New PhDs Employed in Postdoctoral Appointments from 2003-2012

Postdoctoral appointments increased by 98.5% from 2003 compared with 2012.

**Types of Postdoctoral Appointments by Employer**

**2003**
- All Doctoral Departments: 20%
- M, B & 2 Year Institutions: 4%
- Other Academic & Research: 17%
- Government & Business/Industry: 1%
- Non-US Academic & Non-academic: 58%

**2012**
- All Doctoral Departments: 22%
- M, B & 2 Year Institutions: 6%
- Other Academic & Research: 20%
- Government & Business/Industry: 4%
- Non-US Academic & Non-academic: 48%

Although the number employed in doctoral departments increased, these appointments made up a smaller percentage of all postdocs in 2012 than in 2003, dropping from 58% to 48%.
Looking at postdoctoral appointments during 2003-2012, we see that:

• Doctoral Departments consistently have the highest percentage of the total number of appointments

• 2010 saw the highest number (124) employed in other academic & research positions

• the highest number (142) of postdoctoral appointments outside of the United States was in 2011