

TABLE 44. Postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients with definite commitments, by broad field of study: Selected years, 1993–2013

Definite commitment and plan	All fields	Life sciences ^a	Physical sciences ^b	Social sciences ^c	Engineering	Education	Humanities	Other ^d
All definite commitments (number)								
1993	24,480	5,087	3,884	4,078	2,876	4,464	2,372	1,719
1998	26,644	5,609	4,333	4,342	3,722	4,266	2,812	1,560
2003	26,300	5,669	3,974	4,570	3,148	4,354	3,045	1,540
2008	30,467	6,675	5,273	4,877	4,619	4,315	2,759	1,949
2013	29,943	6,618	5,614	5,213	4,804	2,920	2,787	1,987
Reported type of plan								
1993	24,362	5,075	3,876	4,058	2,867	4,429	2,347	1,710
1998	26,141	5,545	4,296	4,263	3,693	4,096	2,726	1,522
2003	26,214	5,653	3,965	4,561	3,138	4,325	3,038	1,534
2008	29,533	6,511	5,158	4,710	4,484	4,122	2,669	1,879
2013	27,666	6,219	5,348	4,771	4,485	2,637	2,462	1,744
Employment (%) ^e								
1993	71.0	36.2	49.8	80.0	74.7	96.9	93.5	97.1
1998	71.0	39.1	54.2	75.7	80.3	95.5	91.7	95.7
2003	67.2	37.3	47.1	72.0	68.4	94.0	89.5	93.9
2008	64.2	34.5	47.2	67.5	69.7	94.9	86.6	93.2
2013	60.6	35.8	46.5	63.8	64.7	92.1	84.2	92.2
Postdoctoral study (%) ^e								
1993	29.0	63.8	50.2	20.0	25.3	3.1	6.5	2.9
1998	29.0	60.9	45.8	24.3	19.7	4.5	8.3	4.3
2003	32.8	62.7	52.9	28.0	31.6	6.0	10.5	6.1
2008	35.8	65.5	52.8	32.5	30.3	5.1	13.4	6.8
2013	39.4	64.2	53.5	36.2	35.3	7.9	15.8	7.8

^a Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological, biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

^b Includes mathematics and computer and information sciences.

^c Includes psychology.

^d Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

^e Percentages based on number reporting definite postgraduation commitments with response to type of plan (employment or postdoctoral study).

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates.