

Table 1**Postdocs at federally funded research and development centers, by FFRDC type and sponsoring agency: 2012–19**

(Number)

FFRDCs and postdocs	2012	2013	2015	2017 ^{a,b}	2019 ^a	Change 2012–19	Change 2017–19
FFRDCs							
All FFRDCs	39	40	42	42	42	3	0
FFRDCs with postdocs	22	21	24	23	24	2	1
Postdocs							
All postdocs	2,793	2,613	2,696	2,975	3,335	542	360
FFRDC type							
University administered	1,248	1,204	1,227	1,296	1,398	150	102
Nonprofit administered	681	653	698	788	912	231	124
Industry administered	864	756	771	891	1,025	161	134
Federal sponsoring agency							
Department of Energy	2,579	2,367	2,463	2,685	3,034	455	349
All other sponsors	214	246	233	290	301	87	11

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

^a The Master Government List contains 42 FFRDCs. In the FFRDC Postdocs Survey, two FFRDCs are surveyed together.^b While there was no change in the number of FFRDCs between the 2015 and 2017 surveys, the Homeland Security Studies and Analysis Institute was replaced by the Homeland Security Operational Analysis Center.**Source(s):**

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