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Tenure status of S&E doctorate holders employed in academia, by career stage and field of doctorate: 2015

(Percent)

Field of doctorate	Doctorate awarded before 1995			Doctorate awarded in 1995 or later		
	Tenured	Tenure track	Others	Tenured	Tenure track	Others
All fields	71.8	1.5	26.7	32.3	22.2	45.5
Physical sciences	66.7	1.0	32.3	29.4	19.7	50.9
Mathematics and statistics	86.5	1.1	11.2	44.6	24.0	31.4
Computer and information sciences	83.3	s	12.5	43.3	28.4	28.4
Life sciences	66.8	2.2	30.8	23.8	20.4	55.8
Psychology	59.2	2.8	38.0	32.7	20.0	47.3
Social sciences	80.0	0.9	18.7	44.6	25.5	29.6
Engineering	78.9	0.7	20.4	34.4	25.2	40.4

s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

Note(s)

Academic employment is limited to U.S. doctorate holders employed at 2- or 4-year colleges or universities, medical schools, and university research institutes. Percentages may not add to 100% because of rounding. Others include S&E doctorate holders at institutions where no tenure is offered or there is no tenure for the position held.

Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, special tabulations (2017) of the 2015 Survey of Doctorate Recipients (SDR).

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