

Table 9-16. Business research doctorate recipients, postgraduation plans by sex and major field of doctorate: 2025

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	All business fields	Business administration and management	Business, other
Doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	1,125	321	804
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	5.7	7.5	5.0
Definite employment plans (%)	75.1	69.8	77.2
Seeking employment or study (%)	17.0	20.2	15.7
Other status (%) ^a	2.2	2.5	2.1
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	96.9	D	95.0
Other training or unknown ^c	3.1	D	5.0
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	76.2	67.0	79.5
In tenure track faculty position	82.6	72.0	85.8
Not in tenure track position	15.4	22.7	13.2
Government	D	D	3.7
Industry or business ^e	14.1	17.0	13.0
Nonprofit organization	D	D	1.6
Other or unknown ^f	2.6	4.0	2.1
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	50.3	38.5	54.5
Teaching	30.6	30.3	30.7
Management or administration	8.7	17.4	5.6
Professional services and other	10.3	13.8	9.1
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	29.8	28.9	30.1
Teaching	47.8	41.7	49.9
Management or administration	5.7	8.3	4.8
Professional services and other	4.7	5.5	4.5
No secondary activity	12.0	15.6	10.7
Activity unknown	2.6	2.7	2.6
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	86.5	84.7	87.1
Midwest	16.4	14.5	17.1
Northeast	17.5	18.5	17.1
South	35.3	32.7	36.3
West	16.3	17.3	15.9
Outside the United States	13.3	15.3	12.6
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	20.0	21.8	19.4
Male doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	641	185	456
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	6.2	9.2	5.0
Definite employment plans (%)	74.4	69.2	76.5
Seeking employment or study (%)	17.5	20.5	16.2
Other status (%) ^a	1.9	1.1	2.2
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	97.5	D	95.7
Other training or unknown ^c	2.5	D	4.3
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	76.3	68.0	79.4
In tenure track faculty position	84.9	74.7	88.1
Not in tenure track position	13.2	19.5	11.2

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Government	D	6.3	D
Industry or business ^e	14.3	15.6	13.8
Nonprofit organization	D	7.0	D
Other or unknown ^f	2.5	3.1	2.3
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	50.5	40.8	54.1
Teaching	30.5	28.0	31.4
Management or administration	6.9	16.0	3.6
Professional services and other	12.1	15.2	10.9
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	31.5	28.0	32.8
Teaching	47.3	42.4	49.1
Management or administration	6.3	D	D
Professional services and other	4.8	D	D
No secondary activity	10.2	13.6	8.9
Activity unknown	2.9	2.3	3.2
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	85.3	82.1	86.6
Midwest	16.1	13.1	17.2
Northeast	18.8	20.0	18.3
South	34.8	31.0	36.3
West	14.7	16.6	14.0
Outside the United States	14.5	17.9	13.2
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	17.2	20.0	16.1
Female doctorate recipients reporting postgraduation status (number)	484	136	348
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%)	5.0	5.1	4.9
Definite employment plans (%)	76.0	70.6	78.2
Seeking employment or study (%)	16.3	19.9	14.9
Other status (%) ^a	2.7	4.4	2.0
Definite postdoctoral training plans (%) ^b			
Postdoc fellowship or research associateship	95.8	D	94.1
Other training or unknown ^c	4.2	D	5.9
Definite employment plans (%) ^d			
Academe	76.1	65.6	79.8
In tenure track faculty position	79.6	68.3	82.9
Not in tenure track position	18.2	27.0	15.7
Government	3.5	D	D
Industry or business ^e	13.9	18.8	12.1
Nonprofit organization	3.8	D	D
Other or unknown ^f	2.7	5.2	1.8
Primary activity ^g			
Research and development	50.0	35.5	55.1
Teaching	30.8	33.3	30.0
Management or administration	11.1	19.4	8.2
Professional services and other	8.1	11.8	6.7
Secondary activity ^g			
Research and development	27.5	30.1	26.6
Teaching	48.3	40.9	50.9

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Professional services and other	4.7	D	D
No secondary activity	14.4	18.3	13.1
Activity unknown	2.2	3.1	1.8
Postgraduation location (%) ^h			
United States ⁱ	88.0	88.3	87.9
Midwest	16.8	16.5	17.0
Northeast	15.8	16.5	15.6
South	36.0	35.0	36.3
West	18.4	18.4	18.3
Outside the United States	11.7	11.7	11.8
Location unknown	0.3	0.0	0.3
Postgraduation location in same state as doctorate institution (%)	23.7	24.3	23.5

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.