

FDA Survey Demographics

Surveys were sent to 5,918 scientists at all FDA centers, regional offices, and headquarters. Responses came from 997 scientists (17 percent), and 503 provided narrative responses. A significant majority (62 percent) were senior scientists at the General Schedule (GS) 13-15 level. Almost one-third of the scientists who responded had been with the FDA for more than 15 years, and nearly half had been with the agency for more than 11 years.

About the Survey

This survey is one in a series of surveys designed to explore the level of political interference in science at federal agencies. View full survey results, more detailed survey methodology, and excerpts from the survey essays at www.ucsusa.org/surveys.

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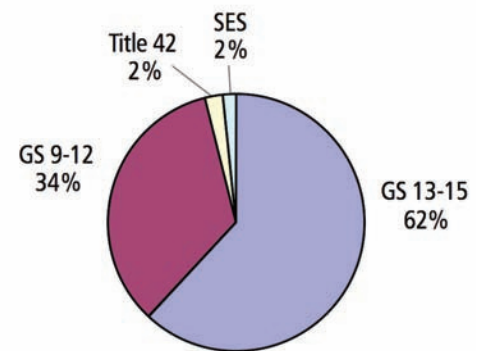
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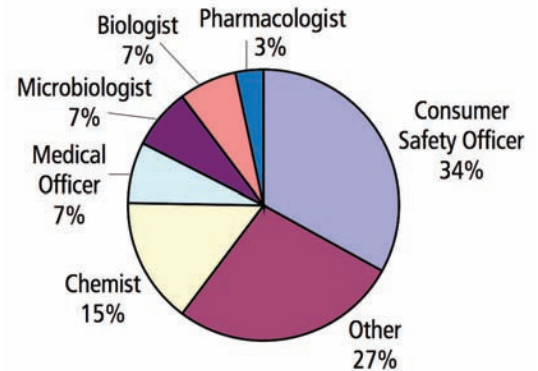
Policy makers depend on the results of independent research in order to make the informed decisions that keep us and our environment safe and healthy. The UCS Scientific Integrity Program mobilizes scientists and citizens alike to defend science from political interference and restore scientific integrity in federal policy making. To learn more, visit www.ucsusa.org/scientific_integrity.

Respondents' GS Grade Level

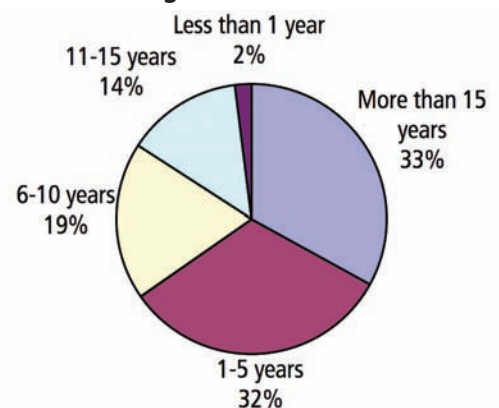


SES (Senior Executive Service): Scientists who serve in key positions just below the top presidential appointees
Title 42: Public health scientists
GS 13-15: Top-level federal employees
GS 9-12: Mid-level federal employees

Job Titles (Mailed Surveys)



Respondents' Length of FDA Service



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