PROFILE OF SOCIOLOGY PHDS
FROM THE 2018 SURVEY OF EARNED DOCTORATES

In 2018, 669 PhDs in sociology were granted in the U.S.

DEMOGRAPHICS

- 63 percent are women
- 65 percent are white
- 34 is the median age
- 63 percent are married or partnered
- 13 percent are temporary visa holders

EDUCATION

- 44 percent have a Bachelor’s degree in sociology
- 9 years is the median time to degree
- 11 years is the median time from Bachelor’s to PhD

POSTGRADUATE PLANS

Among the 623 PhD recipients who reported postgraduation plans:

- 40.0% Job in academia
- 26.8% Seeking work or postdoc
- 19.6% Postdoc
- 4.0% Job in business
- 3.7% Job in nonprofit
- 2.6% Job in government
- 1.8% Other postgrad plans
- 1.4% Job in other industry