

Appendix table 2-29

Time from bachelor's to S&E doctoral degree, by doctoral degree field: 1973–2001

Year	Engineering	Physical sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics	Computer sciences	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Psychology	Social sciences
1973	7.9	6.6	8.0	7.0	0.0	8.0	7.0	6.8	8.3
1974	7.8	6.6	8.0	7.0	0.0	8.0	7.0	6.9	8.5
1975	7.6	6.6	7.9	7.0	0.0	8.0	7.0	6.9	8.7
1976	7.5	6.5	7.9	7.0	0.0	8.4	7.0	7.0	8.8
1977	7.5	6.9	8.0	7.0	7.4	8.1	7.0	7.2	9.0
1978	7.6	6.9	8.0	7.2	7.8	8.0	7.0	7.5	9.0
1979	7.6	6.5	7.8	7.2	7.8	8.0	7.0	7.9	9.6
1980	7.8	6.6	8.2	7.0	7.3	8.1	7.0	8.0	9.7
1981	8.0	6.5	8.2	7.0	7.7	8.0	7.0	8.4	9.8
1982	8.0	6.5	8.5	7.1	7.9	8.0	7.3	8.6	10.0
1983	8.0	6.8	8.5	7.3	8.5	8.5	7.5	9.0	10.1
1984	8.0	6.8	8.9	8.0	9.0	8.4	8.0	9.3	10.4
1985	8.2	7.0	8.9	8.0	9.1	9.0	8.0	9.5	10.9
1986	8.2	7.0	9.0	7.3	9.3	9.1	8.0	9.9	10.8
1987	8.2	7.0	9.0	8.0	9.2	9.6	8.2	10.0	11.0
1988	8.1	7.0	9.5	8.1	9.5	9.9	8.3	10.2	11.2
1989	8.3	7.0	9.2	8.0	9.0	10.0	8.3	10.2	11.0
1990	8.3	7.1	9.0	8.0	9.0	10.4	8.3	10.0	11.3
1991	8.6	7.3	9.3	8.3	8.9	10.3	8.4	10.2	11.2
1992	8.9	7.4	9.8	8.9	9.3	10.3	8.7	10.3	11.3
1993	9.0	7.6	10.5	8.6	9.6	10.8	8.6	10.0	11.1
1994	9.0	7.6	10.7	8.9	9.7	10.8	8.8	9.6	11.4
1995	9.1	7.7	10.8	8.6	9.5	11.0	8.7	9.8	11.2
1996	9.0	7.6	11.0	8.3	10.0	11.4	8.7	9.6	11.0
1997	8.9	7.3	10.7	8.7	9.8	10.9	8.5	9.3	11.0
1998	8.9	7.2	10.5	8.0	10.3	11.2	8.3	9.1	10.8
1999	8.8	7.1	10.5	8.0	10.0	11.0	8.2	9.0	11.0
2000	8.7	7.3	10.1	7.7	10.0	11.0	8.2	9.0	10.8
2001	8.4	7.0	10.0	8.0	9.5	10.5	8.1	9.0	10.9
	Years enrolled from bachelor's to doctoral degree (median)								
1973	5.9	5.8	6.0	5.9	0.0	5.6	5.8	5.5	6.0
1974	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.6	0.0	5.5	5.8	5.5	6.1
1975	5.7	5.6	6.0	5.6	0.0	5.6	5.8	5.6	6.1
1976	5.8	5.7	6.0	5.8	0.0	5.5	5.9	5.7	6.2
1977	5.8	5.8	6.0	6.0	6.1	5.6	5.9	5.8	6.5
1978	5.8	5.9	6.2	5.9	5.9	5.5	5.9	5.9	6.5
1979	5.7	5.6	6.2	6.0	6.0	5.5	6.0	6.1	6.8
1980	5.8	5.8	6.3	6.0	6.0	5.8	6.0	6.3	6.9
1981	5.8	5.7	6.6	6.0	6.1	5.7	6.0	6.4	7.0
1982	5.9	5.8	6.5	6.0	6.5	6.0	6.1	6.6	7.2
1983	5.9	6.0	7.0	6.3	6.8	6.0	6.3	6.8	7.4
1984	5.9	6.0	6.9	6.2	6.8	6.0	6.5	7.0	7.5
1985	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.4	6.4	6.1	6.5	7.1	7.6
1986	6.0	6.0	7.1	6.1	6.6	6.1	6.5	7.1	7.6
1987	6.0	6.0	7.0	6.5	6.8	6.5	6.6	7.2	7.8
1988	6.0	6.0	7.3	6.4	6.9	6.4	6.8	7.3	7.9
1989	6.1	6.0	7.0	6.3	6.8	6.6	6.7	7.4	7.9
1990	6.3	6.2	7.3	6.7	6.8	6.8	7.0	7.6	8.0
1991	6.3	6.2	7.4	6.7	6.9	6.8	6.8	7.5	8.0
1992	6.4	6.4	7.5	7.0	7.0	6.6	7.0	7.5	8.0
1993	6.5	6.4	7.7	7.0	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.3	8.1
1994	6.5	6.5	7.8	6.9	7.3	6.8	7.0	7.3	8.0
1995	6.5	6.6	7.9	6.9	7.4	6.7	7.0	7.3	8.0
1996	6.5	6.5	7.8	6.8	7.2	6.9	7.0	7.3	7.9
1997	6.6	6.5	7.7	7.0	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.3	8.0
1998	6.8	6.4	7.6	6.8	7.6	7.0	7.0	7.2	8.0
1999	6.8	6.4	7.7	6.9	7.6	7.0	6.9	7.3	8.0
2000	6.8	6.5	7.8	6.8	7.5	7.1	7.0	7.2	8.1
2001	6.7	6.4	7.5	6.7	7.4	7.3	7.0	7.3	8.2

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, WebCASPAR database system, <http://caspar.nsf.gov>.