

TABLE 42. Postgraduation commitment of doctorate recipients, by broad field of study: Selected years, 1994–2014

Commitment status	All fields	Life sciences ^a	Physical sciences ^b	Social sciences ^c	Engineering	Education	Humanities	Other ^d
All doctorate recipients (number)								
1994	41,034	7,800	6,761	6,835	5,820	6,711	4,521	2,586
1999	41,100	8,204	6,224	7,291	5,330	6,554	5,210	2,287
2004	42,123	8,813	6,047	7,043	5,777	6,635	5,210	2,598
2009	49,553	11,403	8,324	7,829	7,642	6,528	4,891	2,936
2014	54,070	12,504	9,859	8,657	9,568	4,793	5,486	3,203
All responses to postgraduation commitment								
1994	37,640	7,202	6,253	6,227	5,287	6,078	4,219	2,374
1999	37,198	7,597	5,689	6,498	4,863	5,796	4,747	2,008
2004	37,930	8,055	5,595	6,224	5,282	5,777	4,774	2,223
2009	44,926	10,485	7,616	6,967	6,992	5,871	4,419	2,576
2014	48,210	11,335	8,895	7,524	8,614	4,224	4,914	2,704
Definite commitment for employment or postdoctoral study (%) ^e								
1994	66.3	71.5	64.8	66.3	55.9	73.3	58.2	73.7
1999	69.9	72.4	72.9	67.5	67.7	74.1	60.5	75.5
2004	70.0	71.2	71.5	71.3	63.6	74.6	63.4	76.1
2009	69.5	66.8	72.1	72.9	66.8	71.6	63.3	75.9
2014	61.4	57.9	63.8	68.8	57.0	64.6	54.3	68.4
No definite commitment for employment or postdoctoral study (%) ^{e,f}								
1994	33.7	28.5	35.2	33.7	44.1	26.7	41.8	26.3
1999	30.1	27.6	27.1	32.5	32.3	25.9	39.5	24.5
2004	30.0	28.8	28.5	28.7	36.4	25.4	36.6	23.9
2009	30.5	33.2	27.9	27.1	33.2	28.4	36.7	24.1
2014	38.6	42.1	36.2	31.2	43.0	35.4	45.7	31.6

^a Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological, biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

^b Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

^c Includes psychology.

^d Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

^e Percentages based on number responding to the survey item on postgraduation commitment.

^f Includes respondents who indicated "other" in all years, respondents who indicated "do not plan to work or study" in 2004 and later years, and respondents who indicated definite plans for "other full-time degree program" in 2007 and later years. Also includes 0 respondents in 2004, 764 respondents in 2009, and 692 respondents in 2014 who indicated definite plans for "other full-time degree program."

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates.