

TABLE 67. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities fields, by sex and field of study: 2014

Characteristic	All humanities fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	5,486	676	1,182	1,553	2,075
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	444	32	147	92	173
Definite employment	1,937	286	389	609	653
Seeking employment or study	2,039	215	479	542	803
Other ^c	205	27	31	50	97
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	83.6	D	83.7	D	81.5
Postdoc research associateship	15.5	D	15.0	D	17.3
Other or unknown ^e	0.9	0.0	1.4	0.0	1.2
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	83.3	91.3	77.6	89.7	77.2
Government	2.2	0.0	5.9	0.8	2.1
Industry or business ^g	4.4	D	4.9	D	6.0
Nonprofit organization	5.5	D	5.9	D	11.3
Other or unknown ^h	4.6	5.9	5.7	4.6	3.4
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	9.9	6.1	11.1	9.2	11.4
Teaching	75.5	86.7	72.7	79.1	68.8
Management or administration	8.4	2.5	7.8	8.5	11.1
Professional services	5.0	3.6	7.0	2.6	6.6
Other	1.3	1.1	1.4	0.7	2.1
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	49.8	57.9	53.0	53.1	41.3
Teaching	11.6	6.8	10.0	11.1	15.0
Management or administration	8.7	7.6	6.2	10.0	9.3
Professional services	5.1	5.8	5.4	4.3	5.4
Other	2.5	1.4	3.0	1.7	3.5
No secondary activity	22.4	20.5	22.4	19.9	25.5
Activity unknown	3.6	2.8	4.9	3.4	3.2
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	88.2	87.4	87.5	90.9	86.7
New England	8.7	9.1	10.4	7.7	8.4
Middle Atlantic	17.2	17.0	15.1	17.8	18.0
East North Central	13.0	13.5	10.1	14.4	13.4
West North Central	6.0	7.2	5.0	6.4	5.9
South Atlantic	14.2	14.8	16.0	13.6	13.3
East South Central	4.3	4.7	3.9	5.1	3.6
West South Central	7.7	6.0	8.6	8.1	7.4
Mountain	4.5	3.1	4.9	5.1	4.2
Pacific and insular	12.5	11.3	13.4	12.4	12.3
Not in United States	11.6	12.3	12.5	9.0	13.0
Location unknown	0.2	0.3	0.0	0.1	0.4
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,697	248	661	659	1,129
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	225	16	83	39	87
Definite employment	948	103	204	260	381
Seeking employment or study	1,032	81	279	230	442
Other ^c	77	5	11	19	42
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	80.9	D	80.7	D	75.9

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Postdoc research associateship	18.7	D	19.3	D	23.0
Other or unknown ^e	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.1
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	81.0	95.1	75.5	90.8	73.5
Government	2.3	0.0	D	D	2.1
Industry or business ^g	4.9	D	5.9	D	6.8
Nonprofit organization	7.1	0.0	D	D	13.4
Other or unknown ^h	4.7	D	6.4	D	4.2
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	9.6	7.0	8.8	11.7	9.2
Teaching	75.4	89.0	75.6	78.2	69.6
Management or administration	8.7	D	7.8	D	11.4
Professional services	5.3	D	D	D	8.1
Other	1.1	D	D	0.4	1.6
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	51.0	66.0	55.4	54.0	42.5
Teaching	12.3	7.0	9.8	12.9	14.6
Management or administration	7.6	6.0	6.2	7.7	8.7
Professional services	5.2	7.0	4.7	5.6	4.6
Other	1.9	0.0	1.0	1.2	3.3
No secondary activity	22.1	14.0	22.8	18.5	26.3
Activity unknown	4.0	2.9	5.4	4.6	3.1
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	87.0	85.7	87.8	89.3	85.3
New England	8.8	10.9	10.1	7.7	8.1
Middle Atlantic	17.0	16.8	15.7	18.4	16.9
East North Central	13.3	11.8	11.1	14.7	14.1
West North Central	5.3	5.0	4.9	4.3	6.2
South Atlantic	13.5	15.1	13.9	12.4	13.5
East South Central	4.6	D	D	5.7	4.1
West South Central	7.2	7.6	8.0	7.7	6.4
Mountain	4.6	D	D	6.4	3.4
Pacific and insular	12.6	9.2	14.6	12.0	12.6
Not in United States	12.9	13.4	12.2	10.7	14.5
Location unknown	0.2	0.8	0.0	0.0	0.2
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,785	426	520	894	945
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	219	16	64	53	86
Definite employment	989	183	185	349	272
Seeking employment or study	1,007	134	200	312	361
Other ^c	128	22	20	31	55
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	86.3	100.0	87.5	79.2	87.2
Postdoc research associateship	12.3	0.0	9.4	20.8	11.6
Other or unknown ^e	1.4	0.0	3.1	0.0	1.2
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	85.4	89.1	80.0	88.8	82.4
Government	2.0	0.0	D	D	2.2
Industry or business ^g	4.0	2.7	3.8	4.3	4.8
Nonprofit organization	4.0	D	D	2.0	8.5
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Teaching	75.6	85.4	69.5	79.7	67.7
Management or administration	8.0	D	7.9	D	10.6
Professional services	4.7	D	D	D	4.6
Other	1.6	D	D	0.9	2.7
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R&D	48.6	53.4	50.3	52.4	39.5
Teaching	10.9	6.7	10.2	9.7	15.6
Management or administration	9.7	8.4	6.2	11.8	10.3
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South Atlantic	14.9	14.6	18.5	14.4	13.1
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Not in United States	10.3	11.6	12.9	7.7	10.9
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.6

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.