

TABLE 9 (Revised June 2008). Major field of study for U.S. citizen doctorate recipients, by race/ethnicity, 2006

Field of study	Total U.S. citizen doctorate recipients	Number with known race/ethnicity	Race/ethnicity					
			American Indian ^a	Asian ^b	Black	Hispanic	White	Other ^c
All fields	26,917	26,491	118	1,560	1,659	1,370	21,280	504
Life sciences	6,014	5,936	15	483	274	261	4,788	115
Agricultural sciences/natural resources	581	572	3	16	22	25	500	6
Biological/biomedical sciences	4,165	4,120	6	387	133	195	3,303	96
Health sciences	1,268	1,244	6	80	119	41	985	13
Physical sciences	3,315	3,254	7	228	73	116	2,778	52
Chemistry	1,170	1,152	3	79	28	53	973	16
Computer & information sciences	484	474	2	60	14	6	382	10
Earth, atmospheric, & marine sciences	445	436	1	15	3	19	393	5
Mathematics	549	538	0	35	16	23	452	12
Physics & astronomy	667	654	1	39	12	15	578	9
Social sciences	4,872	4,791	26	242	319	327	3,763	114
Anthropology	382	366	4	13	18	17	301	13
Economics	290	285	2	33	11	14	218	7
Political science/international relations	506	496	2	15	34	32	405	8
Psychology	2,722	2,688	15	150	169	203	2,082	69
Sociology	443	440	0	14	40	34	345	7
Other social sciences	529	516	3	17	47	27	412	10
Engineering	2,185	2,138	3	266	89	101	1,633	46
Aerospace/aeronautical engineering	77	72	0	8	1	1	60	2
Chemical & related engineering	352	348	0	44	13	21	264	6
Civil & related engineering	200	197	0	19	10	11	155	2
Electrical & related engineering	459	444	0	75	18	15	326	10
Industrial engineering	59	59	0	1	6	6	45	1
Materials/metallurgical engineering	213	208	0	24	10	13	158	3
Mechanical & related engineering	341	333	3	40	13	11	259	7
Other engineering	484	477	0	55	18	23	366	15
Education	4,974	4,907	35	125	606	279	3,797	65
Education administration	1,821	1,799	20	30	259	87	1,383	20
Education research	2,215	2,184	12	64	258	137	1,686	27
Teacher education	189	183	0	5	12	15	148	3
Teaching fields	498	494	1	17	43	20	404	9
Other education	251	247	2	9	34	20	176	6
Humanities	4,063	4,000	23	157	164	210	3,358	88
American literature	333	326	2	16	31	14	251	12
English language & literature	469	462	3	10	9	11	418	11
Foreign language & literature	349	344	0	7	9	62	256	10
History	807	794	6	37	38	33	668	12
Other humanities	2,105	2,074	12	87	77	90	1,765	43
Other fields	1,494	1,465	9	59	134	76	1,163	24
Business & management	593	579	5	24	47	21	478	4
Communications	335	327	0	12	20	15	275	5
Fields not elsewhere classified	566	559	4	23	67	40	410	15

^a Includes Alaska Natives.

^b Does not include Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders.

^c Includes Native Hawaiians or other Pacific Islanders and respondents choosing multiple races (excluding those selecting Hispanic ethnicity).

NOTE: Major field of study definitions are detailed in appendix E.

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