

TABLE 2. Graduate students in science in all institutions, by science field: 1975–2011

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1975	234,649	10,804	46,185	ne	8,415	12,079	ne	16,892	ne	na	26,310	36,191	77,773
1976	238,675	11,427	47,453	ne	8,627	12,809	ne	17,071	ne	na	26,641	37,458	77,189
1977	242,932	11,812	48,975	ne	9,108	13,446	ne	16,052	ne	na	26,864	38,617	78,058
1978 <sup>c</sup>	236,465	11,981	47,665	ne	9,847	13,268	ne	14,812	ne	na	26,282	37,522	75,088
1979	247,235	12,365	47,932	ne	11,690	13,731	ne	15,031	ne	na	26,701	39,766	80,019
1980	251,265	12,689	47,261	ne	13,578	14,051	ne	15,311	ne	na	26,934	40,610	80,831
1981	252,404	12,585	46,302	ne	16,437	14,263	ne	15,881	ne	na	27,360	40,666	78,910
1982	255,146	12,826	45,627	ne	19,812	15,018	ne	17,157	ne	na	28,188	40,073	76,445
1983	255,820	12,728	45,253	ne	23,333	15,443	ne	17,358	ne	na	29,463	40,905	71,337
1984	256,903	12,528	45,353	ne	25,526	15,500	ne	17,443	ne	na	30,061	40,931	69,561
1985	261,973	11,846	45,709	ne	29,769	15,414	ne	17,563	ne	na	30,987	40,721	69,964
1986	266,077	11,771	46,302	ne	31,349	15,053	ne	17,949	ne	na	32,259	41,241	70,153
1987	269,256	11,405	46,317	ne	32,051	14,357	ne	18,508	ne	na	32,741	42,612	71,265
1988	272,309	11,438	47,126	ne	32,227	13,854	ne	19,077	ne	na	32,975	43,963	71,649
1989	278,577	11,461	48,449	ne	32,482	13,630	ne	19,247	ne	na	33,629	45,528	74,151
1990	289,383	11,563	49,602	ne	34,257	13,977	ne	19,774	ne	na	34,082	48,167	77,961
1991	299,057	11,766	51,365	ne	34,681	14,466	ne	19,952	ne	na	34,724	51,343	80,760
1992	312,478	12,153	53,693	ne	36,325	15,324	ne	20,355	ne	na	35,357	53,484	85,787
1993	318,851	12,305	55,950	ne	36,213	15,721	ne	20,000	ne	na	35,328	54,557	88,777
1994	318,118	12,611	57,676	ne	34,158	15,957	ne	19,573	ne	na	34,466	54,554	89,123
1995	315,265	12,768	58,344	ne	33,458	15,716	ne	18,504	ne	na	33,399	53,641	89,435
1996	311,957	12,301	57,749	ne	34,626	15,183	ne	18,008	ne	na	32,333	53,122	88,635
1997	306,482	12,203	56,705	ne	35,991	14,548	ne	16,719	ne	na	31,105	53,126	86,085
1998	304,818	12,168	56,695	ne	38,027	14,258	ne	16,485	ne	na	30,575	52,557	84,053
1999	309,491	12,312	56,959	ne	42,478	14,083	ne	16,257	ne	na	30,691	51,727	84,984
2000	309,424	12,023	56,282	ne	47,350	13,941	ne	15,650	ne	na	30,385	50,466	83,327
2001	319,736	12,235	57,639	ne	52,196	13,841	ne	16,651	ne	na	31,038	50,454	85,682
2002	335,166	12,698	61,088	ne	55,269	14,240	ne	18,163	ne	na	32,341	51,152	90,215
2003	347,268	13,197	64,701	ne	53,696	14,620	ne	19,465	ne	na	34,298	52,162	95,129
2004	352,307	13,445	66,565	ne	50,016	15,131	ne	19,931	ne	na	35,761	54,126	97,332
2005	357,710	13,123	68,479	ne	47,978	14,836	ne	20,210	ne	na	36,375	57,282	99,427
2006	363,246	13,016	69,941	ne	47,653	14,920	ne	20,815	ne	na	36,901	57,653	102,347
2007old <sup>d</sup>	372,120	13,222	71,663	ne	48,959	14,675	ne	21,335	ne	na	37,111	60,284	104,871
2007new <sup>a</sup>	384,523	13,528	71,932	7,303	48,246	14,100	2,780	20,975	4,484	1,584	36,824	59,617	103,150
2008	391,419	14,153	72,666	8,444	49,553	14,389	3,549	21,400	5,559	2,012	37,319	58,991	103,384

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2009	401,008	15,200	73,304	9,418	51,161	14,839	3,794	22,226	6,557	2,356	38,149	56,184	107,820
2010	407,291	15,656	74,928	9,825	51,546	15,655	4,191	23,136	7,944	2,798	38,973	53,419	109,220
2011	414,440	16,129	75,423	11,029	51,234	15,820	4,509	23,801	6,537	4,117	39,694	54,486	111,661

na = not applicable; data were not collected at this level of detail. ne = not eligible; data were not collected for this field prior to 2007.

<sup>a</sup> In 2007, eligible fields were reclassified, newly eligible fields were added, and survey was redesigned to improve coverage and coding of eligible units. "2007new" presents data as collected in 2007; "2007old" shows data as they would have been collected in prior years. Science fields "communication" and "family and consumer sciences/human sciences" are newly eligible; data for these two fields are only in 2007new. Science field "multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies" is also newly eligible; data may have been reported under other fields before 2007. "Neuroscience" is reported as a separate field of science in 2007new; data were reported under health field "neurology" in 2007old and previous years. See appendix A in <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/hsf10307/> for more detail.

<sup>b</sup> Beginning with 2008, more rigorous follow-up was done with institutions regarding exclusion of practitioner-oriented graduate degree programs in psychology and in other health (a subfield of health). This change may affect interpretation of trends in these fields.

<sup>c</sup> Master's-granting institutions were not surveyed in 1978; totals represent estimates based on 1977 and 1979 data.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, NSF-NIH Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.