

TABLE 60. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2014

Characteristic	All social sciences fields	Anthropology	Economics	Political science	Psychology	Sociology	Other social sciences
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	8,657	527	1,194	776	3,765	678	1,717
Sex (%)							
Male	40.2	37.4	65.7	55.8	28.5	36.6	43.3
Female	59.5	62.6	33.8	44.1	71.1	63.4	56.6
Unknown	0.3	0.0	0.5	0.1	0.4	0.0	0.2
Citizenship (%)							
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	72.4	77.2	39.2	73.6	80.9	79.6	72.0
Temporary visa holder	17.9	16.7	52.4	18.7	6.7	13.6	20.4
Unknown	9.7	6.1	8.4	7.7	12.4	6.8	7.6
Marital status (%)							
Never married	26.9	27.1	36.2	26.8	26.1	22.1	24.3
Married	43.1	45.5	40.0	47.9	39.4	49.1	48.0
Marriage-like relationship	9.9	9.5	8.5	10.1	10.5	12.4	8.9
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.8	6.8	2.2	3.9	4.4	6.2	6.9
Unknown	15.2	11.0	13.1	11.3	19.7	10.2	11.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	50.9	40.8	55.4	57.0	63.6	40.9	24.5
Master's earned (%)	80.9	85.2	77.9	82.2	77.7	87.9	85.4
Age at doctorate (median years)	32.5	35.0	31.0	33.0	31.3	34.0	34.9
Time to doctorate (median years)							
From bachelor's	9.4	11.8	8.3	10.0	8.3	11.0	11.7
From graduate school start	7.8	9.8	6.9	8.2	7.0	9.3	9.7
Male doctorate recipients (number)	3,477	197	784	433	1,072	248	743
Citizenship (%)							
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	67.3	71.6	41.2	73.0	80.4	75.8	68.5
Temporary visa holder	23.5	23.4	50.5	18.2	7.7	15.7	23.3
Unknown	9.3	5.1	8.3	8.8	11.8	8.5	8.2
Marital status (%)							
Never married	27.9	21.3	35.7	27.0	27.6	25.4	23.1
Married	44.9	52.3	41.2	49.7	38.8	48.4	51.5
Marriage-like relationship	8.9	8.1	8.0	9.0	10.1	12.1	7.0
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.8	7.6	1.9	2.5	3.8	3.6	5.4
Unknown	14.6	10.7	13.1	11.8	19.7	10.5	12.9
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	49.2	39.1	57.3	55.2	61.0	38.3	26.2
Master's earned (%)	80.0	82.7	77.6	79.9	77.2	87.1	83.7
Age at doctorate (median years)	32.9	35.4	31.2	33.1	32.0	34.5	35.2
Time to doctorate (median years)							
From bachelor's	9.6	12.1	8.4	10.2	8.4	11.0	12.0
From graduate school start	7.9	9.8	6.9	8.0	7.0	9.3	9.7
Female doctorate recipients (number)	5,155	330	404	342	2,678	430	971
Citizenship (%)							
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	76.2	80.6	35.9	74.6	81.6	81.9	74.9
Temporary visa holder	14.3	12.7	56.9	19.3	6.3	12.3	18.3
Unknown	9.5	6.7	7.2	6.1	12.2	5.8	6.8
Marital status (%)							
Never married	26.4	30.6	37.6	26.6	25.6	20.2	25.3
Married	42.1	41.5	38.4	45.9	39.8	49.5	45.5
Marriage-like relationship	10.7	10.3	9.4	11.4	10.7	12.6	10.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.6	6.4	2.7	5.6	4.7	7.7	8.0
Unknown	15.2	11.2	11.9	10.5	19.2	10.0	10.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	52.4	41.8	52.5	59.4	65.0	42.3	23.2
Master's earned (%)	81.9	86.7	79.5	85.4	78.3	88.4	86.8
Age at doctorate (median years)	32.2	34.7	30.7	32.7	31.1	33.7	34.7

TABLE 60. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2014

Characteristic	All social sciences fields	Anthropology	Economics	Political science	Psychology	Sociology	Other social sciences
Time to doctorate (median years)							
From bachelor's	9.3	11.3	8.2	10.0	8.3	11.0	11.6
From graduate school start	7.7	9.9	6.9	8.3	7.0	9.1	9.7

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b A bachelor's degree is counted as "in same field as doctorate" if the fields of study for the doctorate recipient's bachelor's degree and doctorate degree are both in the same major field category of the National Science Foundation's field of study taxonomy, except for engineering and education fields where broad field categories need be the same. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

NOTE: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

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