

**Table 69. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2015**

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
All doctorate recipients (number) <sup>a</sup>	5,600	656	1,145	1,590	2,209
Postgraduation status (number) <sup>b</sup>					
Definite postgraduation study	484	36	147	122	179
Definite employment	1,918	254	372	584	708
Seeking employment or study	2,077	251	421	562	843
Other <sup>c</sup>	170	21	38	51	60
Definite postgraduation study (%) <sup>d</sup>					
Postdoc fellowship	82.2	63.9	86.4	85.2	80.4
Postdoc research associateship	16.1	30.6	13.6	13.1	17.3
Other or unknown <sup>e</sup>	1.7	5.6	0.0	1.6	2.2
Definite employment (%) <sup>f</sup>					
Academe	79.1	87.4	77.7	87.3	70.1
Government	2.1	D	7.0	D	1.0
Industry or business <sup>g</sup>	5.6	2.8	5.6	5.5	6.8
Nonprofit organization	8.7	D	5.6	D	18.4
Other or unknown <sup>h</sup>	4.5	5.9	4.0	5.0	3.8
Primary activity <sup>i</sup>					
R&D	10.8	11.6	16.5	6.6	11.1
Teaching	73.2	82.3	68.2	82.0	65.1
Management or administration	7.8	4.4	9.7	4.4	11.0
Professional services	5.3	D	D	3.5	9.1
Other	2.8	D	D	3.5	3.7
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>					
R&D	47.1	53.8	48.0	48.7	43.0
Teaching	11.9	9.6	12.8	7.7	15.8
Management or administration	9.4	6.8	7.7	11.0	9.8
Professional services	5.9	4.8	6.0	6.1	6.2
Other	3.0	0.8	3.1	3.0	3.8
No secondary activity	22.6	24.1	22.4	23.6	21.4
Activity unknown	3.2	2.0	5.4	1.9	3.7
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>k</sup>					
United States <sup>l</sup>	89.4	90.3	86.1	93.3	87.9
New England	9.6	11.4	11.2	8.9	8.6
Middle Atlantic	14.8	10.3	14.6	15.9	15.4
East North Central	13.6	18.3	9.6	14.3	13.9
West North Central	5.0	4.5	5.8	5.4	4.5
South Atlantic	16.1	16.9	16.4	15.6	16.1
East South Central	4.5	4.5	4.0	4.8	4.5
West South Central	8.0	5.5	7.1	10.5	7.4
Mountain	4.7	6.6	4.6	4.8	4.2
Pacific and insular	12.9	12.4	12.3	13.2	13.1
Not in United States	10.4	9.0	13.7	6.5	12.0

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Location unknown	0.2	0.7	0.2	0.1	0.1
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,767	239	632	650	1,246
Postgraduation status (number) <sup>b</sup>					
Definite postgraduation study	248	15	81	51	101
Definite employment	939	101	200	225	413
Seeking employment or study	1,031	82	239	246	464
Other <sup>c</sup>	63	5	14	18	26
Definite postgraduation study (%) <sup>d</sup>					
Postdoc fellowship	78.2	D	81.5	D	74.3
Postdoc research associateship	19.8	D	18.5	D	22.8
Other or unknown <sup>e</sup>	2.0	13.3	0.0	0.0	3.0
Definite employment (%) <sup>f</sup>					
Academe	75.4	87.1	77.0	83.6	67.3
Government	2.4	D	7.0	D	D
Industry or business <sup>g</sup>	6.4	D	6.5	D	7.0
Nonprofit organization	11.3	D	6.0	D	20.8
Other or unknown <sup>h</sup>	4.5	D	3.5	6.7	D
Primary activity <sup>i</sup>					
R&D	11.0	13.1	16.0	8.6	9.5
Teaching	69.8	80.8	67.0	77.5	64.2
Management or administration	8.9	D	D	5.4	11.7
Professional services	7.8	D	D	4.1	12.7
Other	2.5	D	D	4.5	2.0
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>					
R&D	45.4	53.5	45.2	50.0	41.0
Teaching	13.3	9.1	12.8	8.6	17.2
Management or administration	9.7	7.1	9.6	8.6	10.9
Professional services	6.4	5.1	7.4	6.8	6.0
Other	3.3	1.0	2.1	4.1	4.0
No secondary activity	22.0	24.2	22.9	22.1	20.9
Activity unknown	3.0	2.0	6.0	1.3	2.7
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>k</sup>					
United States <sup>l</sup>	88.4	91.4	86.8	91.7	86.8
New England	8.4	12.1	10.0	7.2	7.4
Middle Atlantic	14.7	9.5	15.3	15.9	14.8
East North Central	14.7	20.7	9.3	16.7	15.4
West North Central	5.8	5.2	7.1	5.4	5.4
South Atlantic	14.1	12.1	15.3	13.4	14.2
East South Central	5.0	D	D	4.7	5.3
West South Central	8.6	5.2	8.2	10.1	8.8
Mountain	4.5	D	D	6.2	3.9
Pacific and insular	12.4	11.2	14.6	12.0	11.7
Not in United States	11.5	8.6	12.8	8.0	13.2

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Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.4	0.0
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,832	417	513	940	962
Postgraduation status (number) <sup>b</sup>					
Definite postgraduation study	236	21	66	71	78
Definite employment	979	153	172	359	295
Seeking employment or study	1,046	169	182	316	379
Other <sup>c</sup>	107	16	24	33	34
Definite postgraduation study (%) <sup>d</sup>					
Postdoc fellowship	86.4	D	92.4	D	88.5
Postdoc research associateship	12.3	D	7.6	D	10.3
Other or unknown <sup>e</sup>	1.3	0.0	0.0	2.8	1.3
Definite employment (%) <sup>f</sup>					
Academe	82.6	87.6	78.5	89.7	73.9
Government	1.8	D	7.0	0.0	D
Industry or business <sup>g</sup>	4.9	D	4.7	D	6.4
Nonprofit organization	6.1	D	5.2	D	14.9
Other or unknown <sup>h</sup>	4.5	D	4.7	3.9	D
Primary activity <sup>i</sup>					
R&D	10.7	10.7	17.1	5.4	13.6
Teaching	76.5	83.3	69.5	84.9	66.4
Management or administration	6.8	D	D	3.7	10.0
Professional services	3.0	D	D	3.1	3.9
Other	3.1	0.0	1.2	2.8	6.1
Secondary activity <sup>j</sup>					
R&D	48.8	54.0	51.2	47.9	45.7
Teaching	10.6	10.0	12.8	7.1	13.9
Management or administration	9.1	6.7	5.5	12.5	8.2
Professional services	5.5	4.7	4.3	5.7	6.4
Other	2.8	0.7	4.3	2.3	3.6
No secondary activity	23.3	24.0	22.0	24.5	22.1
Activity unknown	3.5	2.0	4.7	2.2	5.1
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>k</sup>					
United States <sup>l</sup>	90.5	89.7	85.3	94.4	89.5
New England	10.7	10.9	12.6	10.0	10.2
Middle Atlantic	14.9	10.9	13.9	15.8	16.4
East North Central	12.5	16.7	10.1	12.8	11.8
West North Central	4.3	4.0	4.2	5.3	3.2
South Atlantic	18.1	20.1	17.6	17.0	18.8
East South Central	4.0	D	D	4.9	3.5
West South Central	7.5	5.7	5.9	10.7	5.6
Mountain	4.9	D	D	4.0	4.6
Pacific and insular	13.3	13.2	9.7	14.0	15.0
Not in United States	9.3	9.2	14.7	5.6	10.2

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Location unknown	0.2	1.1	0.0	0.0	0.3

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

<sup>a</sup> Includes respondents who did not report sex.

<sup>b</sup> Includes only respondents who reported postgraduation status.

<sup>c</sup> Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.

<sup>d</sup> Excludes respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study.

<sup>e</sup> "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.

<sup>f</sup> Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

<sup>g</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

<sup>h</sup> "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

<sup>i</sup> Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.

<sup>j</sup> Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and secondary work activity.

<sup>k</sup> Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

<sup>l</sup> Includes cases with an unknown U.S. region of employment after doctorate; see technical notes for states or territories included in regions.

NOTES: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2015.