Astronomy PhDs
1 Year Later

150 PhDs Earned
17% left the US
125 Remained in the US

57% Postdoc

Employment Sector
Academic 72%
Government 23%
Private 2%
Other 3%

Median Starting Salary
$59,000
$65,000

37% Potentially Permanent Position

Employment Sector
Private 64%
Academic 25%
Government 8%
Other 3%

Median Starting Salary
$108,000
$64,000

Of the Astronomy PhDs that remained in the US after receiving their degrees, 3% indicated they accepted non-postdoctoral temporary positions and 3% indicated they were seeking employment.

*Insufficient data to report

The data in this Physics Trend are based on an average of astronomy PhDs from the classes of 2014, 2015, and 2016. It does not include physics PhD recipients with dissertation subfields of astrophysics who received their PhDs from a physics department.