

TABLE 14. Doctoral scientists and engineers on postdoctoral appointments, by selected demographic characteristics and broad field of doctorate: 2008

Characteristic	Science									
	All fields	All sciences	Biological/ agricultural/ environmental/ life sciences	Computer/ information sciences	Mathematics/ statistics	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences	Engineering	Health
On postdoc in October 2008	27,300	23,600	14,900	300	600	5,100	2,200	500	3,000	700
Years since doctorate										
≤5	23,500	20,300	12,800	300	500	4,600	1,700	300	2,600	600
6–10	2,400	2,100	1,500	D	D	200	200	100	200	100
11–15	600	500	300	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
>15	800	700	200	D	D	100	300	D	D	D
Sex										
Male	16,200	13,800	8,300	300	500	3,800	800	200	2,100	300
Female	11,000	9,800	6,600	D	100	1,300	1,400	300	800	400
Ethnicity/race										
Hispanic or Latino	1,100	900	600	D	D	200	100	D	100	D
Not Hispanic or Latino										
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	9,400	7,300	4,700	200	100	1,900	200	100	1,800	300
Black or African American	800	600	400	D	D	100	D	100	100	100
White	15,700	14,400	9,000	100	400	2,900	1,800	200	1,000	300
Other race ^a	300	300	200	D	D	D	D	D	D	D
Age										
Under 35	15,300	13,200	8,300	200	400	3,400	900	100	1,800	400
35–44	9,600	8,300	5,800	100	200	1,400	700	200	1,000	300
45–75	2,400	2,100	800	D	D	400	700	200	200	100
Citizenship										
U.S. citizen	16,700	15,200	9,900	D	200	2,600	2,000	300	1,100	500
Non-U.S. citizen	10,500	8,400	5,000	300	300	2,500	100	100	1,800	300
Employment sector										
Business/industry	5,600	5,000	3,200	D	D	800	700	D	500	D
Educational institution	18,200	15,600	10,000	200	500	3,300	1,100	400	2,100	500
Government	3,500	3,000	1,600	D	D	1,000	300	D	400	100

D = suppressed for confidentiality.

^a Includes Native Hawaiians, Other Pacific Islanders, and respondents reporting 2 or more races.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest 100. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. A postdoc is a temporary position awarded in academe, industry, nonprofit organizations, or government primarily for gaining additional education and training in research. Postdoc status is reported for principal job as of survey reference date (1 October 2008).

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients: 2008.