

TABLE 61. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in social sciences fields, by sex and field of study: 2013

Characteristic	All social sciences fields	Anthropology	Economics	Political science	Psychology	Sociology	Other social sciences
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	8,401	552	1,185	803	3,600	636	1,625
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,729	89	79	112	1,168	98	183
Definite employment	3,042	146	712	329	920	270	665
Seeking employment or study	2,112	247	202	212	768	169	514
Other ^c	194	13	27	16	91	16	31
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	68.9	62.9	45.6	73.2	73.2	69.4	51.9
Postdoc research associateship	25.4	37.1	54.4	25.9	19.0	28.6	45.9
Other or unknown ^e	5.7	0.0	0.0	0.9	7.8	2.0	2.2
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	62.0	71.9	62.1	81.8	46.0	81.1	64.4
Government	12.3	11.6	15.6	6.7	12.7	5.9	13.7
Industry or business ^g	13.8	11.0	14.9	6.4	22.0	5.2	9.3
Nonprofit organization	8.3	5.5	4.8	3.6	12.7	6.7	9.8
Other or unknown ^h	3.5	0.0	2.7	1.5	6.6	1.1	2.9
Primary activity ⁱ							
R&D	37.9	21.4	63.8	33.8	27.0	34.5	31.1
Teaching	38.0	56.4	25.7	55.6	28.9	51.3	45.1
Management or administration	7.9	14.3	2.8	6.1	5.5	10.7	14.8
Professional services	15.2	6.4	6.7	3.9	37.9	3.1	7.1
Other	1.0	1.4	1.0	0.6	0.7	0.4	1.9
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	35.5	47.9	25.5	49.2	29.4	46.0	40.6
Teaching	22.3	15.0	34.9	24.8	15.3	21.5	18.4
Management or administration	11.6	7.9	9.8	7.7	16.3	9.6	10.8
Professional services	6.6	4.3	6.6	4.2	7.8	5.0	7.6
Other	0.3	0.7	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.2
No secondary activity	23.7	24.3	22.9	13.8	30.8	17.6	22.4
Activity unknown	6.0	4.1	3.8	5.5	9.3	3.3	5.3
Postgraduation location (%) ^j							
United States ^k	86.9	83.0	69.3	83.0	94.9	89.1	86.0
New England	8.9	6.4	7.2	11.6	9.2	9.0	9.2
Middle Atlantic	13.5	11.9	12.0	9.5	14.6	14.4	14.4
East North Central	12.5	12.8	8.8	10.7	14.4	17.9	10.0
West North Central	5.3	3.8	2.8	4.5	6.6	6.0	5.2
South Atlantic	18.3	15.3	21.0	18.1	17.0	15.8	21.1
East South Central	3.4	3.8	1.9	5.7	3.1	4.3	3.7
West South Central	7.0	5.1	3.9	7.7	8.0	6.0	7.8
Mountain	4.3	8.9	2.9	4.1	4.6	3.8	3.7
Pacific and insular	13.4	14.5	8.6	10.4	17.1	12.0	10.8
Not in United States	13.0	17.0	30.7	16.8	5.0	10.9	14.0
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.2	0.1	0.0	0.0
Male doctorate recipients (number)	3,419	189	767	469	1,002	259	733
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	576	33	50	63	310	33	87
Definite employment	1,427	45	450	207	285	115	325
Seeking employment or study	830	80	136	121	214	63	216
Other ^c	64	5	12	10	21	7	9
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	65.5	51.5	44.0	68.3	74.5	75.8	44.8

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Postdoc research associateship	30.7	48.5	56.0	31.7	19.0	21.2	54.0
Other or unknown ^e	3.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	6.5	3.0	1.1
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	63.4	71.1	62.0	80.2	44.9	83.5	62.8
Government	14.2	15.6	17.8	8.2	14.4	6.1	15.4
Industry or business ^g	12.8	D	13.3	6.3	23.9	D	9.2
Nonprofit organization	6.9	D	5.3	D	10.5	D	9.8
Other or unknown ^h	2.8	0.0	1.6	D	6.3	D	2.8
Primary activity ^j							
R&D	42.3	27.3	65.2	36.9	31.2	33.9	27.5
Teaching	37.5	56.8	24.0	53.3	26.8	55.4	46.1
Management or administration	7.7	D	2.7	6.7	6.8	D	16.7
Professional services	11.5	D	7.1	2.6	34.8	D	7.8
Other	1.0	0.0	0.9	0.5	0.4	0.9	2.0
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	35.6	52.3	24.0	46.2	28.4	45.5	45.1
Teaching	25.5	13.6	36.8	27.7	15.2	22.3	19.3
Management or administration	10.6	D	9.8	7.7	16.4	D	10.1
Professional services	6.2	D	6.2	4.1	9.6	D	4.9
Other	0.4	2.3	0.2	0.0	0.8	0.0	0.3
No secondary activity	21.8	18.2	22.9	14.4	29.6	18.8	20.3
Activity unknown	5.8	2.2	2.9	5.8	12.3	2.6	5.8
Postgraduation location (%) ^l							
United States ^k	81.3	74.4	66.0	79.6	92.4	88.5	83.5
New England	7.9	D	7.0	8.1	8.7	D	8.3
Middle Atlantic	12.7	14.1	12.2	10.0	13.8	12.8	13.3
East North Central	11.8	7.7	9.0	11.5	14.3	22.3	9.0
West North Central	5.4	D	D	4.4	7.6	5.4	6.6
South Atlantic	17.6	16.7	19.0	18.5	14.6	11.5	22.1
East South Central	3.5	D	D	5.6	2.5	5.4	4.4
West South Central	6.7	6.4	3.2	8.5	9.1	5.4	6.8
Mountain	3.9	D	2.0	4.1	5.5	D	3.4
Pacific and insular	11.3	11.5	8.4	8.5	16.0	12.2	9.5
Not in United States	18.6	25.6	34.0	20.0	7.2	11.5	16.5
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.3	0.0	0.0
Female doctorate recipients (number)	4,981	363	418	333	2,598	377	892
Postgraduation status (number) ^b							
Definite postgraduation study	1,153	56	29	49	858	65	96
Definite employment	1,615	101	262	122	635	155	340
Seeking employment or study	1,282	167	66	91	554	106	298
Other ^c	130	8	15	6	70	9	22
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d							
Postdoc fellowship	70.7	69.6	48.3	79.6	72.7	66.2	58.3
Postdoc research associateship	22.7	30.4	51.7	18.4	19.0	32.3	38.5
Other or unknown ^e	6.6	0.0	0.0	2.0	8.3	1.5	3.1
Definite employment (%) ^f							
Academe	60.7	72.3	62.2	84.4	46.5	79.4	65.9
Government	10.7	9.9	11.8	4.1	12.0	5.8	12.1
Industry or business ^g	14.8	D	17.6	6.6	21.1	D	9.4
Nonprofit organization	9.7	D	3.8	D	13.7	D	9.7
Other or unknown ^h	4.1	0.0	4.6	D	6.8	D	2.9

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Primary activity ⁱ							
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Teaching	38.4	56.3	28.6	59.5	29.8	48.3	44.1
Management or administration	8.0	D	2.8	5.2	5.0	D	13.0
Professional services	18.5	D	6.0	6.0	39.2	D	6.5
Other	1.1	2.1	1.2	0.9	0.9	0.0	1.9
Secondary activity ^j							
R&D	35.5	45.8	28.2	54.3	29.8	46.3	36.4
Teaching	19.4	15.6	31.5	19.8	15.4	20.8	17.6
Management or administration	12.5	D	9.7	7.8	16.3	D	11.4
Professional services	7.1	D	7.3	4.3	7.0	D	10.2
Other	0.3	0.0	0.4	0.9	0.2	0.7	0.0
No secondary activity	25.4	27.1	23.0	12.9	31.3	16.8	24.4
Activity unknown	6.1	5.0	5.3	4.9	8.0	3.9	4.7
Postgraduation location (%) ^j							
United States ^k	91.0	87.3	74.9	88.3	95.8	89.5	88.3
New England	9.6	D	7.6	17.0	9.4	D	10.1
Middle Atlantic	14.1	10.8	11.7	8.8	14.9	15.5	15.4
East North Central	13.0	15.3	8.6	9.4	14.4	15.0	11.0
West North Central	5.2	D	D	4.7	6.2	6.4	3.9
South Atlantic	18.8	14.6	24.4	17.5	17.9	18.6	20.2
East South Central	3.3	D	D	5.8	3.3	3.6	3.0
West South Central	7.2	4.5	5.2	6.4	7.6	6.4	8.7
Mountain	4.5	D	4.5	4.1	4.3	D	3.9
Pacific and insular	15.0	15.9	8.9	13.5	17.5	11.8	12.2
Not in United States	9.0	12.7	25.1	11.7	4.1	10.5	11.7
Location unknown	*	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0

* = value < 0.05%; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b Includes only respondents who responded to postgraduation status.

^c Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.

^d Excludes respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study.

^e "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.

^f Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

^g Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^h "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

ⁱ Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.

^j Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

^k Includes cases with an unknown U.S region of employment after doctorate; see technical notes for states or territories included in regions.

NOTES: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2013.