

TABLE 1

Postdocs at federally funded research and development centers: 2019, 2021, and 2023

(Number)

FFRDCs	2019	2021	2023
All postdocs	3,335	3,637	3,629
University-administered FFRDCs	1,398	1,405	1,428
Ames Laboratory	34	42	43
Argonne National Laboratory	310	331	369
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory	68	70	83
Green Bank Observatory ^a	na	3	2
Jet Propulsion Laboratory	201	195	159
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	509	507	517
Lincoln Laboratory	4	5	0
NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory ^b	1	4	9
National Center for Atmospheric Research	59	48	52
National Radio Astronomy Observatory	16	9	9
National Solar Observatory	4	3	4
Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory	36	39	29
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory	66	45	56
Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility	90	104	96
Nonprofit-administered FFRDCs	959	1,128	1,059
Aerospace Federally Funded Research and Development Center	0	0	1
Brookhaven National Laboratory	159	173	174
Center for Communications and Computing	0	5	0
Idaho National Laboratory	46	60	71
National Defense Research Institute	1	0	0
National Renewable Energy Laboratory	189	195	211
Oak Ridge National Laboratory	285	314	261
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	278	342	303
Savannah River National Laboratory	1	39	38
Industry-administered FFRDCs	978	1,104	1,142
Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research	15	8	10
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	253	300	321
Los Alamos National Laboratory	459	456	478
Sandia National Laboratories	251	340	333

na = not applicable.

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

^a The Green Bank Observatory was split out from the National Radio Observatory in 2016. The survey did not record this change until 2021.

^b The National Optical Astronomy Observatory, was renamed NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory in the 2021 survey. The new laboratory also incorporates operations of the International Gemini Observatory and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory.

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