



**Table 46. Employment sector of doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation commitments for employment in the United States, by broad field of study: Selected years, 1996–2016**

Employment commitment and sector	Total	Life sciences <sup>a</sup>	Physical sciences and earth sciences	Mathematics and computer sciences	Psychology and social sciences	Engineering	Education	Humanities and arts	Other <sup>b</sup>
1996	11.2	1.8	1.6	1.1	5.4	0.4	36.3	4.1	1.3
2001	10.4	3.0	2.5	2.6	5.4	1.1	35.5	5.4	2.6
2006	13.4	8.6	6.2	4.2	9.0	4.7	37.3	8.6	5.3
2011	7.7	2.7	3.0	1.6	5.2	1.8	29.3	4.6	2.8
2016	7.8	4.4	2.2	2.2	6.5	1.8	27.8	8.4	3.8

<sup>a</sup> Includes agricultural sciences and natural resources; biological and biomedical sciences; and health sciences.

<sup>b</sup> Non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.

<sup>c</sup> Percentages based on number reporting definite employment commitments in the United States.

<sup>d</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

<sup>e</sup> "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

NOTE: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100.

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