

TABLE 4-15b

Social sciences postdoctoral appointee and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researcher demographics and funding: 2023

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	Postdoctoral appointees		Doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	164	23.9	134	19.5
Schools	168	21.8	138	17.9
Units	770	3.4	533	2.3
All individuals	1,854	100.0	1,854	100.0
Male	864	46.6	862	46.5
Female	990	53.4	992	53.5
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	1,158	62.5	na	na
Hispanic or Latino	130	7.0	na	na
Not Hispanic or Latino				
American Indian or Alaska Native	14	0.8	na	na
Asian	144	7.8	na	na
Black or African American	91	4.9	na	na
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	4	0.2	na	na
White	591	31.9	na	na
More than one race	37	2.0	na	na
Unknown ethnicity and race	147	7.9	na	na
Temporary visa holders	696	37.5	na	na
Primary source of support				
Federal	373	20.1	na	na
Nonfederal ^b	1,362	73.5	na	na
Personal resources	11	0.6	na	na
Unknown or not stated	108	5.8	na	na
Primary mechanism of support				
Fellowships	276	14.9	na	na
Research grants	942	50.8	na	na
Traineeships	98	5.3	na	na
Other types of support	538	29.0	na	na
Degree type ^c				
Doctoral degree	1,398	75.4	1,326	71.5
Professional degree	43	2.3	63	3.4
Dual degree	11	0.6	10	0.5
Doctoral degree type unknown	402	21.7	455	24.5
Degree origin				
United States	992	53.5	na	na
Foreign country	265	14.3	na	na

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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.

^a Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

^b Nonfederal includes foreign support.

^c 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):

For postdoctoral appointees and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers, "field" refers to the field of the unit that reports information on these groups 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, 2023.