

Links to National Science Foundation Graduate Education Surveys

The **Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR)** is a longitudinal biennial survey conducted since 1973 that provides demographic and career history information about individuals with a research doctoral degree in a science, engineering, or health (SEH) field from a U.S. academic institution. The survey follows a sample of individuals with SEH doctorates throughout their careers from the year of their degree award until age 76. The panel is refreshed each survey cycle with a sample of new SEH doctoral degree earners. Results are used to make decisions related to the educational and occupational achievements and career movement of the nation's doctoral scientists and engineers.

2013 Survey of Doctorate Recipients:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvydoctoratework/surveys/srvydoctoratework_nat2013.pdf

2010 Survey of Doctorate Recipients:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvydoctoratework/surveys/srvydoctoratework_nat2010.pdf

The **Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED)** is an annual census conducted since 1957 of all individuals receiving a research doctorate from an accredited U.S. institution in a given academic year. The SED is sponsored by six federal agencies: the National Science Foundation, National Institutes of Health, U.S. Department of Education, U.S. Department of Agriculture, National Endowment for the Humanities, and National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The SED collects information on the doctoral recipient's educational history, demographic characteristics, and postgraduation plans. Results are used to assess characteristics of the doctoral population and trends in doctoral education and degrees.

2013 Survey of Earned Doctorates:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvydoctorates/surveys/srvydoctorates_2013.pdf

2012 Survey of Earned Doctorates:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvydoctorates/surveys/srvydoctorates_2012.pdf

The **Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering Survey (GSS)** is an annual census of all U.S. academic institutions granting research-based master's degrees or doctorates in science, engineering, and selected health fields as of fall of the survey year. The survey, sponsored by the National Science Foundation and the National Institutes of Health, collects the total number of graduate students, postdoctoral appointees, and doctorate-level nonfaculty researchers by demographic and other characteristic such as source of financial support. Results are used to assess shifts in graduate enrollment and postdoc appointments and trends in financial support.

2012 Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering Survey:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygradpostdoc/surveys/srvygradpostdoc_2012.pdf

2011 Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering Survey:

http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygradpostdoc/surveys/srvygradpostdoc_2011.pdf