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Racial and ethnic distribution of employed women in S&E occupations and with S&E highest degrees: 1995 and 2015

(Percent)

Race and ethnicity	Women in S&E occupations		Women with S&E highest degrees	
	1995	2015	1995	2015
Total (number)	714,000	1,818,000	2,391,000	5,376,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3	0.1	0.3	0.2
Asian	9.8	22.9	7.2	14.1
Black	5.6	5.7	7.9	8.2
Hispanic	2.9	6.4	3.8	10.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	NA	0.1	NA	0.2
White	81.3	62.9	80.8	64.9
More than one race	NA	1.7	NA	2.2

NA = not available.

Note(s)

Hispanic may be any race; American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, white, and more than one race refer to individuals who are not of Hispanic origin. In 1993, respondents could not classify themselves in more than one racial and ethnic category, and Asian included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding.

Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT) (1995), <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/sestat/>, and the National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) (2015), <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads/>.

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