

TABLE 30. Female postdoctoral appointees in science, engineering, and health in all institutions, by field: 1979–2010

Year	All science, engineering, and health	Science and engineering			Health		
		Total	Science	Engineering	Total	Clinical medicine ^a	Other health
1979	3,340	2,524	2,474	50	816	717	99
1980	3,543	2,680	2,615	65	863	760	103
1981	4,080	2,954	2,872	82	1,126	1,014	112
1982	4,371	3,244	3,160	84	1,127	975	152
1983	4,793	3,460	3,371	89	1,333	1,171	162
1984	5,041	3,617	3,533	84	1,424	1,257	167
1985	5,414	3,953	3,852	101	1,461	1,275	186
1986	5,980	4,356	4,224	132	1,624	1,413	211
1987	6,383	4,673	4,524	149	1,710	1,459	251
1988	6,802	4,914	4,742	172	1,888	1,609	279
1989	7,372	5,311	5,133	178	2,061	1,773	288
1990	7,993	5,633	5,427	206	2,360	2,069	291
1991	8,459	5,951	5,713	238	2,508	2,205	303
1992	9,297	6,429	6,178	251	2,868	2,554	314
1993	9,941	6,777	6,495	282	3,164	2,772	392
1994	10,906	7,297	6,963	334	3,609	3,155	454
1995	10,902	7,498	7,177	321	3,404	2,949	455
1996	11,266	7,622	7,307	315	3,644	3,194	450
1997	11,975	7,894	7,548	346	4,081	3,553	528
1998	12,837	8,326	7,943	383	4,511	3,962	549
1999	12,969	8,708	8,239	469	4,261	3,730	531
2000	13,509	8,928	8,455	473	4,581	3,978	603
2001	14,001	9,255	8,769	486	4,746	4,146	600
2002	15,184	10,130	9,527	603	5,054	4,414	640
2003	16,036	10,784	10,181	603	5,252	4,517	735
2004	16,373	10,985	10,281	704	5,388	4,618	770
2005	17,040	11,229	10,499	730	5,811	5,054	757
2006	17,583	11,526	10,703	823	6,057	5,255	802
2007old ^b	17,852	11,482	10,647	835	6,370	5,502	868
2007new ^b	17,898	11,592	10,749	843	6,306	5,370	936
2008	20,221	13,084	11,981	1,103	7,137	6,195	942
2009	21,818	14,157	12,772	1,385	7,661	6,561	1,100
2010 ^c	24,166	15,299	13,872	1,427	8,867	7,619	1,248

^a Includes postdoctoral appointees in anesthesiology, cardiology, endocrinology, gastroenterology, hematology, neurology, obstetrics/gynecology, oncology/cancer research, ophthalmology, otorhinolaryngology, pediatrics, preventive medicine/community health, psychiatry, pulmonary disease, radiology, surgery, and clinical medicine, not elsewhere classified.

^b In 2007, eligible fields were reclassified, newly eligible fields were added, and survey was redesigned to improve coverage and coding of eligible units. "2007new" presents data as collected in 2007; "2007old" shows data as they would have been collected in prior years. See appendix A in <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf10307/> for more detail.

^c In 2010, postdoc section of survey was expanded, and significant effort was made to ensure that appropriate personnel were providing postdoc data (see appendix A for more information). Thus it is unclear how much of increase reported in 2010 represents growth in postdoctoral appointments and how much results from improved data collection. More information on changes in postdoc data will be available in forthcoming InfoBrief at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/gradpostdoc>.

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