

TABLE 69

Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2018

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	5,145	617	948	1,442	2,138
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	559	67	158	125	209
Definite employment	2,183	279	352	662	890
Seeking employment or study	1,742	188	344	471	739
Other ^c	155	19	30	43	63
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	93.0	82.1	96.2	93.6	93.8
Other or unknown ^e	7.0	17.9	3.8	6.4	6.2
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	74.7	82.4	73.3	82.5	67.0
Government	2.9	2.2	7.1	0.9	2.9
Industry or business ^g	6.8	3.6	5.4	7.1	8.2
Nonprofit organization	8.6	2.5	6.3	2.3	16.1
Other or unknown ^h	7.1	9.3	8.0	7.3	5.8
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	8.9	8.3	12.0	6.6	9.6
Teaching	71.0	81.8	65.9	75.1	66.4
Management or administration	9.7	5.3	12.0	10.6	9.6
Professional services	10.1	4.2	9.6	7.6	14.0
Other	0.3	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.4
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	40.5	49.6	40.7	40.9	37.2
Teaching	13.2	8.3	13.5	12.5	15.1
Management or administration	8.4	6.8	5.1	9.8	9.1
Professional services	5.6	4.2	3.0	4.9	7.6
Other	0.5	0.4	0.6	0.3	0.6
No secondary activity	31.9	30.7	37.1	31.7	30.5
Activity unknown	5.4	5.4	5.1	4.2	6.3
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	88.9	88.2	86.5	92.1	87.9
New England	9.0	8.7	12.0	7.8	8.6
Middle Atlantic	16.7	18.8	15.1	16.6	16.8
East North Central	12.0	12.1	11.6	11.9	12.2
West North Central	5.1	5.8	4.5	6.1	4.5
South Atlantic	15.5	14.7	17.3	15.8	14.6
East South Central	4.4	3.5	4.3	5.3	4.2
West South Central	7.8	5.5	6.7	8.8	8.5
Mountain	4.7	3.8	2.5	6.5	4.6
Pacific and insular	13.1	14.5	12.2	12.7	13.3
Not in United States	11.1	11.8	13.1	7.9	12.1
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,567	247	513	585	1,222
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	265	34	79	43	109
Definite employment	1,078	113	186	276	503

TABLE 69

Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2018

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Seeking employment or study	887	73	192	200	422
Other ^c	72	6	15	15	36
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	93.2	85.3	96.2	95.3	92.7
Other or unknown ^e	6.8	14.7	3.8	4.7	7.3
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	71.2	83.2	73.1	81.5	62.0
Government	3.4	D	9.1	D	3.0
Industry or business ^g	7.1	D	3.2	D	9.3
Nonprofit organization	11.2	D	5.4	D	20.3
Other or unknown ^h	7.1	10.6	9.1	7.2	5.4
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	9.2	7.5	13.1	7.2	9.4
Teaching	70.1	86.0	65.3	76.1	64.9
Management or administration	8.6	D	D	8.0	8.7
Professional services	11.9	D	D	8.7	17.0
Other	0.2	0.9	0.6	0.0	0.0
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	37.9	48.6	37.5	42.4	33.0
Teaching	14.4	10.3	15.9	11.4	16.4
Management or administration	8.9	7.5	6.8	11.4	8.7
Professional services	5.6	D	D	3.8	8.3
Other	0.4	0.0	0.6	0.0	0.6
No secondary activity	32.8	D	D	31.1	33.0
Activity unknown	5.7	5.3	5.4	4.3	6.6
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	87.4	87.8	86.0	89.7	86.8
New England	8.0	8.8	10.9	7.5	6.9
Middle Atlantic	15.9	21.1	14.0	18.8	14.1
East North Central	11.5	10.9	13.2	9.1	12.1
West North Central	6.1	8.2	D	7.8	D
South Atlantic	15.2	10.9	15.8	15.7	15.7
East South Central	4.3	3.4	3.8	2.5	5.7
West South Central	8.0	5.4	5.7	9.4	8.8
Mountain	4.9	4.1	D	6.9	D
Pacific and insular	13.0	14.3	13.6	11.6	13.1
Not in United States	12.5	12.2	13.6	10.3	13.2
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,575	370	435	856	914
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	294	33	79	82	100
Definite employment	1,105	166	166	386	387
Seeking employment or study	855	115	152	271	317
Other ^c	83	13	15	28	27
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					

TABLE 69

Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2018

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	92.9	78.8	96.2	92.7	95.0
Other or unknown ^e	7.1	21.2	3.8	7.3	5.0
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	78.1	81.9	73.5	83.2	73.4
Government	2.4	D	4.8	D	2.8
Industry or business ^g	6.5	D	7.8	D	6.7
Nonprofit organization	6.0	D	7.2	D	10.6
Other or unknown ^h	7.1	8.4	6.6	7.3	6.5
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	8.6	8.9	10.8	6.2	9.9
Teaching	71.8	79.0	66.5	74.3	68.4
Management or administration	10.9	D	D	12.4	10.7
Professional services	8.3	D	D	6.8	10.2
Other	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.3	0.8
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	43.0	50.3	44.3	39.7	42.6
Teaching	12.0	7.0	10.8	13.2	13.5
Management or administration	7.8	6.4	3.2	8.6	9.6
Professional services	5.5	D	D	5.7	6.6
Other	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.5	0.5
No secondary activity	31.1	D	D	32.2	27.2
Activity unknown	5.1	5.4	4.8	4.1	5.9
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	90.3	88.4	86.9	93.8	89.3
New England	9.9	8.5	13.1	7.9	10.7
Middle Atlantic	17.4	17.1	16.3	15.2	20.3
East North Central	12.5	13.1	9.8	13.9	12.3
West North Central	4.1	4.0	D	4.9	D
South Atlantic	15.7	17.6	18.8	15.8	13.3
East South Central	4.6	3.5	4.9	7.3	2.3
West South Central	7.7	5.5	7.8	8.3	8.0
Mountain	4.4	3.5	D	6.2	D
Pacific and insular	13.2	14.6	10.6	13.5	13.6
Not in United States	9.6	11.6	12.7	6.2	10.7
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.^b Includes only respondents who reported 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 for employment and secondary work activity.

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

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

Note(s)

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(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates.