

**Table 9-15. Humanities research doctorate recipients, postgraduation plans by sex and major field of doctorate: 2024**

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities fields	English language and literature, letters	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	History	Philosophy and religious studies	Humanities, other
Doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	2,895	891	458	668	547	331
Definite postdoctoral training plans	16.1	11.2	16.4	21.6	21.9	7.9
Definite employment plans	49.6	54.7	47.2	42.1	47.2	58.9
Seeking employment or study	30.8	31.1	32.8	32.9	26.7	29.9
Other status <sup>a</sup>	3.5	3.0	3.7	3.4	4.2	3.3
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) <sup>b</sup>						
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	95.9	96.0	97.3	99.3	95.0	76.9
Other training or unknown <sup>c</sup>	4.1	4.0	2.7	0.7	5.0	23.1
Definite employment plans (%) <sup>d</sup>						
Academe	69.0	79.5	74.1	65.1	69.4	42.1
In tenure track faculty position (%)	34.1	35.7	28.8	39.3	33.5	26.8
Not in tenure track position (%)	62.1	62.0	66.3	57.9	63.1	61.0
Government	3.4	1.4	3.2	8.2	2.3	3.1
Industry or business <sup>e</sup>	9.0	8.2	8.3	7.5	9.7	12.8
Nonprofit organization	10.4	4.3	3.7	9.3	10.1	34.9
Other or unknown <sup>f</sup>	8.3	6.6	10.6	10.0	8.5	7.2
Primary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	12.5	9.5	12.4	17.0	16.8	8.0
Teaching	61.7	69.2	70.0	55.8	58.8	46.0
Management or administration	10.8	10.3	6.7	14.1	7.6	16.0
Professional services and other	15.0	11.0	11.0	13.0	16.8	29.9
Secondary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	34.5	36.5	39.0	37.7	32.0	23.0
Teaching	16.1	12.0	13.3	16.3	21.2	22.5
Management or administration	10.8	12.7	8.6	9.4	7.6	15.0
Professional services and other	5.3	4.6	3.8	5.8	5.6	7.5
No secondary activity	33.3	34.2	35.2	30.8	33.6	32.1
Activity unknown	2.8	2.7	2.8	1.8	3.1	4.1
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>h</sup>						
United States <sup>i</sup>	90.6	95.1	86.9	88.9	89.4	89.1
Midwest	18.6	18.6	19.9	17.2	16.7	22.6
Northeast	22.5	21.5	22.3	23.5	27.5	14.5
South	32.0	37.1	24.1	32.9	26.5	36.7
West	17.1	17.7	19.9	14.8	18.3	14.0
Outside the United States	9.2	4.9	12.7	10.8	10.6	10.4
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.2	0.0	0.5
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	38.0	45.7	38.5	35.8	33.6	28.5

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(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities fields	English language and literature, letters	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	History	Philosophy and religious studies	Humanities, other
Male doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	1,412	311	195	358	350	198
Definite postdoctoral training plans	15.7	12.2	11.3	20.7	21.1	7.1
Definite employment plans	50.2	52.4	52.8	42.7	46.6	64.1
Seeking employment or study	31.2	33.4	30.8	34.9	28.9	25.8
Other status <sup>a</sup>	2.8	1.9	5.1	1.7	3.4	3.0
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) <sup>b</sup>						
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	94.1	97.4	95.5	D	94.6	D
Other training or unknown <sup>c</sup>	5.9	2.6	4.5	D	5.4	D
Definite employment plans (%) <sup>d</sup>						
Academe	64.2	78.5	74.8	62.7	66.3	36.2
In tenure track faculty position (%)	33.0	42.2	26.0	41.7	24.1	21.7
Not in tenure track position (%)	63.5	57.0	70.1	55.2	71.3	69.6
Government	4.8	D	D	9.8	D	D
Industry or business <sup>e</sup>	7.8	6.7	5.8	7.2	8.0	11.0
Nonprofit organization	13.4	D	D	8.5	D	D
Other or unknown <sup>f</sup>	9.9	8.6	11.7	11.8	9.8	7.9
Primary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	12.0	10.7	12.7	15.4	13.8	6.6
Teaching	61.2	73.0	70.6	56.4	61.0	44.3
Management or administration	10.6	8.2	6.9	14.1	8.2	15.6
Professional services and other	16.2	8.2	9.8	14.1	17.0	33.6
Secondary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	33.7	37.1	47.1	38.3	27.0	21.3
Teaching	18.4	12.6	11.8	18.8	21.4	27.0
Management or administration	10.7	13.2	D	11.4	D	14.8
Professional services and other	4.6	5.7	D	3.4	D	4.9
No secondary activity	32.6	31.4	35.3	28.2	36.5	32.0
Activity unknown	2.5	2.5	1.0	2.6	2.5	3.9
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>h</sup>						
United States <sup>i</sup>	90.0	94.5	89.6	88.1	89.0	88.7
Midwest	18.3	18.9	20.0	15.4	16.0	24.1
Northeast	22.4	21.4	26.4	22.0	27.4	12.8
South	31.8	34.8	27.2	33.5	26.6	37.6
West	17.2	19.4	15.2	17.2	18.1	14.2
Outside the United States	9.9	5.5	10.4	11.9	11.0	10.6
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.7
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	36.3	43.3	40.8	33.5	35.9	27.7

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(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All humanities fields	English language and literature, letters	Foreign languages, literatures, and linguistics	History	Philosophy and religious studies	Humanities, other
Female doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	1,483	580	263	310	197	133
Definite postdoctoral training plans	16.4	10.7	20.2	22.6	23.4	9.0
Definite employment plans	49.1	55.9	43.0	41.3	48.2	51.1
Seeking employment or study	30.4	29.8	34.2	30.6	22.8	36.1
Other status <sup>a</sup>	4.1	3.6	2.7	5.5	5.6	3.8
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) <sup>b</sup>						
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	97.5	95.2	98.1	D	95.7	D
Other training or unknown <sup>c</sup>	2.5	4.8	1.9	D	4.3	D
Definite employment plans (%) <sup>d</sup>						
Academe	73.6	79.9	73.5	68.0	74.7	52.9
In tenure track faculty position (%)	35.1	32.4	31.3	36.8	47.9	33.3
Not in tenure track position (%)	60.8	64.5	62.7	60.9	50.7	50.0
Government	2.1	D	D	6.3	D	D
Industry or business <sup>e</sup>	10.2	9.0	10.6	7.8	12.6	16.2
Nonprofit organization	7.4	D	D	10.2	D	D
Other or unknown <sup>f</sup>	6.7	5.6	9.7	7.8	6.3	5.9
Primary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	13.0	8.9	12.0	18.9	22.0	10.8
Teaching	62.2	67.3	69.4	55.1	54.9	49.2
Management or administration	11.0	11.4	6.5	14.2	6.6	16.9
Professional services and other	13.7	12.4	12.0	11.8	16.5	23.1
Secondary activity <sup>g</sup>						
Research and development	35.3	36.2	31.5	37.0	40.7	26.2
Teaching	13.9	11.7	14.8	13.4	20.9	13.8
Management or administration	10.9	12.4	D	7.1	D	15.4
Professional services and other	5.9	4.1	D	8.7	D	12.3
No secondary activity	34.0	35.6	35.2	33.9	28.6	32.3
Activity unknown	3.0	2.8	4.4	0.8	4.2	4.4
Postgraduation location (%) <sup>h</sup>						
United States <sup>i</sup>	91.2	95.3	84.9	89.9	90.1	90.0
Midwest	18.8	18.4	19.9	19.2	17.7	20.0
Northeast	22.5	21.5	19.3	25.3	27.7	17.5
South	32.2	38.3	21.7	32.3	26.2	35.0
West	17.0	16.8	23.5	12.1	18.4	13.8
Outside the United States	8.5	4.7	14.5	9.6	9.9	10.0
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.6	0.5	0.0	0.0
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	39.5	46.9	36.7	38.4	29.8	30.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

<sup>a</sup> Other status 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.

<sup>b</sup> Definite postdoctoral training plans excludes doctorate recipients reporting plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postdoctoral plans for study.

<sup>c</sup> Other training includes doctorate recipients who reported definite postdoctoral plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.

<sup>d</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

<sup>e</sup> Industry or business includes doctorate recipients reporting self-employment.

<sup>f</sup> Other is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

<sup>g</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary or secondary work activity.

<sup>h</sup> Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

<sup>i</sup> United States includes doctorate recipients 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):**

A definite postgraduation commitment includes accepting new employment or a postdoctoral study (postdoc) position or returning to predoctoral employment, while postgraduation employment includes accepting new employment or returning to predoctoral employment that is not a postdoctoral study (postdoc) position. 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 new broad, major, and detailed fields are used in tables reporting data from 2021 to the present; see the field list in table A-4. Therefore, the field of doctorate data prior to 2021 may not be comparable to subsequent years. For more information about the 2021 taxonomy change, see the "Technical Notes."

**Source(s):**

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