

TABLE 7-19. Primary source of support for U.S.-citizen and permanent-resident S&E doctorate recipients, by field and sex: 2004–08
(Percent distribution)

Sex and primary source of support	Science										
	All S&E	All science	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Computer sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics and statistics	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering
Personal or family funds	13.4	14.3	15.8	6.4	15.2	8.8	7.6	4.3	36.5	26.9	9.9
Loans	4.4	5.2	3.6	1.6	2.6	1.2	1.4	0.8	20.8	9.5	1.5
Savings	1.8	1.6	2.4	0.7	3.3	1.8	1.2	0.5	2.5	3.3	2.3
Other earnings in graduate school	4.1	4.1	5.9	1.5	7.2	4.0	2.4	1.1	6.9	9.0	4.1
Other family earnings or savings	3.1	3.4	4.0	2.6	2.0	1.8	2.7	2.0	6.3	5.2	1.9
Teaching assistantship	14.3	16.6	7.7	8.5	9.0	14.9	47.1	17.8	17.8	24.4	5.3
Research assistantship, traineeship, or internship	29.2	26.0	38.6	22.4	39.9	39.3	9.1	46.6	17.0	10.6	41.4
Research assistantship	27.3	23.9	37.6	18.8	39.0	38.5	8.4	45.8	12.7	9.6	40.4
Traineeship, internship or residency, other assistantship	1.9	2.1	1.0	3.6	0.9	0.9	0.7	0.8	4.3	1.1	0.9
Fellowship/scholarship or dissertation grant	33.6	34.8	23.8	56.5	21.3	28.9	28.7	24.6	17.9	29.1	29.1
Fellowship/scholarship	22.6	22.6	15.8	29.6	16.0	19.7	24.7	17.2	13.2	26.0	22.4
Grant/stipend	11.1	12.2	8.0	26.9	5.2	9.2	4.0	7.4	4.7	3.0	6.7
Employer reimbursement or assistance	4.3	2.9	7.0	1.7	9.4	3.9	3.2	1.8	1.7	3.5	9.5
Other or unknown source of support	5.3	5.4	7.1	4.4	5.2	4.1	4.2	4.8	9.0	5.5	4.9

^a Total includes doctorate recipients who did not report sex; detail does not sum to total.

NOTES: Data in this table refer to research doctorates only and differ from doctoral degree data in this report that are based on the NCES Completions Survey. Greatest differences are in psychology.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2004–08.