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**S&E highest degree holders who are working involuntarily part time or out of field, by S&E degree field: Selected years, 2010–19**

(Percent)

S&E degree field	2010	2013	2015	2017	2019
Working involuntarily out of field of highest degree					
Highest degree in S&E field	8.4	8.3	7.9	7.5	6.9
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	10.1	9.4	10.4	8.5	8.4
Computer and mathematical sciences	5.1	4.1	4.0	4.4	3.4
Physical sciences	8.2	8.3	9.3	8.7	8.2
Social sciences	11.3	11.8	11.4	11.0	10.2
Engineering	4.9	4.6	3.2	3.6	3.3
Working involuntarily part time					
Highest degree in S&E field	4.5	5.3	4.6	4.2	3.9
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	5.1	5.8	5.9	4.1	5.1
Computer and mathematical sciences	2.9	3.9	3.3	3.4	2.3
Physical sciences	3.7	5.0	5.2	3.5	3.3
Social sciences	6.3	7.7	6.2	6.2	6.1
Engineering	2.4	2.1	1.9	2.0	1.3

**Note(s):**

The involuntarily out-of-field rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that their job is not related to their field of highest degree because a job in their highest degree field was not available. The involuntarily working part-time rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that they are working part time because a full-time job was not available.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), 2010, 2013, and the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), 2015, 2017, 2019.

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