

Table 68. Statistical profile of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2015

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	5,600	656	1,145	1,590	2,209
Sex (%)					
Male	49.4	36.4	55.2	40.9	56.4
Female	50.6	63.6	44.8	59.1	43.5
Unknown	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	*
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	80.0	70.6	82.3	85.5	77.6
Temporary visa holder	12.7	23.0	11.4	7.7	14.0
Unknown	7.3	6.4	6.3	6.8	8.4
Marital status (%)					
Never married	24.0	24.8	25.3	25.3	22.0
Married	48.2	48.9	49.5	45.3	49.4
Marriage-like relationship	10.4	12.0	9.1	12.1	9.3
Separated, divorced, widowed	4.7	4.6	4.8	5.0	4.6
Unknown	12.7	9.6	11.3	12.3	14.8
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	52.9	47.1	56.8	46.4	57.3
Master's earned (%)	82.7	86.9	86.0	82.3	80.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.2	34.3	33.9	33.4	34.8
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.7	10.9	10.3	11.8
From graduate school start	9.2	8.9	9.0	8.9	9.8
From doctoral program start ^c	6.9	6.9	7.0	6.7	7.1
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,767	239	632	650	1,246
Citizenship (%)					
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	79.5	69.9	81.6	84.5	77.7
Temporary visa holder	12.7	23.4	11.4	8.2	13.6
Unknown	7.8	6.7	7.0	7.4	8.7
Marital status (%)					
Never married	21.1	22.2	21.7	24.3	18.9
Married	51.9	46.4	52.8	47.2	54.8
Marriage-like relationship	10.0	14.2	9.7	13.1	7.8
Separated, divorced, widowed	3.7	5.9	4.1	3.2	3.4
Unknown	13.3	11.3	11.7	12.2	15.1
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	53.8	43.9	56.8	47.1	57.8
Master's earned (%)	81.5	85.4	85.0	80.9	79.3
Age at doctorate (median years)	34.5	35.3	34.4	34.1	34.8
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.8	10.9	10.5	11.6
From graduate school start	9.3	8.7	9.0	8.8	9.7
From doctoral program start ^c	6.7	6.7	7.0	6.7	6.9
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,832	417	513	940	962
Citizenship (%)					

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Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
U.S. citizen or permanent resident	80.5	71.0	83.0	86.3	77.7
Temporary visa holder	12.8	22.8	11.5	7.3	14.4
Unknown	6.7	6.2	5.5	6.4	7.9
Marital status (%)					
Never married	26.8	26.4	29.8	26.1	26.0
Married	44.7	50.4	45.4	44.0	42.4
Marriage-like relationship	10.7	10.8	8.4	11.4	11.2
Separated, divorced, widowed	5.7	3.8	5.7	6.2	6.1
Unknown	12.1	8.6	10.7	12.3	14.2
Bachelor's in same field as doctorate (%) ^b	52.0	48.9	56.7	46.0	56.8
Master's earned (%)	83.9	87.8	87.3	83.2	81.1
Age at doctorate (median years)	33.8	34.0	33.3	33.0	34.8
Time to doctorate (median years)					
From bachelor's	11.0	10.6	10.7	10.3	12.0
From graduate school start	9.2	8.9	8.9	8.9	10.0
From doctoral program start ^c	7.0	7.0	7.1	6.7	7.3

* = 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.

^c Time to doctorate from doctoral program start is based on master's degree entry if the master's degree was at the doctoral institution in the same fine field of study or was a prerequisite to the doctorate; otherwise, it is based on doctoral program entry.

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

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2015.