

Postdocs at U.S. universities, by field and citizenship status: 1985–2005

Citizenship	All S&E fields	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Computer sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Engineering	Mathematics	Medical/ other life sciences	Physical sciences	Psychology	Social sciences
All postdocs											
1985	22,387	374	9,128	70	379	1,356	226	5,455	4,539	510	350
1986	23,721	421	9,692	75	420	1,405	201	5,804	4,860	521	322
1987	24,881	453	10,353	103	424	1,446	229	6,066	4,968	460	379
1988	26,123	476	10,653	96	496	1,690	284	6,409	5,201	498	320
1989	27,932	522	11,425	84	453	1,928	225	7,026	5,366	536	367
1990	29,565	536	11,909	71	594	1,950	249	7,762	5,592	464	438
1991	30,865	580	12,455	120	625	2,262	206	8,008	5,722	508	379
1992	32,747	640	13,158	145	692	2,369	201	8,864	5,792	525	361
1993	34,322	720	13,778	164	765	2,446	224	9,657	5,669	521	378
1994	36,377	729	14,379	185	824	2,606	239	10,590	5,884	551	390
1995	35,926	724	14,659	213	845	2,648	262	9,766	5,851	582	376
1996	37,107	699	14,890	250	861	2,677	326	10,538	5,828	594	444
1997	38,481	724	15,082	322	942	2,971	308	11,217	5,968	586	361
1998	40,086	695	15,761	374	902	2,853	279	12,210	6,004	617	391
1999	40,800	750	16,097	334	925	3,196	351	11,820	6,157	716	454
2000	43,115	822	16,734	344	1,155	3,313	385	12,891	6,270	730	471
2001	43,315	835	17,029	338	1,036	3,166	353	13,121	6,218	809	410
2002	45,007	945	17,648	361	1,114	3,568	393	13,099	6,610	815	454
2003	46,613	1,052	18,615	360	1,166	3,820	447	13,067	6,724	960	402
2004	47,087	942	18,696	384	1,253	3,965	466	13,150	6,956	910	365
2005	48,653	989	19,003	406	1,364	4,163	500	14,069	6,896	892	371
U.S. citizen/permanent resident											
1985	13,528	227	5,952	45	253	443	112	3,785	2,026	456	229
1986	14,041	250	6,095	48	278	460	100	3,921	2,213	471	205
1987	14,133	281	6,248	69	261	497	119	3,801	2,178	387	292
1988	14,420	321	6,093	57	307	588	151	3,976	2,260	425	242
1989	14,863	316	6,344	47	271	657	95	4,178	2,267	434	254
1990	15,115	328	6,371	40	377	613	99	4,446	2,213	381	247
1991	15,135	330	6,400	84	389	655	92	4,328	2,202	407	248
1992	15,800	360	6,577	98	415	767	92	4,616	2,248	401	226
1993	16,727	378	6,924	89	460	843	107	5,092	2,213	386	235
1994	17,986	363	7,251	96	514	1,018	131	5,517	2,421	426	249
1995	18,142	392	7,396	113	502	999	117	5,319	2,578	465	261
1996	18,412	355	7,483	121	504	1,050	137	5,482	2,489	483	308
1997	18,916	370	7,300	146	573	1,089	138	6,081	2,512	453	254
1998	19,710	364	7,684	188	530	950	127	6,744	2,371	487	265
1999	18,884	376	7,360	144	535	1,018	152	6,159	2,259	535	346
2000	19,452	331	7,078	129	705	1,069	149	6,825	2,271	561	334
2001	18,397	328	7,009	113	599	976	154	6,309	2,032	594	283

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2002	19,663	395	7,804	175	651	1,125	189	6,139	2,227	612	346
2003	19,645	462	7,762	159	610	1,145	215	6,121	2,266	632	273
2004	20,118	419	7,803	162	689	1,308	212	6,173	2,471	634	247
2005	21,678	423	7,851	164	746	1,419	263	7,503	2,458	593	258
Foreign citizen											
1985	8,859	147	3,176	25	126	913	114	1,670	2,513	54	121
1986	9,680	171	3,597	27	142	945	101	1,883	2,647	50	117
1987	10,748	172	4,105	34	163	949	110	2,265	2,790	73	87
1988	11,703	155	4,560	39	189	1,102	133	2,433	2,941	73	78
1989	13,069	206	5,081	37	182	1,271	130	2,848	3,099	102	113
1990	14,450	208	5,538	31	217	1,337	150	3,316	3,379	83	191
1991	15,730	250	6,055	36	236	1,607	114	3,680	3,520	101	131
1992	16,947	280	6,581	47	277	1,602	109	4,248	3,544	124	135
1993	17,595	342	6,854	75	305	1,603	117	4,565	3,456	135	143
1994	18,391	366	7,128	89	310	1,588	108	5,073	3,463	125	141
1995	17,784	332	7,263	100	343	1,649	145	4,447	3,273	117	115
1996	18,695	344	7,407	129	357	1,627	189	5,056	3,339	111	136
1997	19,565	354	7,782	176	369	1,882	170	5,136	3,456	133	107
1998	20,376	331	8,077	186	372	1,903	152	5,466	3,633	130	126
1999	21,916	374	8,737	190	390	2,178	199	5,661	3,898	181	108
2000	23,663	491	9,656	215	450	2,244	236	6,066	3,999	169	137
2001	24,918	507	10,020	225	437	2,190	199	6,812	4,186	215	127
2002	25,344	550	9,844	186	463	2,443	204	6,960	4,383	203	108
2003	26,968	590	10,853	201	556	2,675	232	6,946	4,458	328	129
2004	26,969	523	10,893	222	564	2,657	254	6,977	4,485	276	118
2005	26,975	566	11,152	242	618	2,744	237	6,566	4,438	299	113

NOTES: Medical/other life sciences reported separately from S&E fields in National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering. Foreign citizen includes temporary residents only.

SOURCE: NSF/SRS, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, Integrated Science and Engineering Resources Data System (WebCASPAR), <http://webcaspar.nsf.gov>.

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