

TABLE 20. Percentage distribution of 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	100.0	64.5	15.1	2.3	4.3	14.8	6.3	8.9	12.8	35.5
1967	100.0	64.3	14.5	2.0	4.1	15.1	6.3	9.4	12.8	35.7
1968	100.0	63.8	15.3	1.9	4.2	14.1	6.4	9.4	12.5	36.2
1969	100.0	63.3	14.8	1.9	4.2	13.3	6.9	9.5	12.7	36.7
1970	100.0	61.2	14.1	1.7	4.2	13.2	6.4	9.9	11.7	38.8
1971	100.0	60.8	14.3	1.7	3.9	12.4	6.7	10.8	11.0	39.2
1972	100.0	58.5	13.5	1.7	3.9	11.1	6.9	10.8	10.6	41.5
1973	100.0	57.4	13.5	1.7	3.7	10.2	7.3	11.1	10.0	42.6
1974	100.0	56.6	13.2	1.7	3.7	9.5	7.9	11.2	9.6	43.4
1975	100.0	57.0	13.6	1.7	3.5	9.3	8.3	11.5	9.1	43.0
1976	100.0	56.1	13.4	1.8	3.0	8.7	8.8	11.8	8.6	43.9
1977	100.0	56.8	13.6	2.0	3.0	8.6	9.4	11.8	8.3	43.2
1978	100.0	57.2	14.3	1.9	3.1	8.5	9.9	11.7	7.9	42.8
1979	100.0	57.2	14.6	1.9	3.1	8.6	9.9	11.2	8.0	42.8
1980	100.0	57.3	15.3	1.9	3.1	8.1	10.0	10.9	8.0	42.7
1981	100.0	58.2	15.4	1.7	3.1	8.4	10.7	10.9	8.1	41.8
1982	100.0	58.7	15.7	1.9	3.0	8.7	10.2	10.7	8.5	41.3
1983	100.0	59.6	15.4	1.9	3.2	9.0	10.7	10.6	8.9	40.4
1984	100.0	59.8	15.7	1.8	3.2	9.1	10.4	10.4	9.3	40.2
1985	100.0	60.5	15.8	1.8	3.2	9.3	10.0	10.3	10.1	39.5
1986	100.0	60.9	15.2	1.7	3.5	9.7	9.8	10.4	10.6	39.1
1987	100.0	61.5	15.0	1.9	3.7	9.9	9.8	9.8	11.5	38.5
1988	100.0	62.5	15.5	2.0	3.8	9.9	9.2	9.7	12.5	37.5
1989	100.0	63.3	15.4	2.0	4.3	9.5	9.3	9.7	13.2	36.7
1990	100.0	63.4	15.4	2.0	4.4	9.7	9.1	9.2	13.6	36.6
1991	100.0	64.0	15.3	2.1	4.9	9.6	8.7	9.5	13.9	36.0
1992	100.0	63.4	15.2	2.0	5.0	9.6	8.4	9.3	14.0	36.6
1993	100.0	63.9	15.4	1.8	5.1	9.2	8.6	9.5	14.3	36.1
1994	100.0	63.9	15.5	1.9	4.9	9.6	8.2	9.5	14.2	36.1
1995	100.0	63.6	15.6	1.7	5.2	9.1	8.2	9.3	14.4	36.4
1996	100.0	64.2	16.1	1.7	4.8	9.0	8.2	9.4	14.9	35.8
1997	100.0	64.0	16.1	1.9	4.8	8.8	8.4	9.7	14.4	36.0
1998	100.0	64.0	16.3	1.8	4.9	8.9	8.6	9.5	13.9	36.0
1999	100.0	63.1	16.2	1.8	4.7	8.7	8.9	9.9	13.0	36.9
2000	100.0	62.8	16.7	1.7	4.6	8.2	8.7	10.0	12.9	37.2
2001	100.0	62.7	16.4	1.6	4.5	8.3	8.3	10.0	13.5	37.3
2002	100.0	61.5	16.7	1.7	4.3	8.0	8.0	10.0	12.7	38.5
2003	100.0	62.0	16.6	1.7	4.6	8.1	8.0	10.2	13.0	38.0
2004	100.0	62.4	16.6	1.6	4.8	7.9	7.9	9.8	13.7	37.6
2005	100.0	64.5	17.1	1.6	5.4	8.4	7.7	9.5	14.8	35.5
2006	100.0	65.5	16.8	1.7	6.1	8.6	7.2	9.4	15.8	34.5

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTES: Detail may not sum to total due to rounding. See appendix B for specific fields that are included in each category.

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