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All doctorate recipients (number)	55,006	35,117	16,155	2,451	963	130	10	3,072	10,754	2,281	495	25,407	3,185	905	67	249	173	622	508
Primary source of support (%) <sup>b</sup>																			
Teaching assistantships	20.7	19.8	22.5	17.7	21.1	16.9	0.0	18.0	22.5	11.6	29.5	21.1	22.3	17.9	20.3	19.2	20.7	17.3	20.9
Research or other assistantships or traineeships	32.1	24.2	49.3	17.3	30.3	7.6	D	31.6	55.0	13.7	31.8	25.1	39.5	22.3	D	17.3	31.5	24.9	47.3
Fellowships or grants	27.3	30.5	20.2	38.4	31.1	31.4	D	36.0	16.7	28.8	26.1	29.0	26.6	37.7	40.6	36.4	D	29.4	24.2
Own resources	15.3	20.9	3.0	22.8	2.0	39.0	0.0	11.0	2.8	41.1	7.4	20.1	3.4	18.8	D	22.9	D	22.8	4.4
Employer	3.1	4.3	0.5	3.6	0.8	5.1	0.0	3.1	0.4	4.6	1.3	4.5	0.7	3.2	D	3.7	D	5.1	0.0
Other source	1.6	0.2	4.5	0.3	14.7	0.0	11.1	0.4	2.6	0.2	3.8	0.2	7.6	0.2	10.9	0.5	9.0	0.5	3.3
Postgraduation status (number) <sup>c</sup>																			
Definite postgraduation study	11,035	7,262	3,751	514	225	23	D	622	2,567	296	82	5,521	810	206	D	50	33	30	17
Definite employment	16,752	12,107	4,597	639	302	38	D	915	3,136	774	125	9,286	949	308	D	82	35	65	25
Seeking employment or study	16,505	10,729	5,747	865	332	41	D	1,074	3,997	865	236	7,498	1,104	278	D	55	30	53	22
Other status <sup>d</sup>	2,148	1,555	580	129	19	9	0	229	399	100	20	999	125	59	3	18	10	12	4
Postgraduation study plans (%) <sup>e</sup>	39.7	37.5	44.9	44.6	42.7	37.7	D	40.5	45.0	27.7	39.6	37.3	46.0	40.1	D	37.9	48.5	31.6	40.5
Postgraduation employment plans (%) <sup>f</sup>																			
Academe	49.8	53.3	40.7	54.1	59.6	63.2	D	38.8	35.5	53.0	57.6	54.4	48.4	57.8	D	58.5	57.1	55.4	44.0
Government	7.6	8.6	5.0	8.0	7.0	D	0.0	8.1	4.1	11.4	D	8.5	6.6	7.8	D	D	0.0	12.3	8.0

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Industry or business <sup>g</sup>	31.0	23.8	50.1	23.2	27.2	D	0.0	42.2	56.6	13.0	D	23.1	40.8	22.1	D	D	42.9	16.9	32.0
Nonprofit	6.0	7.2	3.0	7.2	3.3	D	0.0	7.2	2.8	8.1	D	7.1	2.7	7.1	D	D	0.0	10.8	4.0
Other or unknown plans <sup>h</sup>	5.5	7.1	1.3	7.5	3.0	13.2	0.0	3.7	1.1	14.5	0.0	6.9	1.5	5.2	0.0	3.7	0.0	4.6	12.0
Employment location (%) <sup>i</sup>																			
United States	90.5	97.5	72.1	98.6	53.3	100.0	D	95.2	76.9	98.3	60.8	97.7	65.0	97.7	D	90.2	54.3	90.8	60.0
Not United States	9.3	2.3	27.5	1.4	46.4	0.0	D	4.4	22.8	1.6	39.2	2.2	34.8	2.3	D	8.5	40.0	6.2	40.0
Unknown	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.0	0.0	1.2	5.7	3.1	0.0
Age at doctorate (median years)	31.6	32.0	31.0	32.6	33.4	37.2	33.2	31.3	30.5	35.7	34.7	31.8	31.7	31.4	31.6	32.7	31.2	32.3	30.7
Time to degree (median years)																			
From bachelor's	8.7	9.0	8.3	9.2	9.5	12.5	13.8	8.9	8.0	12.0	10.0	9.0	8.7	8.6	8.8	9.4	8.3	8.8	8.0
From graduate school start	7.3	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.8	9.7	8.3	7.3	7.1	9.7	7.4	7.3	7.7	7.2	7.7	7.8	8.0	7.0	6.9
From doctoral program start <sup>j</sup>	5.7	5.8	5.3	6.1	5.7	6.7	5.7	5.8	5.3	6.1	5.2	5.7	5.3	5.7	5.7	6.0	5.7	5.7	5.3

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

<sup>a</sup> Includes respondents who did not report their citizenship.

<sup>b</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients who reported a primary source of financial support during graduate school.

<sup>c</sup> Includes only respondents who reported postgraduation status.

<sup>d</sup> Includes respondents who indicated having no plans to work or study, respondents indicating another type of postgraduation plan, and respondents indicating definite plans for another full-time degree program.

<sup>e</sup> Excludes respondents who indicated plans for another full-time degree program. Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

<sup>f</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients who reported definite postgraduation plans for employment.

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<sup>g</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

<sup>h</sup> "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

<sup>i</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients who reported definite postgraduation plan for employment and the location of employment.

<sup>j</sup> Time to doctorate from doctoral program start is based on master's program 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.

NOTES: U.S. citizen refers to U.S. citizens and permanent residents. Non-U.S. citizen refers to temporary visa holders. 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.