

TABLE 5. Field of research of postdocs at federally funded research and development centers, by FFRDC type: 2015

Field of research	Total	University administered	Nonprofit administered	Industry administered
All postdocs	2,696	1,227	698	771
Science and engineering	2,540	1,095	691	754
Science	1,854	900	463	491
Agricultural sciences	1	0	0	1
Biological sciences	177	75	56	46
Chemistry	432	162	148	122
Computer sciences	115	30	50	35
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	212	120	52	40
Mathematical sciences	57	13	11	33
Physics and astronomy	746	434	115	197
Psychology	1	1	0	0
Social sciences	2	0	1	1
Other sciences	111	65	30	16
Engineering	686	195	228	263
Aerospace engineering	20	2	4	14
Agricultural engineering	5	3	1	1
Biomedical engineering	22	2	3	17
Chemical engineering	89	28	33	28
Civil engineering	29	15	5	9
Electrical engineering	70	16	17	37
Engineering science and physics	23	9	0	14
Industrial and manufacturing engineering	2	1	0	1
Materials and metallurgical engineering	216	41	122	53
Mechanical engineering	112	32	20	60
Mining engineering	0	0	0	0
Nuclear engineering	41	6	18	17
Petroleum engineering	1	1	0	0
Other engineering	56	39	5	12
Health	5	5	0	0
Multidisciplinary	21	14	7	0
Non-science or engineering	15	7	0	8
Field of research not known	115	106	0	9

FFRDC = federal funded research and development center.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Postdocs at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, 2015.