

TABLE 44. Postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients with definite commitments, by broad field of study: Selected years, 1994–2014

Definite commitment and plan	All fields	Life sciences <sup>a</sup>	Physical sciences <sup>b</sup>	Social sciences <sup>c</sup>	Engineering	Education	Humanities	Other <sup>d</sup>
All definite commitments (number)								
1994	24,946	5,147	4,051	4,128	2,957	4,458	2,455	1,750
1999	26,007	5,502	4,147	4,385	3,290	4,296	2,870	1,517
2004	26,560	5,738	4,000	4,436	3,357	4,308	3,029	1,692
2009	31,208	7,007	5,491	5,082	4,672	4,205	2,797	1,954
2014	29,584	6,568	5,677	5,178	4,914	2,727	2,670	1,850
Reported type of plan								
1994	24,781	5,127	4,044	4,094	2,946	4,412	2,422	1,736
1999	25,776	5,462	4,128	4,353	3,274	4,226	2,830	1,503
2004	25,873	5,574	3,931	4,330	3,280	4,179	2,931	1,648
2009	30,401	6,854	5,409	4,965	4,571	4,046	2,713	1,843
2014	27,139	6,107	5,372	4,702	4,542	2,429	2,381	1,606
Employment (%) <sup>e</sup>								
1994	70.6	36.0	48.5	80.2	75.8	96.3	93.4	96.3
1999	69.9	36.6	53.2	74.2	77.5	94.9	91.9	95.4
2004	64.8	32.9	43.8	69.7	63.9	93.8	88.9	94.8
2009	62.1	33.2	44.9	67.4	63.9	94.4	86.8	93.9
2014	60.6	35.0	49.5	63.6	66.2	91.8	81.4	92.5
Postdoctoral study (%) <sup>e</sup>								
1994	29.4	64.0	51.5	19.8	24.2	3.7	6.6	3.7
1999	30.1	63.4	46.8	25.8	22.5	5.1	8.1	4.6
2004	35.2	67.1	56.2	30.3	36.1	6.2	11.1	5.2
2009	37.9	66.8	55.1	32.6	36.1	5.6	13.2	6.1
2014	39.4	65.0	50.5	36.4	33.8	8.2	18.6	7.5

<sup>a</sup> Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological, biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

<sup>b</sup> Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

<sup>c</sup> Includes psychology.

<sup>d</sup> Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

<sup>e</sup> Percentages based on number reporting definite postgraduation commitments with response to type of plan (employment or postdoctoral study).

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