

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number New Ph.Ds</b>
1990	22,868
1991	24,023
1992	24,675
1993	25,443
1994	26,205
1995	26,536
1996	27,241
1997	27,232
1998	27,278
1999	25,933
2000	25,966
2001	25,548
2002	24,588
2003	25,289
2004	26,275

Table 5.4: The total number of new Ph.Ds in science and engineering awarded in the US each year. The number is essentially constant, and yet the amount of new data produced each year is growing exponentially. This gap means that most data today is being ignored. Source: US National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Studies, Survey of Earned Doctorates [103].