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Position	Age (years)		Age distribution (%)					
	Mean	Median	All ages	<35	35–44	45–54	55–64	≥65
<b>All positions</b>								
1973 .....	42.0	40.0	100.0	28.3	35.2	23.3	10.9	2.2
1975 .....	42.4	39.9	100.0	25.9	36.8	23.7	11.7	2.0
1977 .....	42.7	40.0	100.0	22.9	38.9	23.8	12.4	2.0
1979 .....	43.3	40.7	100.0	20.1	40.3	23.8	13.6	2.2
1981 .....	44.0	41.5	100.0	18.3	40.5	23.7	14.5	2.9
1983 .....	44.8	42.5	100.0	14.9	40.8	25.2	15.7	3.4
1985 .....	45.2	43.2	100.0	14.2	39.2	26.8	15.9	3.8
1987 .....	45.6	44.2	100.0	12.9	36.5	30.6	16.5	3.5
1989 .....	46.1	45.0	100.0	12.1	34.7	32.2	16.9	4.1
1991 .....	46.3	45.3	100.0	11.5	33.7	34.2	16.9	3.8
1993 .....	45.8	45.0	100.0	13.3	33.3	34.4	16.1	3.0
1995 .....	46.2	45.3	100.0	12.7	32.9	33.6	17.4	3.5
1997 .....	46.6	45.8	100.0	13.3	30.7	32.8	19.6	3.6
1999 .....	47.0	46.3	100.0	12.2	30.5	31.0	22.5	3.8
2001 .....	47.4	46.9	100.0	12.0	29.1	31.8	23.1	4.0
2003 .....	47.3	47.0	100.0	12.8	28.7	30.8	23.9	3.8
<b>Full-time faculty</b>								
1973 .....	42.4	41.0	100.0	25.6	36.6	24.6	11.3	2.0
1975 .....	42.8	40.6	100.0	22.9	38.2	25.1	12.0	1.8
1977 .....	43.3	40.9	100.0	19.2	40.1	25.7	13.3	1.7
1979 .....	44.0	41.6	100.0	16.2	41.1	25.9	14.7	2.0
1981 .....	44.7	42.4	100.0	14.7	41.2	25.8	15.7	2.7
1983 .....	45.5	43.4	100.0	11.3	41.2	27.5	17.2	2.8
1985 .....	45.8	43.9	100.0	10.8	39.6	29.0	17.0	3.5
1987 .....	46.6	45.1	100.0	9.2	35.9	33.2	18.1	3.5
1989 .....	47.1	46.0	100.0	8.3	33.8	35.4	18.8	3.8
1991 .....	47.0	46.4	100.0	8.8	32.7	36.8	18.3	3.4
1993 .....	46.9	46.0	100.0	9.3	32.4	36.9	18.0	3.3
1995 .....	47.5	46.9	100.0	8.0	31.9	36.6	19.8	3.8
1997 .....	48.0	47.5	100.0	8.2	29.9	35.6	22.2	4.0
1999 .....	48.5	48.0	100.0	7.3	29.4	33.3	25.7	4.3
2001 .....	48.8	48.3	100.0	7.6	28.0	34.1	25.9	4.4
2003 .....	48.6	49.0	100.0	8.8	27.7	32.3	26.8	4.4
<b>Postdocs</b>								
1973 .....	32.1	31.0	100.0	81.2	15.2	3.0	0.6	0.0
1975 .....	32.7	31.2	100.0	78.0	18.7	2.0	1.1	0.2
1977 .....	32.9	31.1	100.0	75.3	21.7	2.4	0.6	0.0
1979 .....	33.1	31.6	100.0	71.7	25.5	2.1	0.7	0.0
1981 .....	33.1	31.6	100.0	71.9	24.6	2.6	0.6	0.3
1983 .....	33.7	31.7	100.0	68.4	27.0	3.5	1.0	0.2
1985 .....	33.3	31.9	100.0	70.6	27.2	2.1	0.1	0.0
1987 .....	33.8	32.0	100.0	68.4	28.3	2.4	0.5	0.4
1989 .....	34.6	32.6	100.0	63.9	29.9	4.5	1.0	0.7
1991 .....	34.7	33.1	100.0	57.2	39.0	2.8	1.0	0.0
1993 .....	33.9	32.7	100.0	62.3	34.7	2.5	0.5	0.0
1995 .....	35.0	33.0	100.0	56.6	35.9	5.8	1.6	0.1
1997 .....	35.0	33.0	100.0	60.7	32.3	4.6	2.1	0.3
1999 .....	34.5	33.0	100.0	57.6	36.8	5.3	0.3	0.0
2001 .....	34.6	33.0	100.0	59.9	34.6	4.5	0.8	0.1
2003 .....	34.9	33.0	100.0	60.0	32.4	6.5	1.1	0.0
<b>Other positions</b>								
1973 .....	41.9	39.0	100.0	34.6	30.3	18.7	10.9	5.4
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NOTES: Faculty positions include full, associate, and assistant professors and instructors. Other positions include full-time nonfaculty positions such as research associates, adjunct positions, lecturers, administrative positions, and part-time positions of all kinds. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients, special tabulations.