

Table 43. Postgraduation commitment of doctorate recipients, by sex, citizenship status, ethnicity, and race: Selected years, 1995–2015

Commitment status	Total ^a	Sex		Citizenship status		U.S. citizens and permanent residents							
		Male	Female	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	Temporary visa holder	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino						Ethnicity not reported
							American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	White	More than one race	Other race or race not reported	
All doctorate recipients (number)													
1995	41,747	25,160	16,416	32,062	8,831	1,065	147	4,297	1,461	24,683	na	170	239
2000	41,369	23,165	18,131	29,952	9,667	1,310	169	2,274	1,749	23,714	na	370	366
2005	43,385	23,737	19,582	27,945	12,832	1,435	137	2,155	1,741	21,208	395	306	568
2010	48,031	25,526	22,489	31,604	13,636	1,843	117	2,738	1,939	23,101	654	272	940
2015	55,006	29,596	25,403	35,117	16,155	2,451	130	3,072	2,281	25,407	905	249	622
All responses to postgraduation commitment													
1995	37,977	22,959	15,013	29,963	8,005	982	138	3,895	1,299	23,363	na	134	152
2000	37,743	21,175	16,568	28,602	9,101	1,236	162	2,161	1,632	22,895	na	347	169
2005	38,913	21,319	17,590	26,680	12,167	1,357	132	2,084	1,646	20,591	384	277	209
2010	43,833	23,339	20,493	30,597	13,008	1,782	113	2,678	1,881	22,698	650	253	542
2015	49,046	26,458	22,588	33,634	15,295	2,326	120	3,006	2,166	24,729	898	218	171
Definite commitment for employment or postdoctoral study (%) ^b													
1995	65.8	65.2	66.7	67.6	58.9	66.0	68.1	56.8	67.9	69.5	na	61.2	66.4
2000	71.2	72.5	69.5	72.3	67.7	71.4	72.8	66.4	67.7	73.4	na	64.3	65.1
2005	70.5	71.3	69.5	72.4	66.2	69.9	68.2	65.9	66.8	73.9	64.6	69.7	70.8
2010	68.1	69.6	66.3	68.8	66.3	66.1	66.4	61.8	63.4	70.4	69.4	65.6	66.1
2015	62.0	63.1	60.6	63.5	58.6	57.3	58.3	56.7	55.4	65.6	62.5	66.5	62.0
No definite commitment for employment or postdoctoral study (%) ^{b,c}													
1995	34.2	34.8	33.3	32.4	41.1	34.0	31.9	43.2	32.1	30.5	na	38.8	33.6
2000	28.8	27.5	30.5	27.7	32.3	28.6	27.2	33.6	32.3	26.6	na	35.7	34.9
2005	29.5	28.7	30.5	27.6	33.8	30.1	31.8	34.1	33.2	26.1	35.4	30.3	29.2
2010	31.9	30.4	33.7	31.2	33.7	33.9	33.6	38.2	36.6	29.6	30.6	34.4	33.9

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2015	38.0	36.9	39.4	36.5	41.4	42.7	41.7	43.3	44.6	34.4	37.5	33.5	38.0

na = not applicable; respondents were instructed to indicate only one race.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex and respondents who did not report citizenship status.

^b Percentages based on number responding to the survey item on postgraduation commitment.

^c Includes respondents who indicated "other" in all years, respondents who indicated "do not plan to work or study" in 2004 and later years, and respondents who indicated definite plans for "other full-time degree program" in 2007 and later years.

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