Table 3. Postdoctoral appointees in science, engineering, and health, by sex, citizenship status, race, and ethnicity: 2021–25

(Number)

Characteristic	Postdoctoral appointees						
						Percent change	
	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2021–25	2024–25
All surveyed fields	63,328	62,750	65,850	69,877	68,324	7.9	-2.2
U.S. citizens and permanent residents[a]	29,755	27,289	27,701	29,131	29,497	-0.9	1.3
Female	14,275	13,042	13,380	14,341	14,654	2.7	2.2
Male	15,480	14,247	14,321	14,790	14,843	-4.1	0.4
Hispanic or Latino	2,142	2,192	2,352	2,599	2,416	12.8	-7.0
Not Hispanic or Latino							
American Indian or Alaska Native	80	92	111	123	124	55.0	0.8
Asian	6,014	5,286	5,631	5,793	6,093	1.3	5.2
Black or African American	1,138	1,141	1,230	1,389	1,303	14.5	-6.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	40	34	57	38	40	0.0	5.3
White	16,369	15,221	14,585	14,662	14,654	-10.5	-0.1
More than one race	687	638	694	847	859	25.0	1.4
Unknown race and ethnicity	3,285	2,685	3,041	3,680	4,008	22.0	8.9
Temporary visa holders	33,573	35,461	38,149	40,746	38,827	15.6	-4.7
Female	12,533	13,670	15,012	16,306	15,642	24.8	-4.1
Male	21,040	21,791	23,137	24,440	23,185	10.2	-5.1

[a] Race and ethnicity data are available for U.S. citizens and permanent residents only. Hispanic or Latino may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

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