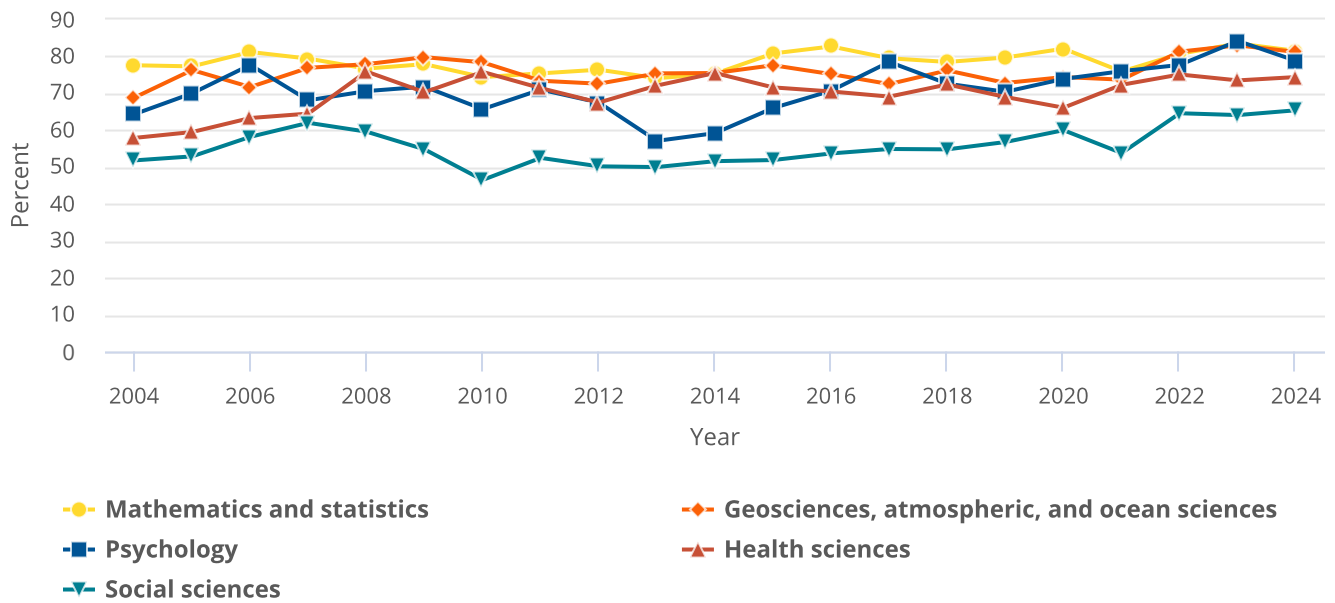
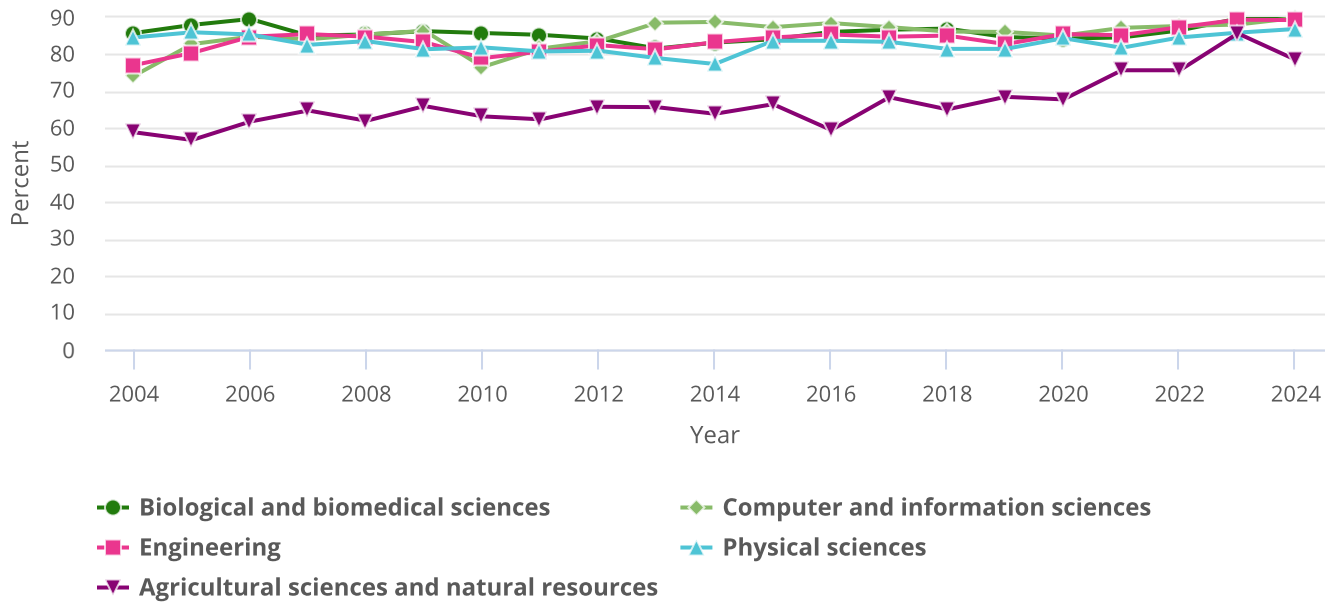


Figure 16. S&E temporary visa holder doctorate recipients with definite commitments in the United States, by trend broad field: 2004–24



S&E = science and engineering.

**Note(s):**

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 or postdoctoral study in the coming year. Percentages are based on the number of S&E temporary visa holder doctorate recipients who reported definite commitments. The survey data collection for field of study changed in 2021, which may affect the data comparison across years. This figure uses the trend field taxonomy that facilitates trend data comparisons with prior years; for more information, see the “Data source” section.

**Source(s):**

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2024. Related detailed [table 6-3](#).