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Sex, citizenship, ethnicity, race, and source of support of postdocs at federally funded research and development centers: 2012–21

(Number)

Characteristic	2012	2013	2015	2017	2019	2021
FFRDCs with postdocs	21	21	24	23	24	25
All postdocs	2,793	2,613	2,696	2,975	3,335	3,637
Male	2,115	2,020	2,048	2,259	2,476	2,657
Female	678	593	648	716	859	980
U.S. citizens and permanent residents ^a	1,156	1,150	1,246	1,341	1,429	1,779
Hispanic or Latino	54	52	55	67	76	120
Not Hispanic or Latino	1,045	1,065	1,140	1,217	1,311	1,615
American Indian or Alaska Native	4	3	5	4	0	2
Asian	137	171	181	170	193	251
Black or African American	14	14	19	27	38	38
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	3	2	0	0	2	1
White	853	861	908	991	1,043	1,259
More than one race	34	14	27	25	35	64
Unknown ethnicity or race	57	33	51	57	42	44
Temporary visa holders	1,637	1,463	1,450	1,634	1,906	1,858
Source of support						
Federal support	2,707	2,531	2,543	2,544	2,956	3,091
Nonfederal support	86	82	150	116	379	411
Unknown support source	0	0	3	315	0	135

FFRDC = federally funded research and development center.

^a Race and ethnicity data are available only for U.S. citizens and permanent residents.**Note(s):**

The survey was not conducted in 2014, 2016, 2018, or 2020. Exercise caution in using trend data because the changes in how FFRDCs define their postdocs, maintain their administrative data, and report unknown responses affect data comparability trends. See <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvyffrdcpd/> for more details.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Postdocs at Federally Funded Research and Development Centers.