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FTEs and headcount of R&D personnel at higher education institutions, by personnel function: FY 2021

(Number)

FTEs and headcounts	All personnel functions	Researchers	R&D technicians	R&D support staff
FTE R&D personnel	468,545	190,334	180,234	97,977
All R&D personnel headcounts	963,477	358,098	363,196	242,183

FTEs = full-time equivalents.

Note(s):
FTE R&D personnel are calculated as the total working effort spent on R&D during a specific period divided by the total effort representing a full-time schedule within the same period.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Higher Education Research and Development Survey, FY 2021.