TABLE 35

U.S. residing doctoral scientists and engineers, by occupation and disability status: 2023
(Number and SE)

Occupation	Total	Total			Without disability	
	Number	SE	Number	SE	Number	SE
All occupations	1,058,700	1,900	122,250	1,675	936,450	2,40
Science occupations	566,250	2,850	68,150	1,425	498,050	2,82
Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	196,350	1,675	22,700	775	173,650	1,55
Agricultural, food scientists	13,700	525	1,750	200	11,950	52
Biochemists, biophysicists	19,900	650	2,050	250	17,900	60
Biological scientists	34,100	700	3,850	325	30,250	70
Forestry, conservation scientists	3,450	250	400	75	3,050	25
Medical scientists	52,800	1,025	5,400	450	47,400	92
Postsecondary teachers, agricultural, other natural sciences	7,000	375	1,100	175	5,900	35
Postsecondary teachers, biological sciences	39,800	950	5,250	350	34,550	90
Other biological, agricultural, life scientists	25,650	775	2,950	325	22,700	70
Computer and information scientists	86,500	1,350	9,050	475	77,450	1,35
Computer and information scientists	74,150	1,375	7,150	450	66,950	1,35
Postsecondary teachers, computer science	12,350	550	1,900	250	10,500	52
Mathematical scientists	54,250	1,050	6,300	475	47,950	1,00
Mathematical scientists	33,000	850	3,350	350	29,650	80
Postsecondary teachers, mathematics, statistics	21,250	700	2,950	300	18,300	67
Physical scientists	104,900	1,375	12,500	575	92,400	1,37
Chemists, except biochemists	25,900	800	2,950	300	22,950	77
Earth, atmospheric, ocean scientists	16,700	600	2,050	225	14,650	60
Physicists, astronomers	16,750	725	2,000	275	14,750	70
Postsecondary teachers, chemistry	18,900	775	2,200	250	16,700	75
Postsecondary teachers, physics	11,450	600	1,400	225	10,000	57
Postsecondary teachers, other physical science	8,200	325	1,100	125	7,100	32
Other physical scientists	7,050	425	800	175	6,250	42
Psychologists	42,400	925	5,550	425	36,850	82
Psychologists	19,750	750	2,250	275	17,500	72
Postsecondary teachers, psychology	22,650	750	3,300	300	19,350	65
Social scientists	81,800	1,200	12,050	575	69,750	1,17
Economists	10,750	500	1,000	175	9,700	47
Political scientists	2,700	250	350	125	2,350	25
Postsecondary teachers, economics	12,050	500	2,250	250	9,850	45
Postsecondary teachers, political science	10,800	525	1,650	225	9,100	52
Postsecondary teachers, sociology	8,850	400	1,450	200	7,400	37
Postsecondary teachers, other social sciences	19,100	625	3,050	300	16,050	55

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Sociologists, anthropologists	4,900	275	800	150	4,100	25
Other social scientists	12,750	525	1,500	175	11,250	50
Engineering occupations	142,000	1,700	14,650	675	127,350	1,62
Aerospace, aeronautical, astronautical engineers	8,550	450	850	150	7,650	42
Chemical engineers	9,200	550	700	150	8,500	55
Civil, architectural, sanitary engineers	8,300	500	1,000	200	7,300	50
Electrical engineers	32,700	1,075	3,400	350	29,350	1,00
Industrial engineers	1,450	225	S	S	1,250	17
Mechanical engineers	15,150	725	1,300	225	13,800	70
Postsecondary teachers, engineering	27,550	875	3,600	325	23,950	87
Other engineers	39,100	1,150	3,600	350	35,500	1,07
S&E-related occupations	161,700	1,950	17,700	775	144,050	1,92
Health occupations, except postsecondary teachers and managers	85,900	1,425	9,650	575	76,300	1,35
Postsecondary teachers, health and related science	24,400	750	3,500	375	20,950	72
S&E managers, including health	38,550	1,100	3,300	325	35,200	1,00
S&E precollege teachers	5,900	400	650	150	5,250	40
S&E technicians and technologists	5,650	425	500	125	5,200	42
Other S&E-related occupations	1,250	200	100	50	1,150	20
Non-S&E occupations	188,750	2,125	21,700	800	167,000	1,87
Arts, humanities-related occupations	12,150	525	1,300	150	10,850	50
Management-related occupations	40,650	1,150	4,200	300	36,450	1,07
Non-S&E managers	65,700	1,325	6,250	475	59,500	1,20
Non-S&E postsecondary teachers	24,800	800	3,550	300	21,250	72
Non-S&E precollege and other teachers	8,050	500	1,100	175	6,950	47
Sales, marketing occupations	8,300	450	900	200	7,400	42
Social service-related occupations	9,100	475	1,700	275	7,400	42
Other non-S&E occupations	20,000	725	2,750	250	17,250	62

S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering; SE = standard error.

Note(s):

Numbers are rounded to the nearest 50. Standard errors are rounded up to the nearest 25. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. If respondent was not employed during survey reference period, occupation when last employed was reported. Excludes individuals who reported never having worked so could not be classified by occupation. Survey asks degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Residence location is based on reported living location on 1 February 2023.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients, 2023.