

TABLE 19. Doctoral degrees awarded, by major field group: 1966–2006

Academic year ending	All fields	Science and engineering fields								Non-S&E fields
		Total	Biological and agricultural sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	
1966	17,949	11,570	2,711	404	769	2,655	1,139	1,591	2,301	6,379
1967	20,403	13,109	2,966	415	830	3,085	1,295	1,911	2,607	7,294
1968	22,937	14,645	3,511	434	971	3,239	1,464	2,162	2,864	8,292
1969	25,743	16,288	3,815	496	1,070	3,428	1,766	2,437	3,276	9,455
1970	29,498	18,052	4,165	498	1,225	3,893	1,890	2,935	3,446	11,446
1971	31,867	19,381	4,557	536	1,238	3,949	2,145	3,442	3,514	12,486
1972	33,041	19,342	4,476	576	1,281	3,653	2,279	3,568	3,509	13,699
1973	33,755	19,373	4,558	569	1,233	3,444	2,458	3,737	3,374	14,382
1974	33,047	18,714	4,357	562	1,211	3,136	2,598	3,689	3,161	14,333
1975	32,952	18,799	4,479	548	1,147	3,076	2,751	3,787	3,011	14,153
1976	32,946	18,472	4,422	580	1,003	2,861	2,883	3,885	2,838	14,474
1977	31,716	18,008	4,320	635	964	2,721	2,990	3,730	2,648	13,708
1978	30,875	17,653	4,414	576	959	2,611	3,055	3,613	2,425	13,222
1979	31,238	17,872	4,554	589	979	2,674	3,091	3,491	2,494	13,366
1980	31,019	17,775	4,755	588	962	2,521	3,098	3,372	2,479	13,244
1981	31,355	18,257	4,839	529	960	2,627	3,358	3,416	2,528	13,098
1982	31,108	18,273	4,897	604	940	2,694	3,158	3,334	2,646	12,835
1983	31,280	18,634	4,806	587	987	2,801	3,346	3,326	2,781	12,646
1984	31,334	18,745	4,922	569	993	2,845	3,255	3,249	2,912	12,589
1985	31,295	18,934	4,945	575	998	2,916	3,117	3,217	3,166	12,361
1986	31,897	19,435	4,838	554	1,128	3,090	3,126	3,324	3,375	12,462
1987	32,365	19,892	4,844	599	1,189	3,212	3,172	3,164	3,712	12,473
1988	33,497	20,930	5,184	670	1,264	3,316	3,074	3,236	4,186	12,567
1989	34,325	21,732	5,270	672	1,471	3,244	3,208	3,324	4,543	12,593
1990	36,065	22,867	5,552	719	1,597	3,493	3,281	3,331	4,894	13,198
1991	37,530	24,019	5,757	801	1,838	3,605	3,250	3,555	5,213	13,511
1992	38,886	24,673	5,919	767	1,927	3,750	3,262	3,610	5,438	14,213
1993	39,800	25,443	6,128	721	2,026	3,681	3,420	3,769	5,698	14,357
1994	41,033	26,203	6,341	791	2,021	3,949	3,379	3,902	5,820	14,830
1995	41,747	26,535	6,493	726	2,187	3,814	3,429	3,878	6,008	15,212
1996	42,437	27,240	6,842	724	2,042	3,826	3,494	4,003	6,309	15,197
1997	42,539	27,229	6,866	804	2,032	3,746	3,557	4,110	6,114	15,310
1998	42,637	27,273	6,955	765	2,104	3,800	3,673	4,055	5,921	15,364
1999	41,097	25,931	6,646	723	1,939	3,562	3,668	4,063	5,330	15,166
2000	41,365	25,966	6,890	694	1,910	3,378	3,616	4,155	5,323	15,399
2001	40,737	25,528	6,672	660	1,840	3,364	3,399	4,082	5,511	15,209
2002	40,025	24,608	6,703	689	1,730	3,186	3,207	4,014	5,079	15,417
2003	40,757	25,281	6,755	683	1,859	3,289	3,276	4,139	5,280	15,476
2004	42,123	26,275	6,985	686	2,024	3,338	3,327	4,138	5,777	15,848
2005	43,385	27,989	7,406	714	2,335	3,645	3,323	4,141	6,425	15,396
2006	45,596	29,854	7,664	757	2,779	3,925	3,263	4,275	7,191	15,742

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTES: See appendix B for specific fields that are included in each category. Totals include those that did not report gender.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.