

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 ^a | 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 (%) ^b | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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 (%) ^b | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex and respondents who did not report citizenship status.

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^b 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.