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Self-employed scientists and engineers, by education, occupation, and type of business: 2015

(Percent)

Characteristic	Total	Unincorporated business	Incorporated business
All employed scientists and engineers	16.8	6.2	10.7
Highest degree in S&E field	16.6	6.1	10.4
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16.4	6.7	9.7
Computer and mathematical sciences	13.3	3.6	9.6
Physical sciences	11.2	4.3	6.7
Social sciences	19.0	8.6	10.4
Engineering	16.6	4.2	12.4
S&E highest degree level			
Bachelor's	17.0	6.3	10.7
Master's	12.3	4.3	8.1
Doctorate	11.6	5.1	6.4
Professional	34.5	12.5	22.0
Occupation			
S&E occupation	10.6	3.2	7.5
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life scientists	5.1	2.1	3.0
Computer and mathematical scientists	11.4	2.9	8.5
Physical scientists	6.0	2.1	3.9
Social scientists	14.0	9.8	4.0
Engineers	11.1	2.0	9.0
S&E-related occupations	15.1	4.3	10.8
Non-S&E occupations	21.6	9.3	12.4

Note(s)

Scientists and engineers include those with one or more S&E or S&E-related degrees at the bachelor's level or higher or those who have only a non-S&E degree at the bachelor's level or higher and are employed in an S&E or S&E-related occupation. Detail may not add to total because of rounding.



Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) (2015), <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads/>.

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