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Information on Postdoc & Early Career Researchers

- Most of what we know comes from institutions, not individuals (Annual CRA Taulbee Survey asks departments where graduating PhDs went; also asks for number of postdocs in their department)
- Postdocs have not been a big part of computing in the past, but are increasing. CRA is starting to look into the issue.
- Last decade showed a 100% increase in PhDs and over a 400% increase in postdocs. Percent of women and underrepresented minorities remains small.



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Engaging Postdoc & Early Career Researchers

- Career Mentoring Workshops for finishing PhDs and early career researchers get strong retrospective reviews but no formal followup
- Computing Innovation Fellows (CI Fellows) program a response to economic conditions: many PhDs, few permanent jobs. 60 awarded in 2009-10, 42 continued for a second year, 47 new awarded for 2010-11. What happens to them?