Additional Resources

National Science Foundation resources

The National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics (NCSES) within the National Science Foundation (NSF) has a wealth of information on the U.S. science and engineering enterprise, including data on students, degree recipients, and research and development activity and expenditures: https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/.

Included on the NCSES website are reports, data tables, and survey information. In addition, two interactive data tools allow for creating tables from NCSES data. The NCSES interactive tool (https://ncsesdata.nsf.gov/ids) provides access to data from the Survey of Earned Doctorates (SED) and the Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (GSS), along with data from other surveys. NCSES’s Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (https://ncsesdata.nsf.gov/sestat/sestat.html) provides access to data from the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) and the Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR).

NSF’s National Science Board produces Science and Engineering Indicators, which offers a comprehensive look at the U.S. science and engineering enterprise, including education, demographics, employment, research and development expenditures, science and technology capabilities, and public attitudes and understanding about science. The most recent report is Science and Engineering Indicators 2018: https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/2018/nsb20181/.

Other federal government resources

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Department of Education


The NCES report The Condition of Education provides key indicators on education in the United States covering prekindergarten through postsecondary education: https://nces.ed.gov/programs/coe/.

The Office of Special Education and Rehabilitative Services, Department of Education, supports programs that service children, youth, and adults with disabilities. In addition, they provide data, research, and reports on students with disabilities: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/osers/index.html.

The Office for Civil Rights, Department of Education, provides lists of postsecondary institutions enrolling populations with significant percentages of undergraduate minority students: https://www2.ed.gov/about/offices/list/ocr/edlite-minorityinst.html.

Census Bureau, Department of Commerce

The Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, collects and analyzes population data, including data on income and education level, as well as demographic characteristics: https://www.census.gov/.

The American Community Survey provides population information at detailed geographical levels: https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/acs/.

Census Bureau data can be accessed through the American Fact Finder and other data tools: https://www.census.gov/data.html
The Census Bureau’s population projections provide estimates of the future U.S. population by a variety of characteristics, including sex, race, and Hispanic origin: [https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popproj.html](https://www.census.gov/programs-surveys/popproj.html).

**Bureau of Labor Statistics, Department of Labor**

The Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), Department of Labor, measures labor market activity and is a source of information on employment and earnings by education levels and by occupation: [https://stats.bls.gov/home.htm](https://stats.bls.gov/home.htm).

The BLS Current Population Survey is an important source of labor market information and provides data on the labor force, employment, unemployment, hours of work, and earnings by demographic characteristics, including education level, sex, ethnicity, and race: [https://stats.bls.gov/cps/](https://stats.bls.gov/cps/).

**Office of Personnel Management**


**Nongovernment resources**

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**U.S. organizations**


The American Council on Education is a coordinating body for the nation’s colleges and universities and provides issue briefs on topics such as educational outcomes for minorities, minority-serving institutions, gender equity, and accessibility: [https://www.acenet.edu/Pages/default.aspx](https://www.acenet.edu/Pages/default.aspx).

The College Board undertakes research using their SAT and other test score data on academic achievement, career readiness, college majors, and racial and ethnic differences, as well as publishing reports on trends in college price and student aid: [https://research.collegeboard.org/topics](https://research.collegeboard.org/topics).

The American Institutes for Research has produced research and evaluation reports on a number of higher education topics, including educational access, labor market outcomes, gender differences, and student debt: [https://www.air.org/topic/education/higher-education](https://www.air.org/topic/education/higher-education).

**International organizations**