

Table 23a. Standard errors on primary reason for holding postdoc for doctoral scientists and engineers, by selected field of doctorate: 2001

Reason	Field of doctorate		
	All fields	Biological and agricultural sciences	Other fields
Total postdocs (number).....	513.0	397.9	372.2
Primary reason for holding postdoc:		Percent	
Additional training in field.....	1.2	1.6	2.0
Training out of field.....	1.0	1.3	1.6
Work with specific person or place.....	1.2	1.6	2.0
No other employment available.....	1.0	1.3	1.4
Postdoc generally expected for career in this field.....	1.5	1.9	2.3
Other reason.....	0.7	0.9	S

**KEY:** S = Suppressed due to too few cases in the estimate (fewer than 500 weighted cases).

**NOTE:** Survey of Doctorate Recipients includes persons who had earned a science or engineering research doctorate from an U.S. institution and resided in U.S. as of April 2001.

**SOURCE:** National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, 2001 Survey of Doctorate Recipients