Table 1

Labor force status of college graduates, by broad occupation, race, and ethnicity: 2021

(Number)

Labor force status and characteristic	Broad occupation				Race and ethnicity				
	Total	S&E	S&E-related	Non-S&E	Asian	Black or African American	White	AIAN, NHPI, multiple race	Hispanic or Latino[a]
Total[b]	67,925,000	9,640,000	11,936,000	46,349,000	6,721,000	5,260,000	47,485,000	1,926,000	6,532,000
Full-time employment status	44,153,000	7,230,000	7,975,000	28,948,000	4,772,000	3,618,000	29,833,000	1,322,000	4,608,000
Part-time employment status	7,611,000	664,000	1,547,000	5,400,000	703,000	491,000	5,540,000	178,000	699,000
Selected reasons for part-time status[c]									
Family responsibilities	2,493,000	164,000	614,000	1,715,000	264,000	143,000	1,772,000	55,000	260,000
Due to coronavirus pandemic only	454,000	38,000	87,000	329,000	50,000	30,000	269,000	7,000	99,000
Unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic	1,184,000	70,000	308,000	806,000	114,000	60,000	918,000	21,000	72,000
Full-time job not available	1,611,000	99,000	218,000	1,294,000	164,000	140,000	1,047,000	55,000	206,000
Due to coronavirus pandemic only	581,000	28,000	90,000	463,000	70,000	72,000	328,000	32,000	80,000
Unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic	807,000	57,000	104,000	646,000	73,000	53,000	558,000	18,000	105,000
Hours or work reduced	2,413,000	152,000	541,000	1,720,000	220,000	192,000	1,706,000	69,000	226,000
Due to coronavirus pandemic only	1,311,000	84,000	261,000	967,000	97,000	106,000	895,000	50,000	163,000
Unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic	812,000	48,000	222,000	543,000	87,000	39,000	640,000	10,000	35,000
Total not employed	16,161,000	1,746,000	2,414,000	12,001,000	1,246,000	1,151,000	12,112,000	426,000	1,225,000
Selected reasons for not working[c]									
Family responsibilities	2,700,000	212,000	362,000	2,125,000	270,000	194,000	1,822,000	90,000	324,000
Due to coronavirus pandemic only	661,000	54,000	80,000	527,000	68,000	86,000	355,000	17,000	136,000
Unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic	1,592,000	130,000	233,000	1,229,000	147,000	66,000	1,189,000	49,000	141,000
Layoff from job	2,205,000	231,000	200,000	1,775,000	249,000	277,000	1,275,000	72,000	333,000
Due to coronavirus pandemic only	1,517,000	121,000	139,000	1,257,000	163,000	184,000	885,000	40,000	246,000
Unrelated to the coronavirus pandemic	585,000	97,000	46,000	441,000	66,000	71,000	342,000	29,000	76,000
Retired	9,628,000	1,057,000	1,537,000	7,034,000	471,000	559,000	7,944,000	187,000	468,000
Not in labor force	13,121,000	1,398,000	2,114,000	9,610,000	872,000	774,000	10,363,000	286,000	827,000
Unemployed	3,040,000	348,000	301,000	2,391,000	375,000	377,000	1,750,000	140,000	398,000

AIAN = American Indian or Alaska Native; NHPI = Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander; S&E = science and engineering.

[a] Hispanic or Latino may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin.

[b] Approximately 668,000 college graduates who never worked are excluded from this table.

[c] Respondents were asked to select from a list of possible reasons to explain their part-time or not employed status and could select multiple reasons.

Note(s):
Numbers are rounded to the nearest 1,000. Survey respondents could report multiple reasons for not working or for working part time. Full-time employment is at least 35 hours per typical week of the survey reference year; part-time employment is less than 35 hours per typical week of the survey reference year. Not in the labor force are those not currently employed, who have not recently been laid off, and who are not actively searching for work. Unemployed are those currently not employed and who have actively searched for work in the last 4 weeks or were recently laid off from a job.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2021.