

Table 9. Headcount and FTEs of R&D personnel at federally funded research and development centers, by personnel function: FYs 2022–25

(Number)

Personnel function	2022		2023		2024		2025	
	Headcount	FTEs	Headcount	FTEs	Headcount	FTEs	Headcount	FTEs
All personnel functions	100,397	76,491	101,485	78,684	102,712	81,288	96,266	76,559
Researchers	47,970	36,131	47,592	36,962	47,871	39,054	45,978	37,690
R&D technicians	25,921	20,195	26,285	21,126	25,514	20,556	23,487	18,870
R&D support staff	26,506	20,165	27,608	20,596	29,327	21,678	26,801	19,999

FTE = full-time equivalent.

Note(s):
FTE R&D personnel are calculated as the total working effort spent on R&D during a specific period divided by the total effort representing a full-time schedule within the same period.

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