

Appendix table 5-24

Recent S&E doctorate holders employed in academia, by years since doctorate, type of position, and tenure status: 1973–2006

(Percent distribution)

Years since doctorate	Total	Position			Tenure track			Not tenure tracked
		Full-time faculty	Postdocs	Other	Total	Tenured	Untenured	
1–3 years								
1973	100.0	73.6	13.0	13.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
1975	100.0	70.4	18.3	11.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
1977	100.0	64.8	22.9	12.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
1979	100.0	59.2	25.0	15.8	45.1	7.4	37.7	54.9
1981	100.0	56.9	28.4	14.7	45.0	5.2	39.8	55.0
1983	100.0	56.5	27.9	15.7	66.2	8.4	57.8	33.8
1985	100.0	54.7	27.4	17.9	49.0	4.2	44.8	51.0
1987	100.0	51.8	29.8	18.5	48.6	3.8	44.8	51.4
1989	100.0	47.6	33.5	19.0	44.1	3.7	40.4	55.9
1991	100.0	55.1	27.4	17.5	65.2	4.6	60.6	34.8
1993	100.0	47.6	33.4	19.0	36.3	1.9	34.4	63.7
1995	100.0	41.4	39.6	19.0	31.2	2.6	28.6	68.8
1997	100.0	40.6	41.4	18.0	32.0	2.6	29.5	68.0
1999	100.0	37.3	43.1	19.5	28.8	2.0	26.8	71.2
2001	100.0	43.6	39.1	17.3	33.7	2.7	31.0	66.3
2003	100.0	44.6	33.5	21.9	36.9	2.0	34.8	63.1
2006	100.0	37.6	45.5	16.9	30.9	2.1	28.7	69.1
4–7 years								
1973	100.0	89.2	2.3	8.4	NA	NA	NA	NA
1975	100.0	87.1	4.3	8.3	NA	NA	NA	NA
1977	100.0	85.0	5.3	9.7	NA	NA	NA	NA
1979	100.0	81.2	6.1	12.9	65.7	26.3	39.4	32.8
1981	100.0	80.8	6.3	13.2	70.3	24.9	45.3	28.4
1983	100.0	76.8	5.7	17.2	65.7	23.8	42.0	26.1
1985	100.0	76.9	6.9	16.4	65.2	19.4	45.8	29.0
1987	100.0	75.0	7.6	17.2	60.4	16.6	43.8	28.9
1989	100.0	73.2	9.1	17.8	59.5	12.6	46.9	30.1
1991	100.0	75.0	7.1	17.6	65.1	21.2	43.9	24.7
1993	100.0	72.1	11.1	16.7	60.4	12.4	48.0	39.6
1995	100.0	70.3	12.9	16.8	59.3	12.4	46.9	40.7
1997	100.0	66.3	14.8	19.0	54.1	11.6	42.5	45.9
1999	100.0	65.4	14.1	20.5	52.4	10.4	42.0	47.6
2001	100.0	63.1	13.2	23.7	49.6	9.0	40.6	50.4
2003	100.0	64.8	9.7	25.5	53.5	12.5	41.0	46.5
2006	100.0	61.0	15.5	23.6	52.8	9.3	43.5	47.2

NA = not available

NOTES: Academic employment limited to U.S. doctorate holders employed at 2- or 4-year colleges or universities. Recent doctorate holders earned doctorate within either 3 years or 4–7 years preceding survey. Full-time faculty includes full, associate, and assistant professors plus instructors. Other positions include full-time nonfaculty appointments such as research associates, adjunct appointments, lecturers, administrative positions, and part-time appointments of all kinds. Part-time employment excludes those employed part time because they are students or retired. Detail may not add to total because of rounding and because of unreported position and tenure included in total but not shown separately.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients, special tabulations (preliminary data for 2006).