

TABLE 1

**Postdocs at federally funded research and development centers: 2017, 2019 and 2021**

(Number)

FFRDCs	2017	2019	2021
All postdocs	2,975	3,335	3,637
University-administered FFRDCs	1,296	1,398	1,405
Ames Laboratory	44	34	42
Argonne National Laboratory	297	310	331
Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory	97	68	70
Green Bank Observatory <sup>a</sup>	na	na	3
Jet Propulsion Laboratory	188	201	195
Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory	438	509	507
Lincoln Laboratory	4	4	5
NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory <sup>b</sup>	1	1	4
National Center for Atmospheric Research	60	59	48
National Radio Astronomy Observatory	13	16	9
National Solar Observatory	2	4	3
Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory	22	36	39
SLAC National Accelerator Laboratory	46	66	45
Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility	84	90	104
Nonprofit-administered FFRDCs	788	912	1,029
Brookhaven National Laboratory	116	159	173
Center for Communications and Computing	0	0	5
National Defense Research Institute	0	1	0
National Renewable Energy Laboratory	102	189	195
Oak Ridge National Laboratory	291	285	314
Pacific Northwest National Laboratory	279	278	342
Industry-administered FFRDCs	891	1,025	1,203
Frederick National Laboratory for Cancer Research	22	15	8
Idaho National Laboratory	34	46	60
Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory	228	253	300
Los Alamos National Laboratory	379	459	456
Sandia National Laboratories	221	251	340
Savannah River National Laboratory	7	1	39

na = not applicable.

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

<sup>a</sup> The Green Bank Observatory was split out from the National Radio Observatory in 2016. The survey did not record this change until 2021.<sup>b</sup> The National Optical Astronomy Observatory, was renamed NSF's National Optical-Infrared Astronomy Research Laboratory in the 2021 survey. The new laboratory also incorporates operations of the International Gemini Observatory and the Vera C. Rubin Observatory.**Source(s):**

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