Most Foreign-Born S&E Doctorate Recipients Who Stay in the United States after Graduation Work in S&E Occupations

Most employed early career stayers (86%) were working in a science and engineering (S&E) occupation in 2017. Early career stayers are S&E doctorate recipients who were on temporary visas at the time of graduation from a U.S. academic institution (graduated during 2006–15), were at the early stage of their career, and were living in the United States in 2017. Another 7% of these employed early career stayers with S&E doctorates worked in S&E-related occupations (e.g., healthcare practitioners). In addition, most (66%) employed early career stayers worked in the same field as their doctorate, but this varied across S&E degree field (see NSF 21-336).