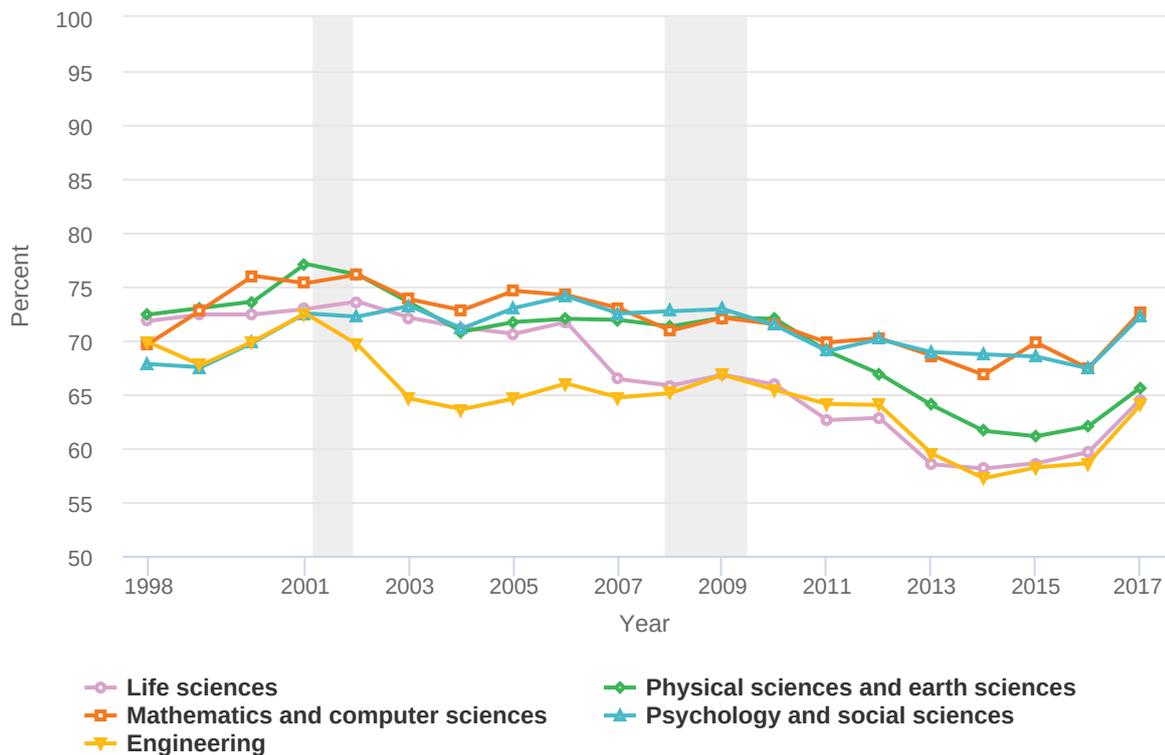


FIGURE 4-A

Definite commitments for employment at doctorate award among U.S. doctorate recipients, by S&E broad field of study: 1998–2017



S&E = science and engineering.

Note(s)

Shaded areas reflect recessions that occurred between March 2001 and November 2001 and between December 2007 and June 2009 (<http://www.nber.org/cycles/cyclesmain.html>). Definite commitment refers to a doctorate recipient who is either returning to predoctoral employment or has signed a contract (or otherwise made a definite commitment) for employment, including postdoctoral study, in the coming year. Percentages are based on the number of doctorate recipients responding to the postgraduation status item.

Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, *Doctorate Recipients from U.S. Universities: 2017*. Related detailed data: table 42 and table 43.