

TABLE S3-4

Employment sector of S&E highest degree holders and workers in S&E occupations: 1993, 2003, and 2017

(Percent)

Employment sector	1993		2003		2017	
	Highest degree in S&E	S&E occupations	Highest degree in S&E	S&E occupations	Highest degree in S&E	S&E occupations
Total (number)	7,036,000	3,303,000	9,579,000	4,817,000	14,501,000	6,769,000
Business or industry	68.7	67.8	71.3	71.7	73.1	72.2
For-profit businesses	57.3	61.1	59.1	64.2	59.5	63.8
Nonprofit businesses	5.2	3.2	6.3	3.7	7.5	5.3
Self-employed, unincorporated businesses	6.2	3.5	5.9	3.9	6.0	3.1
Education	16.8	17.8	15.6	15.9	15.4	16.2
4-year institutions	9.1	14.3	8.5	12.9	8.3	13.0
2-year and precollege institutions	7.7	3.5	7.2	3.0	7.2	3.2
Government	14.5	14.4	13.1	12.4	11.5	11.6
Federal	6.9	8.4	5.3	5.9	5.2	6.1
State or local	7.7	5.9	7.8	6.5	6.3	5.5

Note(s)

Detail may not add to total because of rounding.

Source(s)

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Science Foundation, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), 1993, 2003, and the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), 2017.

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