

Directorate for Geosciences (GEO)

DIRECTORATE PROFILE

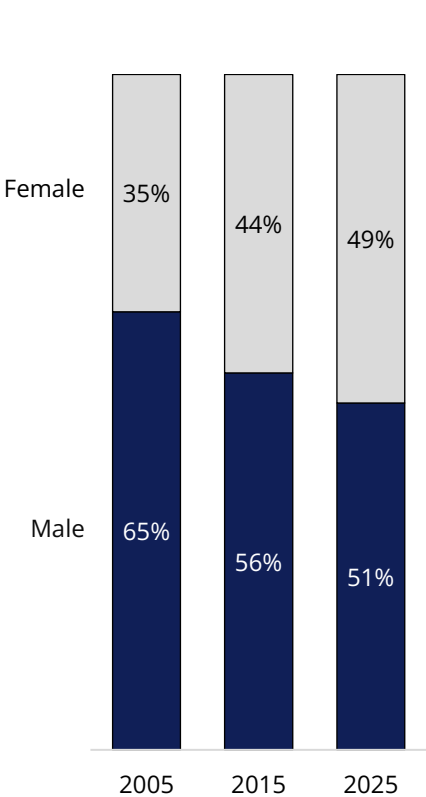
GEO Research Doctorate Recipients by Graduation Year

Number: 2005, 2015, and 2025



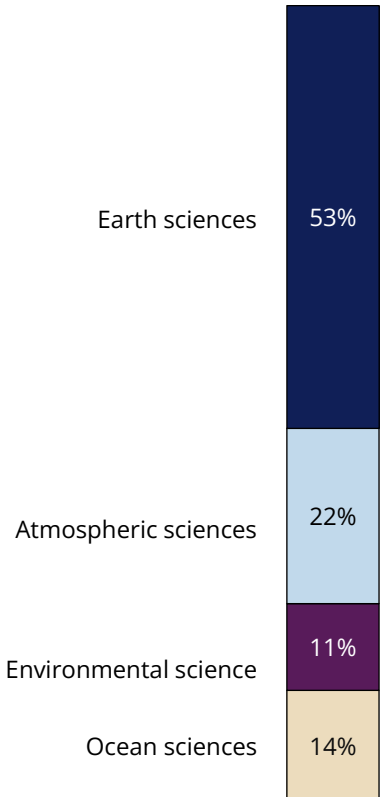
Source: NCSES, Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Sex: 2005, 2015, and 2025



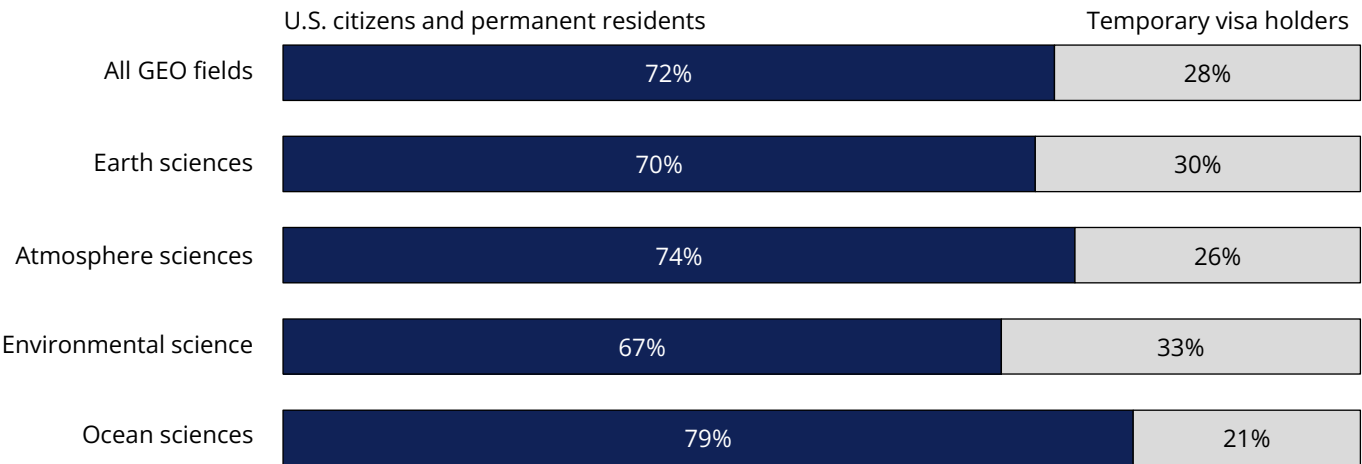
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Field of degree: 2025



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Citizenship status by field of degree: 2025

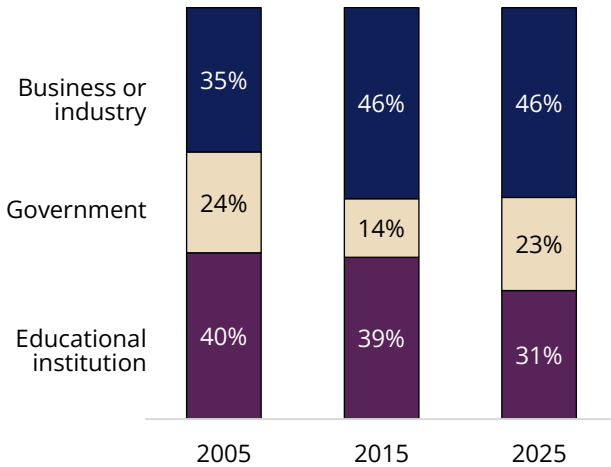


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Definite non-postdoctoral employment commitments by sector: 2005, 2015, and 2025



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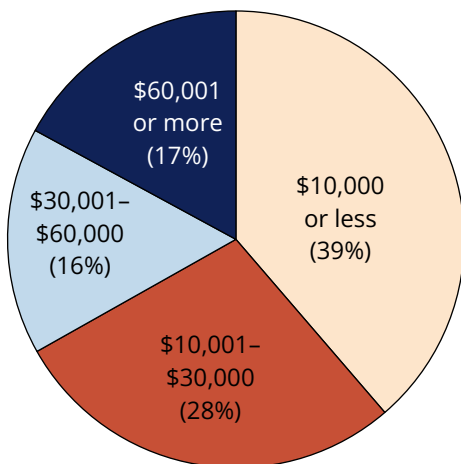
83%

of geosciences research doctorate recipients reported having **no graduate education-related debt** after receiving their doctoral degree in 2025.

Source: NCSES, Survey of Earned Doctorates.

Graduate education-related debt among those with graduate debt: 2025

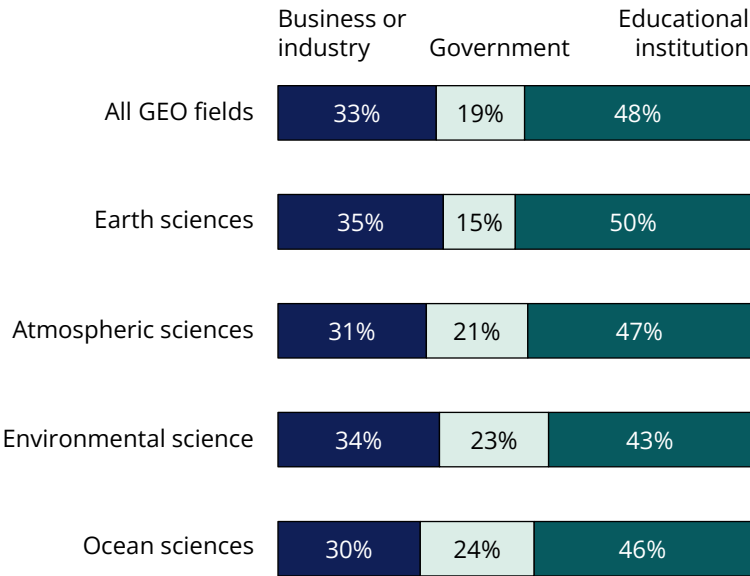
Among the 17% who reported debt



Source: NCSES, Survey of Earned Doctorates.

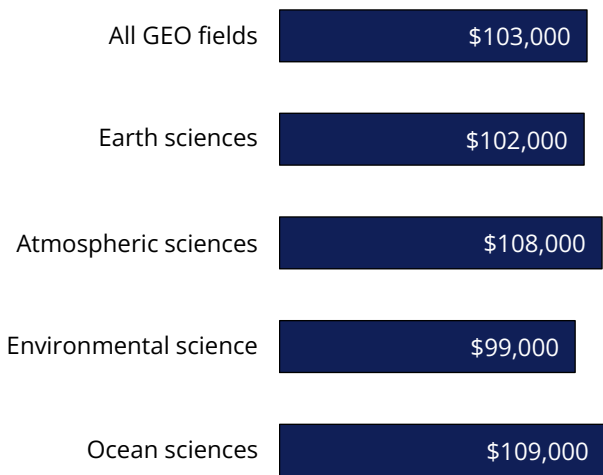
GEO Research Doctorate Recipients under the Age of 76

Employment sector by field of degree: 2023



Source: NCSES, Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

Median salary by field of degree: 2023



Source: NCSES, Survey of Doctorate Recipients.

The Survey of Earned Doctorates data reflect characteristics of geosciences research doctorate recipients at the time of graduation in academic years 2005, 2015, and 2025. The Survey of Doctorate Recipients data reflect geosciences research doctorate recipients under age 76 as of 1 February 2023. See [Directorate Profiles: Technical Notes](#) for more information. Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.