Table 3-2. Primary source of support for postdoctoral appointees in science, engineering, and health, by broad field: 2025

(Number and percent)

Broad field	Total	Federal		Institutional		Nonfederal domestic		Foreign		Self-support		Unknown	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All surveyed fields	68,324	31,736	46.4	17,644	25.8	10,813	15.8	1,260	1.8	979	1.4	5,892	8.6
Science	39,233	18,523	47.2	10,416	26.5	5,839	14.9	548	1.4	376	1.0	3,531	9.0
Agricultural and veterinary sciences	2,067	927	44.8	576	27.9	313	15.1	17	0.8	5	0.2	229	11.1
Biological and biomedical sciences	20,467	10,461	51.1	4,260	20.8	3,284	16.0	243	1.2	138	0.7	2,081	10.2
Computer and information sciences	1,006	358	35.6	405	40.3	135	13.4	21	2.1	7	0.7	80	8.0
Geosciences, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	2,060	1,007	48.9	567	27.5	264	12.8	26	1.3	64	3.1	132	6.4
Mathematics and statistics	1,243	324	26.1	664	53.4	133	10.7	15	1.2	14	1.1	93	7.5
Multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary sciences	1,018	410	40.3	369	36.2	114	11.2	19	1.9	18	1.8	88	8.6
Natural resources and conservation	1,000	450	45.0	329	32.9	126	12.6	12	1.2	16	1.6	67	6.7
Physical sciences	7,343	3,630	49.4	1,921	26.2	1,074	14.6	129	1.8	59	0.8	530	7.2
Psychology	1,184	576	48.6	365	30.8	103	8.7	23	1.9	24	2.0	93	7.9
Social sciences	1,845	380	20.6	960	52.0	293	15.9	43	2.3	31	1.7	138	7.5
Engineering	9,489	4,408	46.5	2,544	26.8	1,503	15.8	298	3.1	91	1.0	645	6.8
Aerospace, aeronautical, and astronautical engineering	261	133	51.0	62	23.8	31	11.9	6	2.3	2	0.8	27	10.3
Biological, biomedical, and biosystems engineering	1,656	881	53.2	355	21.4	273	16.5	30	1.8	7	0.4	110	6.6
Chemical, petroleum, and chemical-related engineering	1,520	644	42.4	361	23.8	340	22.4	57	3.8	10	0.7	108	7.1
Civil, environmental, transportation and related engineering fields	1,192	459	38.5	421	35.3	175	14.7	38	3.2	22	1.8	77	6.5
Electrical, electronics, communications and computer engineering	1,362	637	46.8	361	26.5	212	15.6	38	2.8	18	1.3	96	7.0
Industrial, manufacturing, systems engineering and operations research	186	63	33.9	79	42.5	19	10.2	7	3.8	0	0.0	18	9.7
Mechanical engineering	1,390	653	47.0	409	29.4	169	12.2	52	3.7	10	0.7	97	7.0
Metallurgical, mining, materials and related engineering fields	594	349	58.8	112	18.9	84	14.1	10	1.7	10	1.7	29	4.9
Other engineering	1,328	589	44.4	384	28.9	200	15.1	60	4.5	12	0.9	83	6.3
Health	19,602	8,805	44.9	4,684	23.9	3,471	17.7	414	2.1	512	2.6	1,716	8.8
Clinical medicine[a]	16,874	7,708	45.7	4,087	24.2	2,864	17.0	398	2.4	326	1.9	1,491	8.8
Other health	2,728	1,097	40.2	597	21.9	607	22.3	16	0.6	186	6.8	225	8.2

[a] Clinical medicine includes postdoctoral appointees in medical clinical sciences and clinical and medical laboratory sciences; anesthesiology; cardiology and cardiovascular disease; endocrinology, diabetes, and metabolism; gastroenterology; hematology; neurology and neurosurgery; obstetrics and gynecology; oncology and cancer research; ophthalmology; otorhinolaryngology; pediatrics; psychiatry; public health; pulmonary disease; radiological sciences; surgery; and clinical medicine not elsewhere classified.

Note(s):
For postdoctoral appointees, "field" refers to the field of the unit that reports information on this group to the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS). Percentages may not add to total because of rounding. For more information on the mapping of GSS fields and codes, see table A-6.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2025.