

Table 2. Workforce, occupational groups, and examples

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Workforce	Occupational groups	Examples of occupations
STEM	S&E	Computer support specialists, engineers, industrial engineers, including health and safety, software developers
	S&E-related	Licensed nurses, pharmacy technicians, physicians, registered nurses
	STEM middle skill	Carpenters, electricians, farmers, ranchers and other agricultural managers, industrial production managers
Non-STEM	Non-STEM	Counselors, food preparation workers, police officers, managers

Note(s):

STEM is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Please see <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsb20212/> for the expanded definition of STEM occupations; <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsb20212/table/SLBR-1> for the classification of STEM occupations; and https://nces.nsf.gov/136/assets/0/files/nces_workforcestatistics_onepager.pdf for an overview.

Source(s):

NSB, NSF, 2021, The STEM Labor Force of Today: Scientists, Engineers and Skilled Technical Workers, *Science and Engineering Indicators 2022*, NSB-2021-2, available at <https://nces.nsf.gov/pubs/nsb20212/>; NCSSES, 2022, *Workforce Statistics*, NCSSES 2022-203, available at https://nces.nsf.gov/136/assets/0/files/nces_workforcestatistics_onepager.pdf.

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