

Table 45. Postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients with definite commitments, by sex, citizenship status, ethnicity, and race: Selected years, 1996–2016

Definite commitment and plan	Total ^a	Sex		Citizenship status		U.S. citizens and permanent residents							Ethnicity not reported
		Male	Female	U.S. citizen or permanent resident	Temporary visa holder	Hispanic or Latino	Not Hispanic or Latino						
							American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	White	More than one race	Other race or race not reported	
All definite commitments (number)													
1996	26,077	15,623	10,449	20,580	5,481	745	119	2,132	882	16,501	na	119	82
2001	27,052	15,452	11,599	20,380	6,646	895	93	1,441	1,090	16,125	210	217	309
2006	30,106	16,766	13,338	20,805	9,241	1,044	74	1,616	1,199	16,182	328	186	176
2011	29,295	16,075	13,219	20,424	8,716	1,141	74	1,673	1,103	15,631	447	137	218
2016	30,771	16,906	13,865	21,581	9,096	1,432	74	1,735	1,197	16,259	646	141	97
Reported type of plan													
1996	26,031	15,596	10,430	20,546	5,470	745	119	2,127	881	16,473	na	119	82
2001	26,906	15,381	11,525	20,279	6,608	890	92	1,435	1,086	16,051	209	213	303
2006	29,501	16,465	13,034	20,353	9,100	1,013	73	1,579	1,164	15,863	322	175	164
2011	27,744	15,264	12,479	19,266	8,335	1,057	67	1,560	1,029	14,795	428	130	200
2016	29,300	16,187	13,113	20,443	8,766	1,332	71	1,659	1,121	15,411	617	138	94
Employment (%) ^b													
1996	70.5	68.0	74.3	73.2	60.7	75.2	83.2	55.4	84.9	74.7	na	76.5	65.9
2001	71.0	70.0	72.2	72.7	65.7	72.1	81.5	64.3	77.6	73.0	71.8	74.6	77.9
2006	66.1	64.4	68.3	69.1	59.4	69.7	84.9	58.1	76.8	69.7	63.4	70.9	71.3
2011	57.3	55.9	58.9	60.6	49.7	54.9	71.6	54.7	67.2	61.3	55.6	55.4	59.0
2016	61.2	60.8	61.8	62.9	57.3	58.1	74.6	59.3	71.5	63.2	56.6	67.4	72.3
Postdoctoral study (%) ^b													
1996	29.5	32.0	25.7	26.8	39.3	24.8	16.8	44.6	15.1	25.3	na	23.5	34.1
2001	29.0	30.0	27.8	27.3	34.3	27.9	18.5	35.7	22.4	27.0	28.2	25.4	22.1
2006	33.9	35.6	31.7	30.9	40.6	30.3	15.1	41.9	23.2	30.3	36.6	29.1	28.7
2011	42.7	44.1	41.1	39.4	50.3	45.1	28.4	45.3	32.8	38.7	44.4	44.6	41.0
2016	38.8	39.2	38.2	37.1	42.7	41.9	25.4	40.7	28.5	36.8	43.4	32.6	27.7

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

^b Percentages based on number reporting definite commitments and type of plan (employment or postdoctoral study).

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