

Table. U.S. Graduate Students by S&E Field, 1975-2006

Table. Graduate Students in Science and Engineering Fields in U.S. Institutions, 1975-2005

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Biological Scis.	46,185	47,453	48,975	47,665	47,932	47,261	46,302	45,627	45,253	45,353	45,709	46,302	46,317	47,126	48,449	49,602	51,365	53,693	55,950	57,676	58,344	57,749	56,705	56,695	56,959	56,282	57,639	61,088	64,701	66,565	68,479
Mathematical Scis.	16,892	17,071	16,052	14,812	15,031	15,311	15,881	17,157	17,358	17,443	17,563	17,949	18,508	19,077	19,247	19,774	19,952	20,355	20,000	19,573	18,504	18,008	16,719	16,485	16,257	15,650	16,651	18,163	19,465	19,931	20,210
Physical Scis.	26,310	26,641	26,864	26,282	26,701	26,934	27,360	28,188	29,463	30,061	30,987	32,259	32,741	32,975	33,629	34,082	34,724	35,357	35,328	34,466	33,399	32,333	31,105	30,575	30,691	30,385	31,038	32,341	34,298	35,761	36,375
Earth Scis.	12,079	12,809	13,446	13,268	13,731	14,051	14,263	15,018	15,443	15,500	15,414	15,053	14,357	13,854	13,630	13,977	14,466	15,324	15,721	15,957	15,716	15,183	14,548	14,258	14,083	13,941	13,841	14,240	14,620	15,131	14,836
Computer Scis.	8,415	8,627	9,108	9,847	11,690	13,578	16,437	19,812	23,333	25,526	29,769	31,349	32,051	32,227	32,482	34,257	34,681	36,325	36,213	34,158	33,458	34,626	35,991	38,027	42,478	47,350	52,196	55,269	53,696	50,016	47,978
Engineering	68,332	66,723	68,757	67,787	71,808	74,335	79,585	83,720	91,146	92,739	96,018	101,905	103,983	102,854	104,065	107,658	113,535	118,039	116,872	113,024	107,201	103,224	101,148	100,038	101,691	104,112	109,493	119,668	127,377	123,566	120,565
Social Sciences	77,773	77,189	78,058	75,088	80,019	80,831	78,910	76,445	71,337	69,561	69,964	70,153	71,265	71,649	74,151	77,961	80,760	85,787	88,777	89,123	89,435	88,635	86,085	84,053	84,984	83,327	85,682	90,215	95,129	97,332	99,427
Psychology	36,191	37,458	38,617	37,522	39,766	40,610	40,666	40,073	40,905	40,931	40,721	41,241	42,612	43,963	45,528	48,167	51,343	53,484	54,557	54,554	53,641	53,122	53,126	52,557	51,727	50,466	50,454	51,152	52,162	54,126	57,282
Agricultural Scis.	10,804	11,427	11,812	11,981	12,365	12,689	12,585	12,826	12,728	12,528	11,846	11,771	11,405	11,438	11,461	11,563	11,766	12,153	12,305	12,611	12,768	12,301	12,203	12,168	12,312	12,023	12,235	12,698	13,197	13,445	13,123
Total	302,981	305,398	311,689	304,252	319,043	325,600	331,989	338,866	346,966	349,642	357,991	367,982	373,239	375,163	382,642	397,041	412,592	430,517	435,723	431,142	422,466	415,181	407,630	404,856	411,182	413,536	429,229	454,834	474,645	475,873	478,275

Source: National Science Foundation, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, 2008.
Includes full-time and part-time graduate students. Excludes health fields.

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	2006
Biological Scis.	69,941
Mathematical Scis	20,815
Physical Scis.	36,901
Earth Scis.	14,920
Computer Scis.	47,653
Engineering	123,041
Social Sciences	102,347
Psychology	57,653
Agricultural Scis.	13,016
Total	486,287

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