

TABLE 17. Doctorate recipients, by citizenship status and broad field of study: Selected years, 1984–2014

Field of study and citizenship status	1984	1989	1994	1999	2004	2009	2014
All fields	31,334	34,325	41,034	41,100	42,123	49,553	54,070
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	25,296	25,057	30,904	30,312	28,039	32,327	34,005
Temporary visa holder	4,897	6,677	9,421	9,060	11,629	14,737	15,852
Unknown	1,141	2,591	709	1,728	2,455	2,489	4,213
Life sciences ^a	5,803	6,410	7,800	8,204	8,813	11,403	12,504
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	4,809	4,864	5,871	5,810	6,082	7,803	8,438
Temporary visa holder	825	1,166	1,849	2,137	2,316	3,097	3,156
Unknown	169	380	80	257	415	503	910
Physical sciences ^b	4,407	5,387	6,761	6,224	6,047	8,324	9,859
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	3,295	3,454	4,561	3,834	3,258	4,420	5,061
Temporary visa holder	999	1,530	2,086	2,118	2,560	3,533	4,094
Unknown	113	403	114	272	229	371	704
Social sciences ^c	6,087	6,149	6,835	7,291	7,043	7,829	8,657
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	5,088	4,650	5,516	5,850	5,241	5,618	6,268
Temporary visa holder	700	887	1,137	1,054	1,300	1,708	1,553
Unknown	299	612	182	387	502	503	836
Engineering	2,912	4,543	5,820	5,330	5,777	7,642	9,568
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	1,515	2,232	3,054	2,892	2,190	3,166	4,029
Temporary visa holder	1,289	1,946	2,652	2,191	3,312	4,221	4,936
Unknown	108	365	114	247	275	255	603
Education	6,808	6,280	6,711	6,554	6,635	6,528	4,793
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	6,051	5,411	6,066	5,817	5,452	5,584	3,931
Temporary visa holder	548	458	537	517	627	567	478
Unknown	209	411	108	220	556	377	384
Humanities	3,376	3,364	4,521	5,210	5,210	4,891	5,486
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	3,009	2,824	3,900	4,442	4,233	3,888	4,360
Temporary visa holder	207	293	544	552	737	727	705
Unknown	160	247	77	216	240	276	421
Other ^d	1,941	2,192	2,586	2,287	2,598	2,936	3,203
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	1,529	1,622	1,936	1,667	1,583	1,848	1,918
Temporary visa holder	329	397	616	491	777	884	930
Unknown	83	173	34	129	238	204	355

^a Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological, biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

^b Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

^c Includes psychology.

^d Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates.