

TABLE 4-15b

**Social sciences postdoctoral appointee and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researcher demographics and funding: 2020**

(Number and percent)

Characteristic	Postdoctoral appointees		Doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Institutions	152	21.3	132	18.5
Schools	159	19.7	136	16.9
Units	609	2.9	462	2.2
All individuals	1,546	100.0	1,436	100.0
Male	726	47.0	656	45.7
Female	820	53.0	780	54.3
U.S. citizens and permanent residents <sup>a</sup>	1,049	67.9	na	na
Hispanic or Latino	72	4.7	na	na
Not Hispanic or Latino				
American Indian or Alaska Native	6	0.4	na	na
Asian	101	6.5	na	na
Black or African American	79	5.1	na	na
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0	0.0	na	na
White	636	41.1	na	na
More than one race	33	2.1	na	na
Unknown ethnicity and race	122	7.9	na	na
Temporary visa holders	497	32.1	na	na
Primary source of support				
Federal	326	21.1	na	na
Nonfederal <sup>b</sup>	1,033	66.8	na	na
Personal resources	13	0.8	na	na
Unknown or not stated	174	11.3	na	na
Primary mechanism of support				
Fellowships	239	15.5	na	na
Research grants	706	45.7	na	na
Traineeships	58	3.8	na	na
Other types of support	543	35.1	na	na
Degree type <sup>c</sup>				
Doctoral degree	1,252	81.0	1,081	75.3
Professional degree	18	1.2	95	6.6
Dual degree	43	2.8	10	0.7
Doctoral degree type unknown	233	15.1	250	17.4
Degree origin				
United States	869	56.2	na	na
Foreign country	204	13.2	na	na
Unknown	473	30.6	na	na

na = not applicable; citizenship, race and ethnicity, source of support, mechanism of support, and degree origin data are not collected for doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers.

<sup>a</sup> Ethnicity and race data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.

<sup>b</sup> Nonfederal includes foreign support.

<sup>c</sup> Doctoral degree includes PhD, ScD, DEng, etc.; professional degree includes MD, DVM, DO, DDS, etc.; dual degree includes both professional and doctoral degrees (MD-PhD, DVM-PhD, etc.).

**Note(s):**

"Field" refers to the field of the unit that reports postdoctorates and doctorate-holding nonfaculty researchers 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 technical table A-17.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2020.