

TABLE 37. Postdoctoral appointees in science, engineering, and health in all institutions, by field and primary source of support: 2004–10

Field and primary source of support	2004	2005	2006	2007old ^a	2007new ^a	2008	2009	2010 ^b
Engineering, nec	247	251	252	241	249	284	341	432
Federal	190	189	189	152	155	190	211	263
DOD	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	59
DOE	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	91
HHS	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
NIH	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	14
Other HHS	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6
NASA	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	6
NSF	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	54
USDA	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2
Other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	31
Federal, not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0
Nonfederal	57	62	63	89	94	94	130	98
Institutional	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	52
Domestic	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	26
Foreign	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
Nonfederal, not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	0
Self-support	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	5
Unknown/not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	66
Health ^{a,c}	13,175	14,099	14,456	14,818	14,617	15,961	17,001	19,364
Federal	8,427	9,284	9,180	9,177	9,038	8,951	9,537	8,437
DOD	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	340
DOE	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
HHS	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7,289
NIH	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	7,039
Other HHS	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	250
NASA	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	21
NSF	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	48
USDA	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	37
Other	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	662
Federal, not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	20
Nonfederal	4,748	4,815	5,276	5,641	5,579	7,010	7,464	5,822
Institutional	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2,852
Domestic	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	2,616
Foreign	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	338
Nonfederal, not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	16
Self-support	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	133
Unknown/not reported	na	na	na	na	na	na	na	4,972

na = not applicable; data were not collected at this level of detail. ne = not eligible; data were not collected for this field in prior years.

DOD = Department of Defense; DOE = Department of Energy; HHS = Department of Health and Human Services; NASA = National Aeronautics and Space Administration; nec = not elsewhere classified; NIH = National Institutes of Health; NSF = National Science Foundation; USDA = U.S. Department of Agriculture.

^a 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. "Communication" and "family and consumer sciences/human sciences" are newly eligible; data for these two fields are only in 2007new. "Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary studies" is also newly eligible; data may have been reported under other fields before 2007.

"Neuroscience" is reported as separate field of science in 2007new; data were reported under health field "neurology" in 2007old and previous years. "Architecture" is reported as separate field of engineering in 2007new; data were reported under "civil engineering" in 2007old and previous years. See appendix A in <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/nsf10307/> for more detail.

^b 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>. Details on primary mechanism and source of support for postdocs were collected for first time in 2010, and any missing data in this item were not imputed in 2010 because of lack of historical data.

^c 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.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, NSF-NIH Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering.