

TABLE 66. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in humanities fields, by sex and field of study: 2014

Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	5,486	676	1,182	1,553	2,075
Sex (%)					
Male	49.2	36.7	55.9	42.4	54.4
Female	50.8	63.0	44.0	57.6	45.5
Unknown	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.0	*
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.5	69.5	81.6	83.9	78.2
Temporary visa holder	12.9	21.0	12.4	9.0	13.3
Unknown	7.7	9.5	6.0	7.1	8.5
Marital status (%)					
Never married	24.9	26.3	24.5	25.3	24.3
Married	47.6	44.5	50.2	46.6	47.9
Marriage-like relationship	10.5	11.5	11.0	11.1	9.5
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.9	5.8	4.6	4.6	5.1
Unknown	12.1	11.8	9.7	12.3	13.3
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	52.4	49.7	56.5	45.6	56.0
Master's earned (%)	84.1	87.1	87.1	84.3	81.3
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.2	33.9	34.1	33.7	34.7
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.4	10.7	10.7	11.5
From graduate school start	9.2	8.7	9.0	8.9	9.7
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,697	248	661	659	1,129
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.3	68.1	80.2	81.8	79.9
Temporary visa holder	12.8	20.2	12.9	10.8	12.4
Unknown	7.8	11.7	7.0	7.4	7.7
Marital status (%)					
Never married	23.3	26.6	21.3	24.9	22.8
Married	50.6	42.7	54.0	47.2	52.3
Marriage-like relationship	10.0	12.9	10.3	10.8	8.9
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.0	3.6	3.9	4.4	3.8
Unknown	12.1	14.1	10.4	12.7	12.2
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	53.8	44.4	59.3	44.0	58.5
Master's earned (%)	83.6	84.7	86.2	83.5	82.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.4	34.0	34.3	34.2	34.6
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.2	10.6	10.9	11.3
From graduate school start	9.0	8.7	8.9	9.0	9.7
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,785	426	520	894	945
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.7	70.7	83.7	85.5	76.2
Temporary visa holder	12.9	21.6	11.7	7.7	14.4
Unknown	7.4	7.7	4.6	6.8	9.4
Marital status (%)					
Never married	26.5	26.3	28.7	25.6	26.1
Married	44.7	45.8	45.4	46.2	42.5
Marriage-like relationship	11.0	10.8	11.9	11.4	10.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.9	7.0	5.4	4.8	6.6
Unknown	11.9	10.1	8.7	12.0	14.5
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	51.1	53.1	53.1	46.8	53.1
Master's earned (%)	84.7	89.0	88.5	84.9	80.6
Age at doctorate (median years)	33.8	33.8	33.8	33.3	34.7

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* = value < 0.05%.

^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.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2014.