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## Field of research of postdocs at federally funded research and development centers, by citizenship: 2019

(Number)

Field of research	Total	U.S. citizens and permanent residents	Temporary visa holders
All postdocs	3,335	1,429	1,906
Science and engineering	3,160	1,351	1,809
Science	2,132	921	1,211
Agricultural sciences	3	0	3
Biological and biomedical sciences	222	105	117
Chemistry	467	251	216
Computer and information sciences	180	61	119
Geosciences, atmospheric sciences, and ocean sciences	262	112	150
Mathematics and statistics	70	36	34
Natural resources and conservation	27	11	16
Physics and astronomy	773	300	473
Psychology	0	0	0
Social sciences	7	5	2
Other sciences	121	40	81
Engineering	1,028	430	598
Aerospace, aeronautical and astronautical engineering	30	11	19
Agricultural engineering	0	0	0
Bioengineering and biomedical engineering	18	12	6
Chemical engineering	183	88	95
Civil engineering	61	16	45
Electrical, electronics and communications engineering	97	30	67
Engineering mechanics, physics and science	140	47	93
Industrial and manufacturing engineering	4	1	3
Mechanical engineering	176	72	104
Metallurgical and materials engineering	221	95	126
Nuclear engineering	66	49	17
Petroleum engineering	3	0	3
Other engineering fields	29	9	20
Health	1	1	0
Multidisciplinary	113	46	67
Non-science or engineering	15	11	4
Field of research not known/ reported	46	20	26

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Postdocs at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers, 2019.