

TABLE 4-15b

**Social sciences postdoctoral appointee and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researcher demographics and funding: 2021**

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	Postdoctoral appointees		Doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	145	20.7	131	18.7
Schools	152	19.3	136	17.3
Units	614	2.9	462	2.2
All individuals	1,645	100.0	1,505	100.0
Male	771	46.9	692	46.0
Female	874	53.1	813	54.0
U.S. citizens and permanent residents <sup>a</sup>	1,092	66.4	na	na
Hispanic or Latino	82	5.0	na	na
Not Hispanic or Latino				
American Indian or Alaska Native	5	0.3	na	na
Asian	117	7.1	na	na
Black or African American	79	4.8	na	na
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	1	0.1	na	na
White	629	38.2	na	na
More than one race	47	2.9	na	na
Unknown ethnicity and race	132	8.0	na	na
Temporary visa holders	553	33.6	na	na
Primary source of support				
Federal	351	21.3	na	na
Nonfederal <sup>b</sup>	1,065	64.7	na	na
Personal resources	14	0.9	na	na
Unknown or not stated	215	13.1	na	na
Primary mechanism of support				
Fellowships	297	18.1	na	na
Research grants	756	46.0	na	na
Traineeships	71	4.3	na	na
Other types of support	521	31.7	na	na
Degree type <sup>c</sup>				
Doctoral degree	1,328	80.7	1,173	77.9
Professional degree	14	0.9	81	5.4
Dual degree	16	1.0	11	0.7
Doctoral degree type unknown	287	17.4	240	15.9
Degree origin				
United States	950	57.8	na	na
Foreign country	216	13.1	na	na
Unknown	479	29.1	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.

<sup>a</sup> Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

<sup>b</sup> Nonfederal includes foreign support.

<sup>c</sup> 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 (GSS). Percentages may not add to total because of rounding. For more information on the mapping of GSS fields and codes, see technical table A-17.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2021.