

**Table 45. Postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients with definite commitments, by sex, citizenship status, ethnicity, and race: Selected years, 1995–2015**

Definite commitment and plan	Total <sup>a</sup>	Sex		Citizenship status		U.S. citizens and permanent residents							
		Male	Female	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	Temporary visa holder	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino						Ethnicity not reported
							American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	White	More than one race	Other race or race not reported	
All definite commitments (number)													
1995	24,977	14,964	10,011	20,251	4,718	648	94	2,212	882	16,232	na	82	101
2000	26,868	15,359	11,509	20,683	6,162	883	118	1,435	1,105	16,809	na	223	110
2005	27,416	15,195	12,218	19,314	8,059	948	90	1,374	1,100	15,213	248	193	148
2010	29,841	16,254	13,587	21,055	8,625	1,178	75	1,655	1,192	15,980	451	166	358
2015	30,393	16,701	13,692	21,350	8,968	1,332	70	1,703	1,201	16,232	561	145	106
Reported type of plan													
1995	24,821	14,881	9,938	20,127	4,686	640	93	2,196	869	16,149	na	82	98
2000	26,744	15,283	11,461	20,605	6,119	876	116	1,425	1,099	16,758	na	223	108
2005	27,086	15,023	12,060	19,073	7,971	937	88	1,355	1,084	15,031	246	188	144
2010	28,995	15,820	13,175	20,384	8,454	1,130	71	1,617	1,139	15,482	432	164	349
2015	27,787	15,358	12,429	19,369	8,348	1,153	61	1,537	1,070	14,807	514	132	95
Employment (%) <sup>b</sup>													
1995	70.3	67.5	74.5	72.0	62.9	73.0	74.2	50.8	82.5	74.3	na	68.3	64.3
2000	71.4	69.7	73.6	73.7	63.5	71.5	79.3	62.4	81.6	74.3	na	68.6	75.0
2005	64.5	62.2	67.4	68.1	55.9	65.5	78.4	56.1	74.4	68.8	67.5	63.8	72.9
2010	57.1	55.2	59.3	61.1	47.3	60.2	D	53.3	72.1	61.5	D	59.8	61.6
2015	60.3	59.9	60.8	62.5	55.1	55.4	62.3	59.5	72.3	62.7	59.9	62.1	68.4
Postdoctoral study (%) <sup>b</sup>													
1995	29.7	32.5	25.5	28.0	37.1	27.0	25.8	49.2	17.5	25.7	na	31.7	35.7
2000	28.6	30.3	26.4	26.3	36.5	28.5	20.7	37.6	18.4	25.7	na	31.4	25.0
2005	35.5	37.8	32.6	31.9	44.1	34.5	21.6	43.9	25.6	31.2	32.5	36.2	27.1
2010	42.9	44.8	40.7	38.9	52.7	39.8	D	46.7	27.9	38.5	D	40.2	38.4
2015	39.7	40.1	39.2	37.5	44.9	44.6	37.7	40.5	27.7	37.3	40.1	37.9	31.6

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. na = not applicable; respondents were instructed to indicate only one race.

<sup>a</sup> Includes respondents who did not report sex and respondents who did not report citizenship status.

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<sup>b</sup> Percentages based on number reporting definite commitments and type of plan (employment or postdoctoral study).  
SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.