

TABLE 8-4. Location and type of postgraduate activity for U.S. citizen and permanent resident S&E doctorate recipients with definite postgraduate plans, by disability status: 2014

(Percent distribution)

| Location and type of activity | All recipients ^a | Without disability | With disability |
|---|-----------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|
| All doctoral degree recipients with definite plans (number) | 13,761 | 12,561 | 789 |
| All doctoral degree recipients with definite plans | 100.0 | 100.0 | 100.0 |
| United States | 95.0 | 94.8 | 95.2 |
| Academic employment | 18.7 | 18.2 | 20.8 |
| Industry employment | 17.4 | 17.5 | 15.7 |
| Postdoctoral study | 41.6 | 41.9 | 41.4 |
| Other ^b | 17.2 | 17.2 | 17.2 |
| Abroad | 4.9 | 5.1 | 4.6 |
| Location unknown | 0.1 | 0.1 | 0.3 |

S&E = science and engineering.

^a Includes doctorate recipients for whom disability status is unknown. As a result, detail do not sum to total.

^b Includes elementary and secondary schools, government, nonprofit organizations, other, and unknown.

NOTES: Data in this table refer to research doctorates only and differ from doctoral degree data in this report that are based on the Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System Completions Survey. The greatest differences are in psychology, education, and medical or other health sciences. American Indian or Alaska Native doctorate recipients with unknown or refused citizenship status are counted as U.S. citizens and thus are included. Definite postgraduate plans are defined as *Returning to, or continuing in, predoctoral employment or Have signed contract or made definite commitment for a "postdoc" or other work* by doctoral degree recipients who responded to the question, *What is the status of your postgraduate plans (in the next year)?* Doctorate recipients could report more than one disability. Survey asks degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Data starting with 2012 are not comparable to data published for earlier years of this series because the question on disability changed.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2014.