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## Field of research of postdocs at federally funded research and development centers, by FFRDC type: 2017

(Number)

Field of research	Total	University administered	Nonprofit administered	Industry administered
All postdocs	2,975	1,296	788	891
Science and engineering	2,359	688	780	891
Science	1,697	587	501	609
Agricultural sciences	0	0	0	0
Biological and biomedical sciences	144	6	63	75
Chemistry	338	57	150	131
Computer and information sciences	128	14	58	56
Geosciences, atmospheric sciences, and ocean sciences	239	122	52	65
Mathematics and statistics	55	3	21	31
Natural resources and conservation	2	0	0	2
Physics and astronomy	718	366	122	230
Psychology	1	0	0	1
Social sciences	5	0	0	5
Other sciences	67	19	35	13
Engineering	662	101	279	282
Aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering	22	4	4	14
Agricultural engineering	2	1	1	0
Bioengineering and biomedical engineering	23	1	3	19
Chemical engineering	80	11	39	30
Civil engineering	18	4	3	11
Electrical, electronics and communications engineering	52	6	15	31
Engineering mechanics, physics and science	44	15	0	29
Industrial and manufacturing engineering	0	0	0	0
Mechanical engineering	100	28	21	51
Metallurgical and materials engineering	244	16	162	66
Nuclear engineering	58	3	27	28
Petroleum engineering	2	1	0	1
Other engineering fields	17	11	4	2
Health	0	0	0	0
Multidisciplinary	47	39	8	0
Non-science or engineering	39	39	0	0
Field of research not known	530	530	0	0

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

## Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Postdocs at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, 2017.