

Table 9-17

Visual and performing arts research doctorate recipients, postgraduation plans by sex and major field of doctorate: 2021

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All visual and performing arts fields	Performing arts	Visual arts, media studies/design
Doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	690	442	248
Definite postdoctoral training plans	11.2	6.8	19.0
Definite employment plans	39.9	40.7	38.3
Seeking employment or study	45.7	48.2	41.1
Other status ^a	3.3	4.3	1.6
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	94.8	96.7	93.6
Other training or unknown ^c	5.2	3.3	6.4
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	60.7	57.8	66.3
In tenure track faculty position (%)	35.3	31.7	41.3
Not in tenure track position (%)	62.3	65.4	57.1
Government	D	D	D
Industry or business ^e	14.9	18.3	8.4
Nonprofit organization	D	D	D
Other or unknown ^f	8.0	10.0	4.2
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	12.0	5.3	25.0
Teaching	62.2	67.3	52.3
Management or administration	9.7	9.9	9.1
Professional services and other	16.2	17.5	13.6
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	30.9	25.7	40.9
Teaching	13.9	12.3	17.0
Management or administration	8.9	7.6	11.4
Professional services and other	11.2	14.0	5.7
No secondary activity	35.1	40.4	25.0
Activity unknown	5.8	5.0	7.4
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	85.5	87.6	82.4
Midwest	17.3	18.6	15.5
Northeast	25.0	21.9	29.6
South	23.3	26.2	19.0
West	19.6	21.0	17.6
Outside the United States	14.5	12.4	17.6
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	34.7	37.6	30.3
Male doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	312	237	75
Definite postdoctoral training plans	8.7	6.3	16.0
Definite employment plans	40.4	41.4	37.3
Seeking employment or study	48.4	49.4	45.3
Other status ^a	2.6	3.0	1.3
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other training or unknown ^c	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	58.7	57.1	64.3
In tenure track faculty position (%)	37.8	35.7	44.4
Not in tenure track position (%)	59.5	60.7	55.6
Government	D	D	0.0
Industry or business ^e	22.2	D	D
Nonprofit organization	D	11.2	D
Other or unknown ^f	7.9	8.2	7.1
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	8.3	D	D
Teaching	65.3	67.0	59.3
Management or administration	7.4	D	D
Professional services and other	19.0	D	D
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	28.9	24.5	44.4
Teaching	15.7	14.9	18.5
Management or administration	8.3	D	D
Professional services and other	15.7	D	D
No secondary activity	31.4	36.2	14.8
Activity unknown	4.0	4.1	3.6
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	83.0	85.8	75.0
Midwest	18.3	18.6	17.5
Northeast	17.6	15.9	22.5
South	24.2	26.5	17.5
West	22.2	24.8	15.0
Outside the United States	17.0	14.2	25.0
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	34.0	36.3	27.5
Female doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	378	205	173
Definite postdoctoral training plans	13.2	7.3	20.2
Definite employment plans	39.4	40.0	38.7
Seeking employment or study	43.4	46.8	39.3
Other status ^a	4.0	5.9	1.7
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	92.0	93.3	91.4
Other training or unknown ^c	8.0	6.7	8.6
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	62.4	58.5	67.2
In tenure track faculty position (%)	33.3	27.1	40.0
Not in tenure track position (%)	64.5	70.8	57.8
Government	D	D	D
Industry or business ^e	8.7	D	D
Nonprofit organization	D	D	23.9
Other or unknown ^f	8.1	12.2	3.0
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Teaching	59.4	67.5	49.2
Management or administration	11.6	D	D
Professional services and other	13.8	D	D
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	32.6	27.3	39.3
Teaching	12.3	9.1	16.4
Management or administration	9.4	D	D
Professional services and other	7.2	D	D
No secondary activity	38.4	45.5	29.5
Activity unknown	7.4	6.1	9.0
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	87.4	89.7	85.3
Midwest	16.6	18.6	14.7
Northeast	30.7	28.9	32.4
South	22.6	25.8	19.6
West	17.6	16.5	18.6
Outside the United States	12.6	10.3	14.7
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	35.2	39.2	31.4

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Includes doctorate recipients reporting: no plans to work or study, some other type of postgraduation plans, or definite plans for other full-time degree program.^b Excludes doctorate recipients reporting plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postdoctoral plans for study.^c Other includes doctorate recipients who reported definite postdoctoral plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.^d Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.^e Includes doctorate recipients reporting self-employment.^f Other is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.^g Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary or secondary work activity.^h Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.ⁱ Includes cases with an unknown U.S. region of employment after doctorate, thus the percentages by regions will not sum to the value for United States; see the "Technical Notes" for states or territories included in regions.**Note(s):**

Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. Beginning in 2021, a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes was used in the survey data collection, and the new broad, major, and detailed fields were used in tables reporting only the most recent data year. Therefore, the field of doctorate data in 2021 may not be comparable to prior years; see the "Technical Notes" for more information, table A-4 for a summary of SED-CIP codes in the new SED field taxonomy, table A-5 for a full list of SED-CIP codes in the new field taxonomy, and table A-6 for the SED-CIP code crosswalk to the historical field taxonomy.

Source(s):

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