



Terms used in official statistics



Researcher

Definition:

Person conducting research and improving or developing concepts, theories, models, techniques, instrumentation, software or operational methods.

Researchers' tasks include:

- conducting research, experiments, tests and analyses
- developing concepts, theories, models, techniques, instrumentation, software and operational methods
- gathering, processing, evaluating, analysing, and interpreting research data
- evaluating the results of investigations and experiments and positing conclusions using different techniques and models
- applying principles, techniques and processes to develop or improve practical applications
- advising on designing, planning and organising the testing, construction, installation and maintenance of structures, machines, systems and their components
- providing advice and support to governments, organisations and businesses on the application of research results
- planning, directing and coordinating the R&D activities of institutions that provide related services to other organisations
- preparing scientific papers and reports.

High-level terms

- [R&D personnel](#)
- [Internal R&D personnel](#)
- [External R&D personnel](#)

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