

TABLE 4-15b

Social sciences postdoctoral appointee and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researcher demographics and funding: 2019

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	Postdoctoral appointees		Doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	151	21.1	134	18.8
Schools	160	19.8	137	16.9
Units	637	3.1	464	2.3
All individuals	1,762	100.0	1,659	100.0
Male	831	47.2	699	42.1
Female	931	52.8	960	57.9
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	1,199	68.0	na	na
Hispanic or Latino	83	4.7	na	na
Not Hispanic or Latino				
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	0.2	na	na
Asian	108	6.1	na	na
Black or African American	80	4.5	na	na
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	10	0.6	na	na
White	728	41.3	na	na
More than one race	34	1.9	na	na
Unknown ethnicity and race	152	8.6	na	na
Temporary visa holders	563	32.0	na	na
Primary source of support				
Federal	385	21.9	na	na
Nonfederal ^b	1,135	64.4	na	na
Personal resources	16	0.9	na	na
Unknown or not stated	226	12.8	na	na
Primary mechanism of support				
Fellowships	284	16.1	na	na
Research grants	831	47.2	na	na
Traineeships	74	4.2	na	na
Other types of support	573	32.5	na	na
Degree type ^c				
Doctoral degree	1,384	78.5	1,281	77.2
Professional degree	21	1.2	97	5.8
Dual degree	35	2.0	14	0.8
Doctoral degree type unknown	322	18.3	267	16.1
Degree origin				
United States	969	55.0	na	na
Foreign country	262	14.9	na	na
Unknown	531	30.1	na	na

na = not applicable; citizenship, race and ethnicity, source of support, mechanism of support, and degree origin data are not collected for doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers.

^a Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

^b Nonfederal includes foreign support.

^c Doctoral degree includes PhD, ScD, DEng, etc.; professional degree includes MD, DVM, DO, DDS, etc.; dual degree includes both professional and doctoral degrees (MD-PhD, DVM-PhD, etc.).

Note(s):

"Field" refers to the field of the unit that reports postdoctorates and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers to the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering. Percentages may not add to total because of rounding.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2019.