

TABLE 25. Women as a percentage of all doctoral degree recipients, by major field group: 1966–2006

Academic year ending	Science and engineering fields									
	All fields	Total	Biological and agricultural sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	Non-S&E fields
1966	11.6	8.0	12.0	3.0	6.1	4.5	21.5	10.5	0.3	18.2
1967	12.0	8.4	13.5	1.4	5.8	5.0	20.5	11.1	0.3	18.5
1968	12.8	9.0	13.8	2.5	4.8	5.4	22.7	11.8	0.4	19.5
1969	13.2	9.3	14.1	4.0	5.2	5.4	23.6	11.5	0.3	19.9
1970	13.5	9.1	12.9	3.0	6.3	5.8	23.5	11.3	0.5	20.3
1971	14.4	10.3	14.5	2.4	7.8	5.8	24.7	13.1	0.5	20.8
1972	16.0	11.1	15.1	3.6	7.5	6.8	26.7	13.5	0.6	22.9
1973	18.0	13.0	17.4	3.9	9.7	6.8	29.2	15.7	1.4	24.8
1974	19.5	14.3	18.0	5.0	9.5	7.5	30.8	18.2	1.1	26.4
1975	21.9	15.6	19.1	4.0	9.5	8.6	31.7	19.9	1.7	30.2
1976	23.3	16.8	19.5	9.0	11.3	8.5	32.8	21.2	1.9	31.7
1977	24.8	18.0	19.7	8.2	13.2	9.0	36.4	21.4	2.8	33.7
1978	27.0	19.6	21.9	9.4	13.7	9.5	36.9	24.3	2.2	36.8
1979	28.6	20.9	22.8	8.7	14.9	10.9	40.8	25.6	2.5	38.9
1980	30.3	22.3	24.3	9.9	12.1	12.8	42.3	26.9	3.6	41.1
1981	31.5	23.0	25.5	8.5	14.4	11.8	43.9	26.5	3.9	43.4
1982	32.4	23.8	26.6	15.2	12.3	13.3	45.5	27.6	4.7	44.7
1983	33.7	25.3	28.7	14.7	15.1	13.2	47.7	30.4	4.5	46.0
1984	34.1	25.6	27.6	17.0	15.3	14.0	50.1	30.9	5.2	46.9
1985	34.3	25.8	28.6	18.3	13.9	15.9	49.4	32.0	6.3	47.3
1986	35.4	26.6	30.2	16.6	15.0	16.3	51.2	33.6	6.7	49.3
1987	35.3	26.7	31.7	18.0	16.0	16.4	53.5	32.0	6.5	49.1
1988	35.3	27.1	32.9	19.3	14.0	16.8	54.7	34.8	6.8	49.0
1989	36.5	28.1	33.9	19.3	17.9	19.0	56.1	34.1	8.3	50.9
1990	36.3	27.9	33.7	19.2	16.8	18.7	58.3	33.3	8.5	51.0
1991	37.0	28.9	34.7	21.5	17.2	18.7	61.4	36.9	9.0	51.4
1992	37.1	28.7	35.2	22.9	16.9	20.4	59.1	36.0	9.3	51.7
1993	38.0	30.1	37.5	20.2	19.8	21.1	61.1	37.7	9.2	52.0
1994	38.6	30.2	37.6	20.5	18.5	20.9	62.2	37.0	10.9	53.3
1995	39.3	31.2	38.1	20.2	20.6	22.9	63.6	37.8	11.6	53.4
1996	40.0	31.7	39.7	21.0	18.1	21.9	66.7	36.5	12.3	54.7
1997	40.5	32.8	40.5	23.8	20.3	22.5	66.4	38.7	12.3	54.3
1998	41.9	34.3	41.2	25.9	21.7	24.1	66.9	41.5	13.1	55.3
1999	42.5	35.0	40.7	25.6	22.4	23.2	66.8	41.7	14.8	55.4
2000	43.8	36.2	42.7	28.2	20.9	24.5	66.6	42.9	15.7	56.7
2001	43.9	36.4	43.3	30.0	23.4	24.6	66.7	42.9	16.9	56.5
2002	45.3	37.3	42.7	30.6	25.0	26.6	66.6	44.5	17.6	58.1
2003	45.4	37.7	44.1	31.2	23.7	27.1	68.1	44.8	17.3	58.0
2004	45.5	37.5	45.2	34.7	24.9	25.9	67.5	44.2	17.7	58.7
2005	45.1	37.7	47.0	34.2	23.4	26.6	68.1	44.7	18.4	58.7
2006	45.0	38.4	47.9	35.3	25.3	27.8	71.3	45.7	20.2	57.6

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTES: 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.