

TABLE 23. Doctoral degrees awarded to women, by major field group: 1966–2006

Academic year ending	Science and engineering fields									Non-S&E fields
	All fields	Total	Biological and agricultural sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	
1966	2,086	924	325	12	47	120	245	167	8	1,162
1967	2,442	1,096	401	6	48	155	265	212	9	1,346
1968	2,932	1,317	483	11	47	175	333	256	12	1,615
1969	3,388	1,507	538	20	56	186	416	281	10	1,881
1970	3,971	1,648	538	15	77	227	444	331	16	2,323
1971	4,596	1,996	660	13	96	231	530	450	16	2,600
1972	5,287	2,151	674	21	96	249	609	480	22	3,136
1973	6,085	2,520	794	22	120	235	717	586	46	3,565
1974	6,453	2,671	786	28	115	234	801	673	34	3,782
1975	7,201	2,929	857	22	109	264	873	752	52	4,272
1976	7,684	3,097	863	52	113	244	946	824	55	4,587
1977	7,858	3,233	850	52	127	244	1,088	798	74	4,625
1978	8,322	3,454	965	54	131	247	1,127	877	53	4,868
1979	8,937	3,744	1,038	51	146	292	1,260	895	62	5,193
1980	9,407	3,961	1,156	58	116	322	1,311	908	90	5,446
1981	9,892	4,201	1,232	45	138	309	1,473	905	99	5,691
1982	10,093	4,350	1,303	92	116	357	1,438	920	124	5,743
1983	10,532	4,714	1,377	86	149	371	1,596	1,011	124	5,818
1984	10,698	4,791	1,357	97	152	399	1,630	1,005	151	5,907
1985	10,743	4,891	1,415	105	139	464	1,541	1,029	198	5,852
1986	11,305	5,167	1,460	92	169	505	1,599	1,117	225	6,138
1987	11,431	5,312	1,537	108	190	526	1,698	1,011	242	6,119
1988	11,819	5,662	1,707	129	177	557	1,681	1,125	286	6,157
1989	12,513	6,109	1,789	130	263	617	1,800	1,135	375	6,404
1990	13,104	6,369	1,872	138	268	653	1,913	1,110	415	6,735
1991	13,873	6,932	1,995	172	316	673	1,996	1,313	467	6,941
1992	14,435	7,080	2,081	176	325	765	1,928	1,299	506	7,355
1993	15,121	7,652	2,296	146	402	776	2,088	1,422	522	7,469
1994	15,822	7,922	2,382	162	373	825	2,101	1,444	635	7,900
1995	16,416	8,286	2,473	147	451	873	2,181	1,465	696	8,130
1996	16,955	8,648	2,719	152	370	839	2,329	1,462	777	8,307
1997	17,243	8,934	2,782	191	413	843	2,363	1,592	750	8,309
1998	17,848	9,348	2,864	198	456	917	2,456	1,684	773	8,500
1999	17,484	9,081	2,705	185	434	825	2,449	1,695	788	8,403
2000	18,129	9,393	2,939	196	400	827	2,410	1,783	838	8,736
2001	17,885	9,298	2,890	198	431	828	2,268	1,753	930	8,587
2002	18,135	9,172	2,865	211	433	848	2,137	1,786	892	8,963
2003	18,500	9,519	2,978	213	440	891	2,232	1,853	912	8,981
2004	19,158	9,856	3,155	238	504	865	2,246	1,827	1,021	9,302
2005	19,579	10,539	3,483	244	547	971	2,262	1,851	1,181	9,040
2006	20,539	11,469	3,673	267	703	1,092	2,327	1,955	1,452	9,070

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTE: 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.