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Racial and ethnic distribution of U.S. residents, and of employed individuals in S&E occupations, with S&E degrees, and with college degrees: 2017

(Percent)

| Race and ethnicity | S&E occupations | S&E highest degree holders | College degree holders | U.S. residential population ^a |
|---|-----------------|----------------------------|------------------------|--|
| Total (number) | 6,769,000 | 14,501,000 | 48,223,000 | 238,771,628 |
| American Indian or Alaska Native | 0.2 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.6 |
| Asian | 19.8 | 15.7 | 9.3 | 5.8 |
| Black or African American | 5.6 | 6.7 | 7.9 | 11.9 |
| Hispanic or Latino | 7.5 | 8.6 | 8.9 | 15.6 |
| Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.3 | 0.2 |
| White | 65.0 | 66.4 | 71.4 | 64.1 |
| More than one race | 1.6 | 2.0 | 2.0 | 1.9 |

^a Age 21 and older.**Note(s)**

Hispanic may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

Source(s)

Census Bureau, American Community Survey (ACS), 2017, Public Use Microdata Sample (PUMS); National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), 2017.

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