

TABLE 1. Number of doctorates awarded and annual percentage change in doctorates awarded by U.S. colleges and universities, 1957–2006

Year	Number of doctorate recipients	Percent change from previous year
1957	8,611	1.1
1958	8,773	1.9
1959	9,213	5.0
1960	9,733	5.6
1961	10,413	7.0
1962	11,500	10.4
1963	12,728	10.7
1964	14,325	12.5
1965	16,340	14.1
1966	17,949	9.8
1967	20,403	13.7
1968	22,937	12.4
1969	25,743	12.2
1970	29,498	14.6
1971	31,867	8.0
1972	33,041	3.7
1973	33,755	2.2
1974	33,047	-2.1
1975	32,952	-0.3
1976	32,946	0.0
1977	31,716	-3.7
1978	30,875	-2.7
1979	31,238	1.2
1980	31,019	-0.7
1981	31,355	1.1
1982	31,108	-0.8
1983	31,280	0.6
1984	31,334	0.2
1985	31,295	-0.1
1986	31,897	1.9
1987	32,365	1.5
1988	33,497	3.5
1989	34,325	2.5
1990	36,065	5.1
1991	37,530	4.1
1992	38,886	3.6
1993	39,800	2.4
1994	41,033	3.1
1995	41,747	1.7
1996	42,437	1.7
1997	42,539	0.2
1998	42,637	0.2
1999	41,097	-3.6
2000	41,365	0.7
2001	40,737	-1.5
2002	40,025	-1.7
2003	40,757	1.8
2004	42,123	3.4
2005	43,385	3.0
2006	45,596	5.1

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