

Table 69

Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of doctorate: 2020

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	4,939	564	887	1,392	2,096
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	533	48	153	107	225
Definite employment	2,071	254	356	607	854
Seeking employment or study	1,612	172	298	458	684
Other ^c	166	23	26	32	85
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	94.7	85.4	98.0	96.3	93.8
Other or unknown ^e	5.3	14.6	2.0	3.7	6.2
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	70.4	81.9	66.3	79.4	62.2
Government	3.1	3.1	7.6	1.0	2.7
Industry or business ^g	7.3	5.1	8.1	6.8	8.0
Nonprofit organization	10.8	2.8	7.9	4.0	19.2
Other or unknown ^h	8.5	7.1	10.1	8.9	8.0
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	9.7	7.5	11.9	9.0	10.1
Teaching	67.5	81.7	66.8	70.0	61.8
Management or administration	10.6	5.0	10.4	12.7	10.8
Professional services	11.7	5.8	10.4	7.6	17.0
Other	0.5	0.0	0.6	0.7	0.4
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	34.8	44.6	38.9	32.8	31.5
Teaching	12.9	6.7	8.0	14.0	16.0
Management or administration	9.1	8.8	8.6	10.6	8.4
Professional services	6.5	5.4	5.3	5.0	8.3
Other	0.5	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.5
No secondary activity	36.3	34.6	38.9	36.9	35.3
Activity unknown	5.8	5.5	5.3	4.9	6.8
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	89.1	87.4	88.8	92.3	87.6
New England	8.1	9.9	11.4	8.1	6.0
Middle Atlantic	16.4	19.5	13.0	16.7	17.1
East North Central	11.7	11.9	10.2	11.6	12.3
West North Central	5.9	6.6	5.3	5.6	6.2
South Atlantic	14.6	13.9	17.1	15.1	13.3
East South Central	5.6	4.6	5.3	6.0	5.8
West South Central	9.2	5.6	9.0	9.1	10.4
Mountain	4.8	4.6	4.1	7.3	3.5
Pacific and insular	11.9	9.6	13.2	11.6	12.2
Not in United States	10.9	12.6	11.2	7.7	12.4
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,516	223	512	589	1,192
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	288	23	86	50	129
Definite employment	1,034	99	198	249	488
Seeking employment or study	823	66	183	195	379

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Other ^c	79	8	11	10	50
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	93.8	78.3	97.7	94.0	93.8
Other or unknown ^e	6.3	21.7	2.3	6.0	6.2
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	65.6	85.9	61.6	74.7	58.4
Government	3.1	D	9.6	D	D
Industry or business ^g	9.1	D	11.1	D	9.0
Nonprofit organization	13.4	D	8.6	4.4	D
Other or unknown ^h	8.8	6.1	9.1	10.8	8.2
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	9.0	10.4	10.5	8.0	8.6
Teaching	66.5	77.1	63.7	73.5	61.8
Management or administration	9.8	5.2	10.5	10.5	10.1
Professional services	14.2	7.3	14.2	7.1	19.3
Other	0.5	0.0	1.1	0.8	0.2
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	33.2	49.0	36.8	32.8	28.5
Teaching	14.7	9.4	7.9	10.9	20.6
Management or administration	10.0	9.4	9.5	12.2	9.2
Professional services	6.1	D	6.3	D	7.7
Other	0.5	0.0	0.5	1.3	0.2
No secondary activity	35.5	D	38.9	D	33.8
Activity unknown	5.2	3.0	4.0	4.4	6.6
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	87.5	83.6	89.1	91.3	85.7
New England	7.9	11.5	9.9	9.7	5.3
Middle Atlantic	16.0	22.1	14.1	15.7	15.7
East North Central	11.3	13.9	8.8	11.0	12.2
West North Central	6.2	6.6	6.3	5.7	6.3
South Atlantic	14.6	10.7	18.7	15.7	13.0
East South Central	5.8	4.1	5.6	6.7	5.8
West South Central	9.4	D	9.5	D	11.5
Mountain	4.0	D	4.6	D	3.4
Pacific and insular	11.4	7.4	11.6	12.4	11.7
Not in United States	12.5	16.4	10.9	8.7	14.3
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,423	341	375	803	904
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	245	25	67	57	96
Definite employment	1,037	155	158	358	366
Seeking employment or study	789	106	115	263	305
Other ^c	87	15	15	22	35
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	95.9	92.0	98.5	98.2	93.8
Other or unknown ^e	4.1	8.0	1.5	1.8	6.3

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Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	75.1	79.4	72.2	82.7	67.2
Government	3.1	D	5.1	D	D
Industry or business ^g	5.5	D	4.4	D	6.6
Nonprofit organization	8.1	D	7.0	3.6	D
Other or unknown ^h	8.2	7.7	11.4	7.5	7.7
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	10.5	5.6	13.6	9.7	12.1
Teaching	68.6	84.7	70.7	67.6	61.8
Management or administration	11.3	4.9	10.2	14.2	11.8
Professional services	9.2	4.9	5.4	8.0	13.8
Other	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.6
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	36.4	41.7	41.5	32.7	35.6
Teaching	11.0	4.9	8.2	16.2	9.7
Management or administration	8.2	8.3	7.5	9.4	7.4
Professional services	6.8	D	4.1	D	9.1
Other	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.9
No secondary activity	37.1	D	38.8	D	37.4
Activity unknown	6.5	7.1	7.0	5.3	7.1
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	90.7	90.0	88.4	93.0	90.0
New England	8.3	8.9	13.3	7.0	6.9
Middle Atlantic	16.9	17.8	11.6	17.3	18.8
East North Central	12.0	10.6	12.0	12.0	12.6
West North Central	5.6	6.7	4.0	5.5	6.1
South Atlantic	14.7	16.1	15.1	14.7	13.9
East South Central	5.5	5.0	4.9	5.5	5.8
West South Central	9.0	D	8.4	D	8.9
Mountain	5.6	D	3.6	D	3.7
Pacific and insular	12.5	11.1	15.1	11.1	13.0
Not in United States	9.3	10.0	11.6	7.0	10.0
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	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.