

TABLE 61. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2014

Characteristic	All social sciences fields	Anthropology	Economics	Political science	Psychology	Sociology	Other social sciences
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	8,657	527	1,194	776	3,765	678	1,717
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,712	95	109	99	1,142	101	166
Definite employment	2,990	141	710	311	919	265	644
Seeking employment or study	2,106	195	162	214	791	188	556
Other ^c	240	26	27	24	79	27	57
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	72.7	63.2	71.6	75.8	76.7	64.4	54.8
Postdoc research associateship	22.6	35.8	27.5	22.2	16.9	32.7	45.2
Other or unknown ^e	4.7	1.1	0.9	2.0	6.4	3.0	0.0
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	61.3	77.3	60.3	79.7	47.9	86.4	58.7
Government	11.3	5.0	14.2	5.1	10.3	4.9	16.5
Industry or business ^g	15.7	4.3	18.7	7.1	24.0	3.8	12.1
Nonprofit organization	8.3	11.3	4.6	6.4	12.1	4.2	8.9
Other or unknown ^h	3.4	2.1	2.1	1.6	5.7	0.8	3.9
Primary activity ⁱ							
R&D	36.9	25.2	64.3	30.5	24.1	26.8	34.0
Teaching	37.5	61.5	23.2	57.9	29.6	63.8	38.3
Management or administration	9.2	D	3.2	7.9	9.3	D	17.1
Professional services	15.2	D	8.6	2.0	36.1	D	8.2
Other	1.2	0.7	0.7	1.7	0.8	0.0	2.4
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	34.2	40.7	25.5	49.3	29.6	48.0	35.7
Teaching	23.5	16.3	36.6	22.5	16.4	18.9	22.7
Management or administration	10.0	11.1	9.3	6.0	11.8	6.3	11.4
Professional services	7.6	6.7	5.8	5.6	10.4	7.1	6.9
Other	1.9	0.7	2.5	0.7	2.2	1.6	1.9
No secondary activity	22.8	24.4	20.3	15.9	29.5	18.1	21.3
Activity unknown	4.9	4.3	3.4	2.9	8.1	4.2	3.6
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	86.8	80.1	70.3	83.4	94.9	90.7	84.9
New England	8.6	7.2	7.9	11.5	9.0	9.8	6.7
Middle Atlantic	14.8	13.1	12.6	16.3	15.8	19.7	12.1
East North Central	10.6	11.9	6.8	9.0	12.7	11.7	9.3
West North Central	5.3	4.7	2.8	4.9	6.8	7.4	3.5
South Atlantic	19.3	15.3	21.5	16.6	17.8	16.1	24.8
East South Central	3.4	3.4	2.3	4.4	3.4	3.0	4.2
West South Central	7.1	6.4	2.9	8.5	8.1	7.9	8.0
Mountain	4.3	6.8	2.7	3.2	4.8	3.8	4.8
Pacific and insular	13.2	11.0	10.5	9.0	16.4	10.9	11.6
Not in United States	13.0	19.9	29.5	16.6	5.1	9.0	14.6
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	*	0.3	0.5
Male doctorate recipients (number)	3,477	197	784	433	1,072	248	743
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	598	38	75	57	325	33	70
Definite employment	1,335	55	471	156	287	98	268
Seeking employment or study	830	69	99	126	215	73	248
Other ^c	89	8	19	15	20	6	21
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	66.7	68.4	70.7	75.4	68.3	66.7	47.1

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Other or unknown ^e	4.8	0.0	1.3	1.8	8.0	3.0	0.0
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	61.1	76.4	60.5	82.1	46.3	85.7	53.7
Government	13.3	D	15.5	4.5	12.2	D	20.1
Industry or business ^g	16.0	D	17.6	7.7	26.5	D	13.1
Nonprofit organization	7.1	D	4.5	4.5	11.8	D	9.0
Other or unknown ^h	2.5	3.6	1.9	1.3	3.1	1.0	4.1
Primary activity ^j							
R&D	42.5	22.6	63.2	30.1	30.8	25.3	35.7
Teaching	35.8	62.3	23.0	58.8	27.4	68.4	36.0
Management or administration	9.0	D	D	6.5	11.4	D	17.8
Professional services	11.2	D	8.8	D	29.7	D	7.4
Other	1.5	1.9	D	D	0.8	0.0	3.1
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	33.9	41.5	25.4	49.0	31.9	50.5	34.1
Teaching	26.3	17.0	36.8	22.2	16.7	17.9	25.2
Management or administration	10.2	D	9.0	6.5	12.5	D	14.0
Professional services	6.9	D	5.9	5.2	9.5	D	6.6
Other	2.0	1.9	3.1	0.0	1.5	2.1	1.9
No secondary activity	20.6	22.6	19.9	17.0	27.8	15.8	18.2
Activity unknown	4.2	3.6	3.0	1.9	8.4	3.1	3.7
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	81.1	69.9	68.9	80.8	92.3	91.6	79.6
New England	8.6	6.5	8.2	13.6	8.3	9.9	6.5
Middle Atlantic	13.2	15.1	11.9	15.0	13.7	18.3	10.7
East North Central	9.7	11.8	7.9	8.0	11.9	13.0	8.0
West North Central	5.1	5.4	3.1	4.2	7.2	9.2	3.3
South Atlantic	18.4	7.5	19.8	15.0	17.8	13.7	24.3
East South Central	3.6	D	2.6	5.2	4.1	D	3.8
West South Central	7.2	D	3.3	8.5	9.2	D	8.0
Mountain	3.9	6.5	2.7	3.8	4.2	3.8	4.4
Pacific and insular	11.1	8.6	9.0	7.5	15.5	7.6	10.7
Not in United States	18.8	30.1	31.1	19.2	7.5	7.6	20.1
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.8	0.3
Female doctorate recipients (number)	5,155	330	404	342	2,678	430	971
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,114	57	34	42	817	68	96
Definite employment	1,655	86	239	155	632	167	376
Seeking employment or study	1,276	126	63	88	576	115	308
Other ^c	151	18	8	9	59	21	36
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	75.9	59.6	73.5	76.2	80.0	63.2	60.4
Postdoc research associateship	19.5	38.6	26.5	21.4	14.2	33.8	39.6
Other or unknown ^e	4.6	1.8	0.0	2.4	5.8	2.9	0.0
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	61.4	77.9	59.8	77.4	48.6	86.8	62.2
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R&D	32.4	26.8	66.4	30.9	21.1	27.7	32.8
Teaching	38.9	61.0	23.6	57.0	30.6	61.0	39.9
Management or administration	9.4	D	D	9.4	8.4	D	16.5
Professional services	18.4	D	8.3	D	39.0	D	8.8
Other	0.9	0.0	D	D	0.9	0.0	1.9
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	34.5	40.2	25.8	49.7	28.5	46.5	36.9
Teaching	21.2	15.9	36.2	22.8	16.3	19.5	20.9
Management or administration	9.8	D	10.0	5.4	11.5	D	9.6
Professional services	8.1	D	5.7	6.0	10.8	D	7.2
Other	1.9	0.0	1.3	1.3	2.6	1.3	1.9
No secondary activity	24.5	25.6	21.0	14.8	30.2	19.5	23.4
Activity unknown	5.5	4.7	4.2	3.9	7.9	4.8	3.5
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	90.8	86.7	73.3	86.3	95.9	90.2	88.8
New England	8.6	7.7	7.3	9.1	9.2	9.8	6.8
Middle Atlantic	16.0	11.9	13.9	17.8	16.7	20.4	13.1
East North Central	11.3	11.9	4.8	10.2	13.0	11.1	10.2
West North Central	5.5	4.2	2.2	5.6	6.6	6.4	3.6
South Atlantic	19.9	20.3	24.9	18.3	17.7	17.4	25.2
East South Central	3.3	D	1.8	3.6	3.2	D	4.4
West South Central	7.0	D	2.2	8.6	7.6	D	8.1
Mountain	4.6	7.0	2.6	2.5	5.0	3.8	5.1
Pacific and insular	14.7	12.6	13.6	10.7	16.8	12.8	12.3
Not in United States	9.0	13.3	26.4	13.7	4.1	9.8	10.6
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.6

* = value < 0.05%; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b Includes only respondents who responded to postgraduation status.

^c Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.

^d Excludes respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study.

^e "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.

^f Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

^g Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^h "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

ⁱ Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.

^j Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and secondary work activity.

^k Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

^l Includes cases with an unknown U.S region of employment after doctorate; see technical notes for states or territories included in regions.

NOTE: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2014.