

Postdocs at U.S. universities, by field and citizenship status: 1977–2001

Citizenship	All S&E fields	Engineering	Physical sciences	Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	Mathematics	Computer sciences	Agricultural sciences	Biological sciences	Medical/ other life sciences ^a	Psychology	Social sciences
All academic postdocs											
1977	19,445	1,245	4,197	375	86	59	294	6,599	5,843	399	348
1979	18,101	1,067	4,056	315	162	38	227	6,867	4,515	454	400
1980	18,399	981	4,279	312	162	43	257	7,085	4,376	475	429
1981	19,634	1,040	4,477	346	113	35	290	7,680	4,863	471	319
1982	19,363	980	4,298	340	194	47	291	7,724	4,685	520	284
1983	20,712	1,108	4,458	420	170	80	307	8,348	5,042	437	342
1984	21,535	1,203	4,408	493	203	59	374	8,693	5,353	423	326
1985	22,387	1,356	4,539	379	226	70	371	9,131	5,455	510	350
1986	23,721	1,405	4,860	420	201	75	409	9,704	5,804	521	322
1987	24,881	1,446	4,968	424	229	103	441	10,365	6,066	460	379
1988	26,123	1,690	5,201	496	284	96	462	10,667	6,409	498	320
1989	27,932	1,928	5,366	453	225	84	506	11,441	7,026	536	367
1990	29,565	1,950	5,592	594	249	71	517	11,928	7,762	464	438
1991	30,865	2,262	5,722	625	206	120	557	12,478	8,008	508	379
1992	32,747	2,369	5,792	692	201	145	621	13,177	8,864	525	361
1993	34,322	2,446	5,669	765	224	164	695	13,803	9,657	521	378
1994	36,377	2,606	5,884	824	239	185	699	14,409	10,590	551	390
1995	35,926	2,648	5,851	845	262	213	694	14,689	9,766	582	376
1996	37,107	2,677	5,828	861	326	250	674	14,915	10,538	594	444
1997	38,481	2,971	5,968	942	308	322	702	15,104	11,217	586	361
1998	40,086	2,853	6,004	902	279	374	669	15,787	12,210	617	391
1999	40,771	3,196	6,157	925	351	334	712	16,129	11,797	716	454
2000	43,137	3,313	6,270	1,155	385	366	786	16,770	12,891	730	471
2001	42,989	3,118	6,212	1,035	354	361	799	16,921	12,931	830	428
U.S. citizen/permanent resident											
1977	13,302	593	2,465	270	47	47	210	4,624	4,433	360	253
1979	12,036	414	2,026	205	82	25	146	4,975	3,444	420	299
1980	11,893	303	2,116	210	70	30	159	4,989	3,283	445	288
1981	12,340	332	2,109	219	52	18	177	5,310	3,504	417	202
1982	12,129	323	1,923	218	68	35	171	5,339	3,413	455	184
1983	13,193	414	2,064	260	80	36	224	5,791	3,716	376	232
1984	13,548	439	1,987	328	103	41	268	5,913	3,861	377	231
1985	13,528	443	2,026	253	112	45	226	5,953	3,785	456	229
1986	14,041	460	2,213	278	100	48	243	6,102	3,921	471	205
1987	14,133	497	2,178	261	119	69	273	6,256	3,801	387	292
1988	14,420	588	2,260	307	151	57	311	6,103	3,976	425	242
1989	14,863	657	2,267	271	95	47	306	6,354	4,178	434	254
1990	15,115	613	2,213	377	99	40	317	6,382	4,446	381	247
1991	15,135	655	2,202	389	92	84	317	6,413	4,328	407	248
1992	15,800	767	2,248	415	92	98	348	6,589	4,616	401	226
1993	16,727	843	2,213	460	107	89	362	6,940	5,092	386	235

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1994	17,986	1,018	2,421	514	131	96	349	7,265	5,517	426	249
1995	18,142	999	2,578	502	117	113	380	7,408	5,319	465	261
1996	18,412	1,050	2,489	504	137	121	342	7,496	5,482	483	308
1997	18,916	1,089	2,512	573	138	146	360	7,310	6,081	453	254
1998	19,710	950	2,371	530	127	188	350	7,698	6,744	487	265
1999	18,865	1,018	2,259	535	152	144	364	7,368	6,144	535	346
2000	19,474	1,069	2,271	705	149	151	321	7,088	6,825	561	334
2001	18,388	968	2,040	599	154	138	316	6,993	6,270	615	295
Foreign citizen ^b											
1977	6,143	652	1,732	105	39	12	84	1,975	1,410	39	95
1979	6,065	653	2,030	110	80	13	81	1,892	1,071	34	101
1980	6,506	678	2,163	102	92	13	98	2,096	1,093	30	141
1981	7,294	708	2,368	127	61	17	113	2,370	1,359	54	117
1982	7,234	657	2,375	122	126	12	120	2,385	1,272	65	100
1983	7,519	694	2,394	160	90	44	83	2,557	1,326	61	110
1984	7,987	764	2,421	165	100	18	106	2,780	1,492	46	95
1985	8,859	913	2,513	126	114	25	145	3,178	1,670	54	121
1986	9,680	945	2,647	142	101	27	166	3,602	1,883	50	117
1987	10,748	949	2,790	163	110	34	168	4,109	2,265	73	87
1988	11,703	1,102	2,941	189	133	39	151	4,564	2,433	73	78
1989	13,069	1,271	3,099	182	130	37	200	5,087	2,848	102	113
1990	14,450	1,337	3,379	217	150	31	200	5,546	3,316	83	191
1991	15,730	1,607	3,520	236	114	36	240	6,065	3,680	101	131
1992	16,947	1,602	3,544	277	109	47	273	6,588	4,248	124	135
1993	17,595	1,603	3,456	305	117	75	333	6,863	4,565	135	143
1994	18,391	1,588	3,463	310	108	89	350	7,144	5,073	125	141
1995	17,784	1,649	3,273	343	145	100	314	7,281	4,447	117	115
1996	18,695	1,627	3,339	357	189	129	332	7,419	5,056	111	136
1997	19,565	1,882	3,456	369	170	176	342	7,794	5,136	133	107
1998	20,376	1,903	3,633	372	152	186	319	8,089	5,466	130	126
1999	21,906	2,178	3,898	390	199	190	348	8,761	5,653	181	108
2000	23,663	2,244	3,999	450	236	215	465	9,682	6,066	169	137
2001	24,601	2,150	4,172	436	200	223	483	9,928	6,661	215	133

^aMedical/other life sciences are 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*, available on the SRS website.

^bIncludes temporary residents only.

SOURCE: NSF/SRS, WebCASPAR database system, <http://caspar.nsf.gov>.