

TABLE 8 (Revised June 2008). Number of U.S. citizen doctorate recipients, by race/ethnicity and broad field of study, for selected years, 1986–2006

Field of study and race/ethnicity	1986	1991	1996	2001	2006
All fields	23,097	25,583	27,777	27,042	26,917
Known race/ethnicity	22,685	25,098	27,444	26,560	26,491
American Indian ^a	99	130	185	149	118
Asian ^b	531	787	1,066	1,413	1,560
Black	824	1,011	1,305	1,614	1,659
Hispanic	572	733	957	1,123	1,370
White	20,640	22,428	23,846	21,921	21,280
Other ^c	19	9	85	340	504
Life sciences ^d	4,382	4,752	5,058	5,493	6,014
Known race/ethnicity	4,308	4,678	4,996	5,406	5,936
American Indian ^a	24	19	32	21	15
Asian ^b	155	195	283	439	483
Black	64	92	142	195	274
Hispanic	72	100	150	192	261
White	3,992	4,271	4,374	4,492	4,788
Other	1	1	15	67	115
Physical sciences ^e	2,978	3,537	3,407	3,082	3,315
Known race/ethnicity	2,889	3,436	3,337	3,019	3,254
American Indian ^a	7	14	12	13	7
Asian ^b	106	145	172	205	228
Black	26	42	66	81	73
Hispanic	53	82	85	86	116
White	2,693	3,152	2,994	2,592	2,778
Other	4	1	8	42	52
Social sciences ^f	4,581	4,714	5,204	5,054	4,872
Known race/ethnicity	4,501	4,623	5,154	4,967	4,791
American Indian ^a	20	21	37	34	26
Asian ^b	69	88	122	200	242
Black	164	210	245	300	319
Hispanic	132	182	235	241	327
White	4,110	4,120	4,495	4,116	3,763
Other	6	2	20	76	114
Engineering	1,383	2,087	2,596	2,156	2,185
Known race/ethnicity	1,354	1,993	2,558	2,108	2,138
American Indian ^a	6	6	14	6	3
Asian ^b	80	187	271	263	266
Black	14	43	59	82	89
Hispanic	25	49	87	74	101
White	1,229	1,708	2,126	1,653	1,633
Other	0	0	1	30	46
Education	5,631	5,617	5,879	5,346	4,974
Known race/ethnicity	5,553	5,576	5,832	5,286	4,907
American Indian ^a	26	55	60	43	35
Asian ^b	60	85	87	104	125
Black	422	437	580	650	606
Hispanic	190	175	205	267	279
White	4,851	4,822	4,879	4,169	3,797
Other	4	2	21	53	65

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Humanities	2,732	3,224	3,961	4,412	4,063
Known race/ethnicity	2,685	3,170	3,913	4,301	4,000
American Indian ^a	7	10	20	23	23
Asian ^b	30	47	86	130	157
Black	71	94	116	178	164
Hispanic	76	116	143	202	210
White	2,499	2,900	3,531	3,714	3,358
Other	2	3	17	54	88
Other fields	1,410	1,652	1,672	1,499	1,494
Known race/ethnicity	1,395	1,622	1,654	1,473	1,465
American Indian ^a	9	5	10	9	9
Asian ^b	31	40	45	72	59
Black	63	93	97	128	134
Hispanic	24	29	52	61	76
White	1,266	1,455	1,447	1,185	1,163
Other	2	0	3	18	24

^a Includes Alaska Natives.

^b Includes Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders through 2000, but excludes them thereafter.

^c Includes 59 Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders and 445 respondents choosing multiple races (excluding those selecting an Hispanic ethnicity) in 2006 and 45 Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders and 295 respondents choosing multiple races in 2001; prior to 2001, this category included only non-Hispanic respondents choosing multiple races.

^d Includes agricultural sciences/natural resources, biological/biomedical sciences and health sciences.

^e Includes mathematics and computer & information sciences.

^f Includes psychology.

SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/NEH/USDA/NASA, 2006 Survey of Earned Doctorates.