


TABLE 3-19 

Racial and ethnic distribution of U.S. residents, and of employed individuals in S&E occupations, with S&E degrees, and with college degrees: 2015

(Percent)

Race and ethnicity	S&E occupations	S&E highest degree holders	College degree holders	U.S. residential population ^a
Total (number)	6,407,000	13,497,000	45,941,000	231,875,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.6
Asian	20.6	15.1	8.7	5.5
Black	4.8	6.4	7.5	11.8
Hispanic	6.0	8.4	8.2	14.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.1
White	66.6	67.6	72.9	65.6
More than one race	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.5

^a Age 21 and older.

Note(s)

Hispanic may be any race; American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, white, and more than one race refer to individuals who are not of Hispanic origin.

Source(s)

Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS) (2015); 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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