



APPENDIX TABLE 2-30

Median number of years from S&E doctorate recipients' entry to graduate school to receipt of doctorate, by field: 1985–2015

(Median number of years)

Year	All S&E	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Computer sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Engineering	Mathematics	Medical and other health sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences
1985	7.2	7.2	6.7	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.7	9.7	6.0	7.9	9.1
1986	7.2	7.7	6.7	7.6	7.7	6.7	6.6	10.0	6.0	8.2	9.2
1987	7.2	7.5	6.9	7.7	7.9	6.7	6.9	9.9	5.9	8.2	9.3
1988	7.2	7.7	6.9	7.7	8.2	6.7	6.9	10.7	6.0	8.3	9.4
1989	7.2	8.0	6.9	7.7	7.7	6.7	6.7	10.7	6.1	8.2	9.1
1990	7.6	8.1	7.2	7.2	7.7	6.7	6.9	11.2	6.2	8.5	9.3
1991	7.5	8.3	6.9	7.7	8.0	6.9	6.9	11.2	6.2	8.2	9.4
1992	7.7	8.3	7.2	7.7	8.2	7.2	7.4	11.7	6.4	8.4	9.2
1993	7.7	8.2	7.2	7.9	8.7	7.2	7.2	11.7	6.7	8.2	9.4
1994	7.7	8.2	7.2	8.1	8.9	7.2	7.2	11.7	6.7	7.9	9.3
1995	7.7	8.5	7.2	8.1	8.9	7.3	7.2	11.2	6.7	7.9	9.3
1996	7.7	8.7	7.2	8.2	9.2	7.2	7.1	11.7	6.7	7.7	8.9
1997	7.7	8.7	7.0	8.3	8.7	7.2	7.2	11.7	6.3	7.7	8.9
1998	7.3	8.7	6.7	8.2	8.4	7.2	6.7	11.7	6.2	7.3	8.7
1999	7.2	8.2	6.7	8.2	8.2	7.2	6.7	10.7	6.2	7.2	8.7
2000	7.5	8.7	6.9	8.2	8.3	7.2	6.9	11.2	6.2	7.2	8.7



Year	All S&E	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Computer sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Engineering	Mathematics	Medical and other health sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences
2001	7.2	8.7	6.7	7.9	8.2	7.1	6.8	10.7	6.2	7.2	8.9
2002	7.5	8.7	6.7	8.1	8.2	7.2	6.7	11.1	6.2	7.7	8.9
2003	7.6	8.2	6.7	8.2	8.0	7.3	6.9	10.3	6.2	7.2	9.2
2004	7.2	7.9	6.7	7.8	7.7	7.2	6.7	9.5	6.3	7.1	8.7
2005	7.3	7.9	6.7	7.7	7.8	7.3	6.8	9.7	6.3	7.3	9.0
2006	7.2	8.0	6.7	7.8	7.7	7.0	6.7	9.7	6.3	7.0	8.7
2007	7.0	7.7	6.7	7.4	7.4	6.7	6.7	9.6	6.3	7.0	8.7
2008	7.0	7.9	6.5	7.3	7.3	6.7	6.7	9.3	6.3	6.9	8.7
2009	7.0	8.0	6.7	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.7	9.7	6.2	6.9	8.5
2010	7.0	7.8	6.6	7.6	7.3	6.9	6.3	9.0	6.3	6.9	8.7
2011	7.0	8.0	6.7	7.7	7.7	6.8	6.2	9.3	6.3	6.9	8.7
2012	7.0	7.9	6.7	7.4	7.3	6.7	6.3	8.9	6.3	6.9	8.7
2013	6.9	7.7	6.7	7.6	7.0	6.7	6.3	9.0	6.2	6.9	8.7
2014	6.9	7.6	6.4	7.4	7.3	6.5	6.3	9.0	6.1	7.0	8.7
2015	6.8	7.3	6.3	7.6	6.9	6.7	6.0	9.0	6.0	7.0	8.3

Note(s)

Includes only doctorate recipients who reported year of entry to first graduate school or program.

Source(s)



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