000	358	358	358	381	491	526	550	527	504	545	609
\$30,001 or more	432	441	474	446	538	545	535	531	567	593	661
Education	5,699	5,757	5,463	5,489	5,721	5,868	5,898	4,766	4,255	4,396	4,297
No debt	3,417	3,573	3,397	3,398	3,224	3,163	2,967	2,445	2,152	2,114	1,896
\$10,000 or less	515	443	406	412	470	520	488	365	312	373	363
\$10,001–\$30,000	670	564	536	506	651	711	727	556	542	534	573
\$30,001 or more	1,097	1,177	1,124	1,173	1,376	1,474	1,716	1,400	1,249	1,375	1,465
Humanities	4,718	4,746	4,588	4,750	4,525	4,249	4,441	4,549	4,799	5,008	4,942
No debt	2,471	2,686	2,519	2,682	2,349	2,195	2,254	2,350	2,445	2,399	2,394
\$10,000 or less	522	436	420	381	452	479	474	435	470	537	523
\$10,001–\$30,000	730	610	604	578	653	572	612	567	648	673	678
\$30,001 or more	995	1,014	1,045	1,109	1,071	1,003	1,101	1,197	1,236	1,399	1,347
Other ^d	1,981	2,218	2,185	2,341	2,515	2,580	2,597	2,555	2,554	2,576	2,744
No debt	1,212	1,388	1,363	1,436	1,447	1,422	1,406	1,388	1,379	1,362	1,409
\$10,000 or less	160	142	152	196	192	195	197	181	187	213	207
\$10,001–\$30,000	220	211	231	199	303	314	313	286	313	278	302
\$30,001 or more	389	477	439	510	573	649	681	700	675	723	826

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

^b Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

^c Includes psychology

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

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates.