

Table 63. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in psychology and social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2015

Characteristic	All psychology and social sciences fields	Psychology	Anthropology	Economics	Political science and government	Sociology	Other social sciences
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	9,095	3,782	493	1,256	859	745	1,960
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,854	1,214	79	113	120	119	209
Definite employment	3,095	885	113	716	334	301	746
Seeking employment or study	2,239	772	213	191	235	204	624
Other ^c	252	93	14	29	25	20	71
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	73.7	79.1	68.4	56.6	77.5	65.5	56.0
Postdoc research associateship	22.1	15.7	30.4	41.6	20.0	32.8	40.7
Other or unknown ^e	4.2	5.2	1.3	1.8	2.5	1.7	3.3
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	61.0	46.4	72.6	58.1	76.3	78.1	65.4
Government	12.2	10.8	8.8	15.6	12.0	7.0	13.3
Industry or business ^g	15.1	25.2	6.2	17.9	5.1	6.0	9.8
Nonprofit organization	8.5	12.0	9.7	5.6	5.4	7.3	9.0
Other or unknown ^h	3.2	5.5	2.7	2.8	1.2	1.7	2.5
Primary activity ^j							
R&D	37.8	25.5	22.2	63.5	33.7	36.3	31.9
Teaching	37.8	30.8	58.3	24.6	52.6	49.7	43.9
Management or administration	9.0	7.8	11.1	2.0	10.2	9.6	16.0
Professional services	13.7	34.0	6.5	7.6	2.5	3.8	6.4
Other	1.7	1.8	1.9	2.2	0.9	0.7	1.8
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	33.7	28.8	42.6	26.5	44.9	40.1	37.5
Teaching	22.0	14.2	15.7	33.9	24.5	20.5	20.1
Management or administration	12.6	16.1	13.9	11.2	6.8	12.0	12.7
Professional services	6.5	10.5	D	4.8	D	4.5	6.4
Other	1.8	1.8	D	1.9	D	3.1	1.1
No secondary activity	23.2	28.6	20.4	21.8	18.9	19.9	22.3
Activity unknown	4.2	6.2	4.4	3.1	3.3	3.0	3.8
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	87.9	96.2	81.8	71.4	83.5	89.3	86.7
New England	9.6	10.9	8.9	7.6	9.9	7.6	9.2
Middle Atlantic	13.2	14.9	15.6	10.6	11.5	14.5	11.5
East North Central	11.6	11.9	12.5	11.6	10.6	14.8	9.9

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Characteristic	All psychology and social sciences fields	Psychology	Anthropology	Economics	Political science and government	Sociology	Other social sciences
West North Central	5.3	5.3	4.7	2.9	5.5	6.2	6.7
South Atlantic	18.7	17.7	10.4	21.1	18.7	16.9	21.3
East South Central	3.4	3.7	D	D	5.3	3.6	4.1
West South Central	7.0	8.9	4.2	3.3	5.9	6.4	7.1
Mountain	4.7	5.0	D	D	4.6	6.2	5.9
Pacific and insular	14.3	17.6	17.2	11.6	11.5	13.1	10.9
Not in United States	12.0	3.7	18.2	28.5	16.5	10.5	13.0
Location unknown	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.3
Male doctorate recipients (number)	3,762	1,060	186	820	527	284	885
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	644	322	32	74	64	43	109
Definite employment	1,483	275	50	479	216	112	351
Seeking employment or study	917	229	72	121	143	86	266
Other ^c	95	22	6	18	14	6	29
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	67.9	72.7	68.8	54.1	82.8	67.4	54.1
Postdoc research associateship	28.7	23.3	28.1	43.2	12.5	32.6	43.1
Other or unknown ^e	3.4	4.0	3.1	2.7	4.7	0.0	2.8
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	62.2	47.6	70.0	57.8	74.5	81.3	65.0
Government	13.8	10.5	10.0	17.5	13.4	5.4	14.8
Industry or business ^g	14.6	27.3	D	16.3	D	5.4	11.1
Nonprofit organization	6.7	11.3	D	5.2	D	7.1	6.6
Other or unknown ^h	2.6	3.3	4.0	3.1	1.4	0.9	2.6
Primary activity ⁱ							
R&D	42.1	27.5	20.8	66.1	33.8	29.9	32.2
Teaching	37.2	34.1	54.2	22.0	51.0	57.9	42.6
Management or administration	9.0	9.0	D	1.9	D	7.5	17.8
Professional services	10.2	29.0	D	7.8	D	4.7	5.6
Other	1.5	0.4	4.2	2.2	1.4	0.0	1.8
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	34.1	32.2	45.8	24.8	43.8	46.7	36.7
Teaching	26.7	15.7	22.9	37.4	27.1	22.4	21.9
Management or administration	11.7	16.1	14.6	12.3	7.6	8.4	10.7
Professional services	5.8	9.4	D	4.5	D	5.6	7.1

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Characteristic	All psychology and social sciences fields	Psychology	Anthropology	Economics	Political science and government	Sociology	Other social sciences
Other	1.3	0.8	D	2.2	D	0.9	0.6
No secondary activity	20.5	25.9	10.4	18.8	18.1	15.9	23.1
Activity unknown	4.2	7.3	4.0	3.3	2.8	4.5	3.7
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	83.3	95.0	74.4	71.8	82.5	84.5	83.7
New England	8.6	10.9	D	6.9	10.0	D	7.8
Middle Atlantic	12.4	14.4	15.9	10.7	10.7	17.4	10.4
East North Central	11.8	13.9	9.8	12.5	8.2	12.3	10.7
West North Central	4.4	4.5	D	2.9	4.6	D	5.7
South Atlantic	18.2	15.7	11.0	21.0	17.5	15.5	20.7
East South Central	3.3	3.5	D	1.1	6.8	D	4.3
West South Central	6.5	9.4	D	3.1	7.5	D	7.2
Mountain	4.8	5.7	7.3	1.8	5.4	6.5	6.1
Pacific and insular	13.2	16.8	15.9	11.9	11.8	11.6	10.9
Not in United States	16.5	5.0	25.6	28.0	17.5	15.5	15.9
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.4
Female doctorate recipients (number)	5,332	2,722	307	436	332	461	1,074
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,210	892	47	39	56	76	100
Definite employment	1,612	610	63	237	118	189	395
Seeking employment or study	1,322	543	141	70	92	118	358
Other ^c	157	71	8	11	11	14	42
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	76.8	81.4	68.1	61.5	71.4	64.5	58.0
Postdoc research associateship	18.6	13.0	31.9	38.5	28.6	32.9	38.0
Other or unknown ^e	4.6	5.6	0.0	0.0	0.0	2.6	4.0
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	59.8	45.9	74.6	58.6	79.7	76.2	65.8
Government	10.7	11.0	7.9	11.8	9.3	7.9	11.9
Industry or business ^g	15.5	24.3	D	21.1	D	6.3	8.6
Nonprofit organization	10.2	12.3	D	6.3	D	7.4	11.1
Other or unknown ^h	3.8	6.6	1.6	2.1	0.8	2.1	2.5
Primary activity ⁱ							
R&D	33.9	24.7	23.3	58.4	33.6	40.0	31.6
Teaching	38.3	29.4	61.7	29.9	55.8	44.9	45.0

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Management or administration	9.0	7.3	D	2.2	D	10.8	14.5
Professional services	17.0	36.2	D	7.4	D	3.2	7.1
Other	1.8	2.4	0.0	2.2	0.0	1.1	1.8
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	33.4	27.3	40.0	29.9	46.9	36.2	38.2
Teaching	17.7	13.6	10.0	26.8	19.5	19.5	18.4
Management or administration	13.5	16.2	13.3	9.1	5.3	14.1	14.5
Professional services	7.3	11.0	D	5.2	D	3.8	5.8
Other	2.3	2.3	D	1.3	D	4.3	1.6
No secondary activity	25.8	29.7	28.3	27.7	20.4	22.2	21.6
Activity unknown	4.2	5.7	4.8	2.5	4.2	2.1	3.8
Postgraduation location (%) ^k							
United States ^l	91.4	96.7	87.3	70.7	85.1	92.1	89.5
New England	10.3	10.9	D	9.1	9.8	D	10.5
Middle Atlantic	13.9	15.1	15.5	10.5	12.6	12.8	12.5
East North Central	11.5	11.1	14.5	9.8	14.4	16.2	9.3
West North Central	5.9	5.7	D	2.9	6.9	D	7.7
South Atlantic	19.1	18.5	10.0	21.4	20.7	17.7	21.8
East South Central	3.4	3.8	D	D	2.9	D	3.8
West South Central	7.3	8.7	D	3.6	3.4	D	7.1
Mountain	4.7	4.7	D	D	3.4	6.0	5.7
Pacific and insular	15.2	18.0	18.2	10.9	10.9	14.0	10.9
Not in United States	8.5	3.2	12.7	29.3	14.9	7.5	10.3
Location unknown	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.2

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b Includes only respondents who reported 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.

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¹ Includes cases with an unknown U.S. region of employment after doctorate; see technical notes for states or territories included in regions.

NOTES: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2015.