

Table 12. Federal facility R&D personnel headcount, by job category and R&D function: FYs 2024–25

(Number)

Fiscal year	All job categories							Federal employees and military personnel							Contractors							All other R&D personnel						
	All	Researchers		R&D technicians		R&D support staff		All	Researchers		R&D technicians		R&D support staff		All	Researchers		R&D technicians		R&D support staff		All	Researchers		R&D technicians		R&D support staff	
2024	184,899	87,476	i	58,586		38,837	i	132,804	71,465	i	37,874		23,465		43,020	11,307	i	16,536	i	15,177		9,075	4,704		4,176		195	
2025	166,539	79,766	i	48,268	i	38,505	i	119,034	64,418	i	29,679		24,937	i	40,762	11,931	i	15,583	i	13,248	i	6,743	3,417		3,006		320	

i = more than 50% of the estimate is imputed.

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