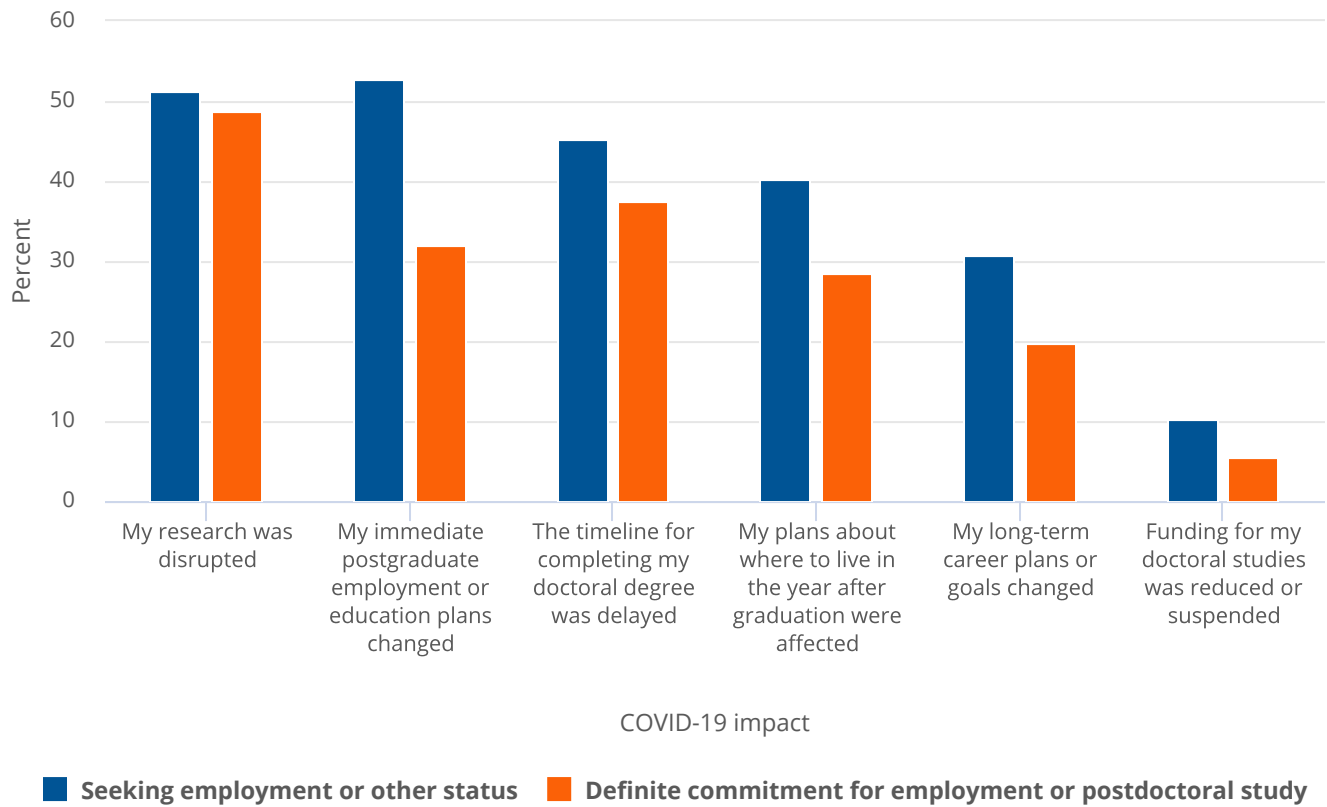


**Figure 30****COVID-19 pandemic impacts among S&E doctorate recipients, by postgraduation employment status: 2021****Note(s):**

Percentages are based on the number of S&E doctorate recipients who responded to COVID-19 impact questions, which were added to the survey in June 2020 (33,664 respondents). Seeking employment includes doctorate recipients negotiating an offer of employment with one or more specific organizations, seeking a position but currently have no offer of employment, and other status (enrolled in a full-time degree program, no plans to work or study, other). Definite commitment refers to a doctorate recipient who is either returning to predoctoral employment or has signed a contract (or otherwise made a definite commitment) for employment or postdoctoral study in the coming year.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2021.