

Table 9-10. Multidisciplinary/interdisciplinary sciences research doctorate recipients, postgraduation plans by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary sciences fields	Interdisciplinary computer sciences	Multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary sciences, other
Doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	1,598	630	968
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	21.9	19.8	23.2
Definite employment plans (%)	47.0	50.0	45.0
Seeking employment or study (%)	28.7	28.1	29.1
Other status (%) ^a	2.3	2.1	2.5
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	96.9	96.8	96.9
Other training or unknown ^c	3.1	3.2	3.1
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	29.4	22.5	34.4
In tenure track faculty position	46.6	60.6	40.0
Not in tenure track position	46.2	26.8	55.3
Government	5.9	3.5	7.6
Industry or business ^e	58.6	68.6	51.4
Nonprofit organization	3.9	3.8	3.9
Other or unknown ^f	2.3	1.6	2.8
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	63.9	75.2	55.9
Teaching	16.1	D	D
Management or administration	4.9	D	D
Professional services and other	15.0	14.7	15.3
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	17.9	14.7	20.2
Teaching	10.0	9.2	10.6
Management or administration	8.6	6.9	9.9
Professional services and other	18.9	20.9	17.4
No secondary activity	44.7	48.4	42.0
Activity unknown	2.5	2.9	2.3
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	92.1	92.3	92.0
Midwest	12.9	10.2	14.7
Northeast	23.6	23.9	23.4
South	22.5	17.0	26.2
West	32.3	40.5	26.9
Outside the United States	7.7	7.7	7.7
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	35.6	34.3	36.5
Male doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	959	458	501
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	19.5	19.2	19.8
Definite employment plans (%)	51.3	51.5	51.1
Seeking employment or study (%)	27.3	26.9	27.7
Other status (%) ^a	1.9	2.4	1.4
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	96.8	95.5	98.0
Other training or unknown ^c	3.2	4.5	2.0

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Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	25.2	20.8	29.3
In tenure track faculty position	46.8	57.1	40.0
Not in tenure track position	45.2	28.6	56.0
Government	5.9	D	D
Industry or business ^e	64.4	71.2	58.2
Nonprofit organization	2.2	D	D
Other or unknown ^f	2.2	1.3	3.1
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	69.3	76.5	62.7
Teaching	14.2	D	D
Management or administration	2.7	D	D
Professional services and other	13.8	13.5	14.1
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	17.5	D	D
Teaching	8.1	7.4	8.8
Management or administration	9.4	D	D
Professional services and other	18.4	21.3	15.7
No secondary activity	46.6	48.7	44.6
Activity unknown	2.6	2.5	2.7
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	91.9	91.7	92.1
Midwest	11.8	9.6	13.8
Northeast	22.7	22.8	22.5
South	21.6	16.4	26.5
West	35.3	42.3	29.0
Outside the United States	8.0	8.3	7.6
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	34.2	35.5	33.0
Female doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	639	172	467
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	25.5	21.5	27.0
Definite employment plans (%)	40.5	45.9	38.5
Seeking employment or study (%)	30.8	31.4	30.6
Other status (%) ^a	3.0	1.2	3.6
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	96.9	D	96.0
Other training or unknown ^c	3.1	D	4.0
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	37.5	27.8	41.7
In tenure track faculty position	46.4	68.2	40.0
Not in tenure track position	47.4	22.7	54.7
Government	5.8	D	D
Industry or business ^e	47.5	60.8	41.7
Nonprofit organization	6.9	D	D
Other or unknown ^f	2.3	2.5	2.2
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	53.8	71.1	46.3

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Teaching	19.8	10.5	23.7
Management or administration	9.1	0.0	13.0
Professional services and other	17.4	18.4	16.9
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	18.6	D	D
Teaching	13.4	14.5	13.0
Management or administration	7.1	D	D
Professional services and other	19.8	19.7	19.8
No secondary activity	41.1	47.4	38.4
Activity unknown	2.3	3.8	1.7
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	92.4	94.0	91.8
Midwest	14.7	12.1	15.7
Northeast	25.1	26.7	24.5
South	23.9	19.0	25.8
West	27.5	35.3	24.5
Outside the United States	7.3	6.0	7.8
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	37.9	31.0	40.5

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a 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.^b 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.^c Other training includes doctorate recipients who reported definite postdoctoral plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.^d Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.^e Industry or business includes doctorate recipients reporting self-employment.^f Other is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.^g Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary or secondary work activity.^h Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.ⁱ 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. The survey data collection for the field of study changed in 2021, which may affect the data comparisons across years. This table uses the new field taxonomy based on a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes and does not match data that uses the trend field taxonomy. For more information about the field taxonomy changes, see the "Technical Notes."

Source(s):

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