

TABLE 24. Percentage distribution of doctoral degrees awarded to women, 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 | 44.3 | 15.6 | 0.6 | 2.3 | 5.8 | 11.7 | 8.0 | 0.4 | 55.7 |
| 1967 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 16.4 | 0.2 | 2.0 | 6.3 | 10.9 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 55.1 |
| 1968 | 100.0 | 44.9 | 16.5 | 0.4 | 1.6 | 6.0 | 11.4 | 8.7 | 0.4 | 55.1 |
| 1969 | 100.0 | 44.5 | 15.9 | 0.6 | 1.7 | 5.5 | 12.3 | 8.3 | 0.3 | 55.5 |
| 1970 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 13.5 | 0.4 | 1.9 | 5.7 | 11.2 | 8.3 | 0.4 | 58.5 |
| 1971 | 100.0 | 43.4 | 14.4 | 0.3 | 2.1 | 5.0 | 11.5 | 9.8 | 0.3 | 56.6 |
| 1972 | 100.0 | 40.7 | 12.7 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 4.7 | 11.5 | 9.1 | 0.4 | 59.3 |
| 1973 | 100.0 | 41.4 | 13.0 | 0.4 | 2.0 | 3.9 | 11.8 | 9.6 | 0.8 | 58.6 |
| 1974 | 100.0 | 41.4 | 12.2 | 0.4 | 1.8 | 3.6 | 12.4 | 10.4 | 0.5 | 58.6 |
| 1975 | 100.0 | 40.7 | 11.9 | 0.3 | 1.5 | 3.7 | 12.1 | 10.4 | 0.7 | 59.3 |
| 1976 | 100.0 | 40.3 | 11.2 | 0.7 | 1.5 | 3.2 | 12.3 | 10.7 | 0.7 | 59.7 |
| 1977 | 100.0 | 41.1 | 10.8 | 0.7 | 1.6 | 3.1 | 13.8 | 10.2 | 0.9 | 58.9 |
| 1978 | 100.0 | 41.5 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 3.0 | 13.5 | 10.5 | 0.6 | 58.5 |
| 1979 | 100.0 | 41.9 | 11.6 | 0.6 | 1.6 | 3.3 | 14.1 | 10.0 | 0.7 | 58.1 |
| 1980 | 100.0 | 42.1 | 12.3 | 0.6 | 1.2 | 3.4 | 13.9 | 9.7 | 1.0 | 57.9 |
| 1981 | 100.0 | 42.5 | 12.5 | 0.5 | 1.4 | 3.1 | 14.9 | 9.1 | 1.0 | 57.5 |
| 1982 | 100.0 | 43.1 | 12.9 | 0.9 | 1.1 | 3.5 | 14.2 | 9.1 | 1.2 | 56.9 |
| 1983 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 13.1 | 0.8 | 1.4 | 3.5 | 15.2 | 9.6 | 1.2 | 55.2 |
| 1984 | 100.0 | 44.8 | 12.7 | 0.9 | 1.4 | 3.7 | 15.2 | 9.4 | 1.4 | 55.2 |
| 1985 | 100.0 | 45.5 | 13.2 | 1.0 | 1.3 | 4.3 | 14.3 | 9.6 | 1.8 | 54.5 |
| 1986 | 100.0 | 45.7 | 12.9 | 0.8 | 1.5 | 4.5 | 14.1 | 9.9 | 2.0 | 54.3 |
| 1987 | 100.0 | 46.5 | 13.4 | 0.9 | 1.7 | 4.6 | 14.9 | 8.8 | 2.1 | 53.5 |
| 1988 | 100.0 | 47.9 | 14.4 | 1.1 | 1.5 | 4.7 | 14.2 | 9.5 | 2.4 | 52.1 |
| 1989 | 100.0 | 48.8 | 14.3 | 1.0 | 2.1 | 4.9 | 14.4 | 9.1 | 3.0 | 51.2 |
| 1990 | 100.0 | 48.6 | 14.3 | 1.1 | 2.0 | 5.0 | 14.6 | 8.5 | 3.2 | 51.4 |
| 1991 | 100.0 | 50.0 | 14.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 4.9 | 14.4 | 9.5 | 3.4 | 50.0 |
| 1992 | 100.0 | 49.0 | 14.4 | 1.2 | 2.3 | 5.3 | 13.4 | 9.0 | 3.5 | 51.0 |
| 1993 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 15.2 | 1.0 | 2.7 | 5.1 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 3.5 | 49.4 |
| 1994 | 100.0 | 50.1 | 15.1 | 1.0 | 2.4 | 5.2 | 13.3 | 9.1 | 4.0 | 49.9 |
| 1995 | 100.0 | 50.5 | 15.1 | 0.9 | 2.7 | 5.3 | 13.3 | 8.9 | 4.2 | 49.5 |
| 1996 | 100.0 | 51.0 | 16.0 | 0.9 | 2.2 | 4.9 | 13.7 | 8.6 | 4.6 | 49.0 |
| 1997 | 100.0 | 51.8 | 16.1 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 4.9 | 13.7 | 9.2 | 4.3 | 48.2 |
| 1998 | 100.0 | 52.4 | 16.0 | 1.1 | 2.6 | 5.1 | 13.8 | 9.4 | 4.3 | 47.6 |
| 1999 | 100.0 | 51.9 | 15.5 | 1.1 | 2.5 | 4.7 | 14.0 | 9.7 | 4.5 | 48.1 |
| 2000 | 100.0 | 51.8 | 16.2 | 1.1 | 2.2 | 4.6 | 13.3 | 9.8 | 4.6 | 48.2 |
| 2001 | 100.0 | 52.0 | 16.2 | 1.1 | 2.4 | 4.6 | 12.7 | 9.8 | 5.2 | 48.0 |
| 2002 | 100.0 | 50.6 | 15.8 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 4.7 | 11.8 | 9.8 | 4.9 | 49.4 |
| 2003 | 100.0 | 51.5 | 16.1 | 1.2 | 2.4 | 4.8 | 12.1 | 10.0 | 4.9 | 48.5 |
| 2004 | 100.0 | 51.4 | 16.5 | 1.2 | 2.6 | 4.5 | 11.7 | 9.5 | 5.3 | 48.6 |
| 2005 | 100.0 | 53.8 | 17.8 | 1.2 | 2.8 | 5.0 | 11.6 | 9.5 | 6.0 | 46.2 |
| 2006 | 100.0 | 55.8 | 17.9 | 1.3 | 3.4 | 5.3 | 11.3 | 9.5 | 7.1 | 44.2 |

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.