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Racial and ethnic distribution of employed individuals with S&E highest degree, by field of highest degree: 2015

(Percent)

Race and ethnicity	All S&E fields	Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	Computer and mathematical sciences	Physical sciences	Social sciences	Engineering
Employed with highest degree in S&E (number)	13,497,000	2,116,000	2,346,000	789,000	5,056,000	3,190,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3	0.3	0.1	s	0.4	0.3
Asian	15.1	13.3	23.1	17.5	7.1	22.5
Black	6.4	5.4	7.3	3.2	8.6	3.8
Hispanic	8.4	8.2	5.8	5.4	10.0	8.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.3	0.2	0.3	s	0.5	0.2
White	67.6	71.1	61.6	72.4	70.9	63.1
More than one race	1.9	1.6	1.8	1.0	2.5	1.4

s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

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. Percentages may not add to 100% 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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