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S&E doctorate holders employed in academia in postdoc positions, by demographic group: Selected years, 1973–2015

(Percent distribution)

Demographic group	1973	1983	1993	2003	2015
Sex					
Female	16.7	30.1	30.8	37.6	42.7
Male	83.3	69.9	69.2	62.4	57.3
Race or ethnicity					
White	85.7	81.9	68.4	63.1	52.6
Asian or Pacific Islander	11.9	13.3	27.1	30.6	36.5
Underrepresented minority	2.4	4.8	4.5	7.0	8.9
Place of birth					
United States	82.5	81.7	60.9	57.0	49.0
Foreign	17.5	18.3	39.1	43.0	50.5

Note(s)

Academic employment is limited to U.S. doctorate holders employed at 2- or 4-year colleges or universities, medical schools, and university research institutes, excluding those employed part time who are students or retired. Underrepresented minorities include blacks or African Americans, Hispanics or Latinos, and American Indians or Alaska Natives. Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Source(s)

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