

TABLE 27. Postdoctoral appointees in science, engineering, and health in all institutions, by field: 1979–2011

Year	All science, engineering, and health	Science and engineering			Health		
		Total	Science	Engineering	Total	Clinical medicine ^a	Other health
1979	18,101	13,586	12,519	1,067	4,515	4,035	480
1980	18,399	14,023	13,042	981	4,376	3,899	477
1981	19,634	14,771	13,731	1,040	4,863	4,328	535
1982	19,363	14,678	13,698	980	4,685	4,058	627
1983	20,712	15,670	14,562	1,108	5,042	4,450	592
1984	21,535	16,182	14,979	1,203	5,353	4,713	640
1985	22,387	16,932	15,576	1,356	5,455	4,746	709
1986	23,721	17,917	16,512	1,405	5,804	5,094	710
1987	24,881	18,815	17,369	1,446	6,066	5,302	764
1988	26,123	19,714	18,024	1,690	6,409	5,552	857
1989	27,932	20,906	18,978	1,928	7,026	6,166	860
1990	29,565	21,803	19,853	1,950	7,762	6,945	817
1991	30,865	22,857	20,595	2,262	8,008	7,168	840
1992	32,747	23,883	21,514	2,369	8,864	7,977	887
1993	34,322	24,665	22,219	2,446	9,657	8,625	1,032
1994	36,377	25,787	23,181	2,606	10,590	9,411	1,179
1995	35,926	26,160	23,512	2,648	9,766	8,594	1,172
1996	37,107	26,569	23,892	2,677	10,538	9,362	1,176
1997	38,481	27,264	24,293	2,971	11,217	9,990	1,227
1998	40,086	27,876	25,023	2,853	12,210	10,957	1,253
1999	40,800	28,980	25,784	3,196	11,820	10,623	1,197
2000	43,115	30,224	26,911	3,313	12,891	11,555	1,336
2001	43,311	30,196	27,044	3,152	13,115	11,663	1,452
2002	45,034	31,937	28,371	3,566	13,097	11,582	1,515
2003	46,728	33,666	29,856	3,810	13,062	11,445	1,617
2004	47,240	34,065	30,116	3,949	13,175	11,477	1,698
2005	48,555	34,456	30,290	4,166	14,099	12,323	1,776
2006	49,343	34,887	30,245	4,642	14,456	12,584	1,872
2007old ^b	50,712	35,894	30,986	4,908	14,818	12,805	2,013
2007new ^b	50,840	36,223	31,281	4,942	14,617	12,472	2,145
2008	54,164	38,203	32,741	5,462	15,961	13,837	2,124
2009	57,805	40,804	34,388	6,416	17,001	14,601	2,400
2010 ^c	63,415	44,051	37,095	6,956	19,364	16,610	2,754
2011	62,947	44,249	37,485	6,764	18,698	16,279	2,419

^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, the postdoc section of the survey was expanded, and significant effort was made to ensure that appropriate personnel were providing postdoc data (see appendix A for more information). Thus, for increases in 2010 or 2011 over 2009 and prior-year data, it is unclear how much is from growth in postdoctoral appointment and how much is from improved data collection. More information on changes in postdoc data will be available in forthcoming InfoBrief at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/gradpostdoc/>.

NOTES: For graduate students, "field" refers to the field of the reporting unit in which the student is enrolled. For postdocs, "field" refers to the field of the unit that reports postdocs to the GSS.

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