

Table 69. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2016

Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
All doctorate recipients (number) ^a	5,484	599	1,147	1,533	2,205
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	516	47	155	113	201
Definite employment	1,870	216	337	586	731
Seeking employment or study	2,133	226	484	549	874
Other ^c	239	18	47	63	111
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	81.6	83.0	89.7	83.2	74.1
Postdoc research associateship	17.2	17.0	10.3	15.9	23.4
Other or unknown ^e	1.2	0.0	0.0	0.9	2.5
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	76.5	88.4	70.0	84.6	69.5
Government	2.3	0.0	6.8	1.2	1.8
Industry or business ^g	5.3	D	6.2	D	6.8
Nonprofit organization	7.5	D	8.3	D	13.4
Other or unknown ^h	8.3	8.3	8.6	7.8	8.5
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	10.6	7.6	10.4	7.5	14.2
Teaching	71.6	87.4	66.9	78.2	63.3
Management or administration	9.7	3.0	12.0	9.1	11.1
Professional services	5.7	D	6.4	D	8.1
Other	2.5	D	4.3	D	3.3
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	48.4	60.6	54.2	46.8	43.2
Teaching	12.1	7.6	12.4	11.4	13.9
Management or administration	9.0	8.1	4.0	9.5	11.1
Professional services	6.1	3.0	6.7	6.7	6.2
Other	2.6	5.1	0.7	2.1	3.3
No secondary activity	21.9	15.7	22.1	23.5	22.3
Activity unknown	10.5	8.3	11.3	8.5	12.3
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	89.0	89.4	89.6	92.7	85.8
New England	9.0	8.4	13.4	7.9	7.7
Middle Atlantic	17.6	18.3	18.7	17.7	16.7
East North Central	12.9	16.0	11.0	13.6	12.6
West North Central	5.1	3.4	5.5	5.0	5.4
South Atlantic	13.9	16.0	13.2	14.2	13.4
East South Central	5.1	5.7	4.3	4.6	5.7
West South Central	8.0	6.5	7.3	11.2	6.4
Mountain	4.7	3.0	4.7	5.4	4.5
Pacific and insular	12.8	12.2	11.6	13.0	13.4
Not in United States	10.9	10.6	10.2	7.3	14.1
Location unknown	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.1
Male doctorate recipients (number)	2,639	228	621	600	1,190

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Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	254	25	77	43	109
Definite employment	892	83	180	235	394
Seeking employment or study	1,035	86	278	212	459
Other ^c	99	5	20	21	53
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	81.9	D	90.9	D	75.2
Postdoc research associateship	17.7	D	9.1	D	23.9
Other or unknown ^e	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.9
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	73.0	88.0	67.8	81.7	67.0
Government	3.5	0.0	9.4	D	D
Industry or business ^g	5.0	D	6.1	D	6.1
Nonprofit organization	9.0	D	6.1	D	15.5
Other or unknown ^h	9.5	D	10.6	10.2	D
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	11.0	D	8.9	D	13.3
Teaching	70.2	85.3	68.4	78.1	62.7
Management or administration	8.6	0.0	11.4	7.4	9.8
Professional services	7.7	D	7.0	D	11.8
Other	2.6	D	4.4	D	2.3
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	47.6	61.3	50.0	46.5	44.2
Teaching	11.8	D	D	10.7	13.0
Management or administration	9.8	9.3	4.4	8.8	13.0
Professional services	6.3	D	D	7.9	5.2
Other	2.4	6.7	1.3	0.0	3.5
No secondary activity	22.0	13.3	22.8	26.0	21.1
Activity unknown	11.0	9.6	12.2	8.5	12.2
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	87.4	86.1	88.7	92.1	84.5
New England	7.9	8.3	12.1	7.6	5.8
Middle Atlantic	16.7	17.6	16.7	18.0	15.7
East North Central	14.0	19.4	10.5	14.0	14.5
West North Central	6.0	D	D	5.8	6.4
South Atlantic	14.7	16.7	16.0	13.7	14.3
East South Central	5.8	D	D	5.0	7.0
West South Central	6.6	5.6	7.0	8.3	5.8
Mountain	4.4	D	D	5.8	4.8
Pacific and insular	11.3	9.3	11.7	13.7	10.3
Not in United States	12.4	13.9	10.9	7.9	15.3
Location unknown	0.2	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.2
Female doctorate recipients (number)	2,843	371	526	933	1,013

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Characteristic	All humanities and arts fields	Foreign languages and literature	History	Letters	Other humanities and arts
Postgraduation status (number) ^b					
Definite postgraduation study	262	22	78	70	92
Definite employment	978	133	157	351	337
Seeking employment or study	1,098	140	206	337	415
Other ^c	140	13	27	42	58
Definite postgraduation study (%) ^d					
Postdoc fellowship	81.3	D	88.5	D	72.8
Postdoc research associateship	16.8	D	11.5	D	22.8
Other or unknown ^e	1.9	0.0	0.0	1.4	4.3
Definite employment (%) ^f					
Academe	79.8	88.7	72.6	86.6	72.4
Government	1.2	0.0	3.8	D	D
Industry or business ^g	5.6	D	6.4	D	7.7
Nonprofit organization	6.2	D	10.8	D	11.0
Other or unknown ^h	7.2	D	6.4	6.3	D
Primary activity ⁱ					
R&D	10.2	D	12.1	D	15.3
Teaching	72.8	88.6	65.2	78.2	64.1
Management or administration	10.7	4.9	12.8	10.3	12.5
Professional services	3.9	D	5.7	D	3.7
Other	2.4	0.0	4.3	0.6	4.4
Secondary activity ^j					
R&D	49.1	60.2	58.9	47.0	42.0
Teaching	12.3	D	D	11.8	14.9
Management or administration	8.2	7.3	3.5	10.0	8.8
Professional services	5.9	D	D	5.9	7.5
Other	2.8	4.1	0.0	3.4	3.1
No secondary activity	21.7	17.1	21.3	21.8	23.7
Activity unknown	10.0	7.5	10.2	8.5	12.5
Postgraduation location (%) ^k					
United States ^l	90.5	91.6	90.6	93.1	87.4
New England	10.1	8.4	14.9	8.1	10.0
Middle Atlantic	18.5	18.7	20.9	17.6	17.9
East North Central	11.9	13.5	11.5	13.3	10.3
West North Central	4.2	D	D	4.5	4.2
South Atlantic	13.1	15.5	10.2	14.5	12.4
East South Central	4.4	D	D	4.3	4.2
West South Central	9.3	7.1	7.7	13.1	7.2
Mountain	4.9	D	D	5.2	4.2
Pacific and insular	14.1	14.2	11.5	12.6	17.0
Not in United States	9.5	8.4	9.4	6.9	12.6
Location unknown	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

Table 69. Statistical profile of postgraduation plans of doctorate recipients in humanities and arts fields, by sex and field of study: 2016

^a Includes respondents who did not report sex.

^b Includes only respondents who reported postgraduation status.

^c Includes respondents who indicated that they did not plan to work or study, respondents who indicated some other type of postgraduation plans, and respondents who indicated definite plans for other full-time degree program.

^d Excludes respondents who indicated plans for other full-time degree program. Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for study.

^e "Other" includes respondents who indicated definite postgraduation study plans for traineeship, internship or clinical residency, or other study.

^f Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment.

^g Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^h "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

ⁱ Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and primary work activity.

^j Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans for employment and secondary work activity.

^k Percentages based on number of doctorate recipients reporting definite postgraduation plans and type of plans.

^l Includes cases with an unknown U.S. region of employment after doctorate; see technical notes for states or territories included in regions.

NOTES: Due to rounding, percentages may not sum to 100. See table A-6 in the technical notes for a listing of major fields and their constituent subfields.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2016.