

TABLE A-1

Research doctoral degrees included in the Survey of Earned Doctorates: 2019–23

(Number and percent)

Doctoral degree type	Degree title	2019		2020		2021		2022		2023	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All research doctorates	-	55,599	100.0	55,203	100.0	52,160	100.0	57,448	100.0	57,862	100.0
PhD	Doctor of Philosophy	54,701	98.4	54,249	98.3	51,360	98.5	56,671	98.6	57,048	98.6
EdD	Doctor of Education	469	0.8	486	0.9	463	0.9	471	0.8	502	0.9
DSc, ScD	Doctor of Science	92	0.2	68	0.1	28	0.1	36	0.1	21	*
DEng, DESc, DES	Doctor of Engineering or Engineering Science	43	0.1	54	0.1	21	*	19	*	22	*
DA	Doctor of Arts	1	*	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0
DBA	Doctor of Business Administration	17	*	22	*	13	*	15	*	14	*
DMA	Doctor of Musical Arts	115	0.2	170	0.3	155	0.3	130	0.2	148	0.3
DDes	Doctor of Design	8	*	8	*	13	*	4	*	9	*
DPH	Doctor of Public Health	37	0.1	38	0.1	34	0.1	24	*	26	*
DHL	Doctor of Hebrew Letters	1	*	1	*	0	0.0	1	*	0	0.0
DME	Doctor of Music Education	1	*	2	*	2	*	0	0.0	2	*
DML	Doctor of Modern Languages	6	*	5	*	1	*	4	*	4	*
DNSc	Doctor of Nursing Science	2	*	5	*	0	0.0	0	0.0	3	*
ThD	Doctor of Theology	11	*	3	*	7	*	8	*	9	*
DFA	Doctor of Fine Arts	2	*	1	*	5	*	4	*	2	*
JSD, SJD	Doctor of Juridical Science	91	0.2	84	0.2	54	0.1	57	0.1	48	0.1
STD	Doctor of Sacred Theology	1	*	2	*	2	*	2	*	3	*
JCD	Doctor of Canon Law	1	*	4	*	2	*	1	*	1	*

* = value between 0.00% and 0.05%.

Note(s):

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. All PhDs are considered research doctorates; other doctoral degrees included in the SED are from a small number of doctorate programs that had historical designations as research doctorates.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.