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Acronyms and Abbreviations

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|------------|--|-------|--|
| AAAS | American Association for the Advancement of Science | GSP | gross state product |
| ACS | American Community Survey | GSS | General Social Survey |
| AP | Advanced Placement | GUF | general university fund |
| ATP | Advanced Technology Program | HHS | U.S. Department of Health and Human Services |
| AUTM | Association of University Technology Managers | HS&B | High School and Beyond Study |
| BEA | U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis | IB | International Baccalaureate |
| BLS | U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics | ICT | information and communications technologies |
| CATI-MERIT | Cooperative Agreements and Technology Indicators database, Maastricht Economic Research Institute on Innovation and Technology | IOF | involuntary out of the field |
| CCD | Common Core of Data | IPR | intellectual property right |
| CDC | U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention | IRI | Industrial Research Institute |
| CORE | Cooperative Research (database) | IRS | Internal Revenue Service |
| CPS | Current Population Survey | ISI | Institute for Scientific Information |
| CRADA | cooperative research and development agreement | ISIC | International Standard Industrial Classification |
| DHS | U.S. Department of Homeland Security | IT | information technology |
| DNA | deoxyribonucleic acid | MER | market exchange rate |
| DOC | U.S. Department of Commerce | MMR | measles, mumps, and rubella |
| DOD | U.S. Department of Defense | MNC | multinational corporation |
| DOE | U.S. Department of Energy | NAEP | National Assessment of Educational Progress |
| DOI | U.S. Department of the Interior | NAGB | National Assessment Governing Board |
| DVR | digital video recorder | NAICS | North American Industry Classification System |
| EDP | electronic data processing | NAS | National Academy of Sciences |
| ELS | Education Longitudinal Study | NASA | National Aeronautics and Space Administration |
| EPO | European Patent Office | NASF | net assignable square feet |
| EPSCoR | Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research | NCES | National Center for Education Statistics |
| ESP | extrasensory perception | NCLB | No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 |
| EU | European Union | NCRA | National Cooperative Research Act |
| FASB | Financial Accounting Standards Board | NCRPA | National Cooperative Research and Production Act |
| FDA | U.S. Food and Drug Administration | NELS | National Education Longitudinal Study |
| FDI | foreign direct investment | NIH | National Institutes of Health |
| FDIUS | Survey of Foreign Direct Investment in the United States | NIOEM | National Industry-Occupation Employment Matrix |
| FFRDC | federally funded research and development center | NIPA | national income and product account |
| FS&T | federal science and technology | NIST | National Institute for Standards and Technology |
| FY | fiscal year | NITRD | Networking and Information Technology Research and Development |
| G-7 | Group of Seven | NNI | National Nanotechnology Initiative |
| G-8 | Group of Eight | NRC | National Research Council |
| GATT | General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade | NS&E | natural sciences and engineering |
| GDP | gross domestic product | NSB | National Science Board |
| GED | General Educational Development | NSCG | National Survey of College Graduates |
| GM | genetically modified | NSF | National Science Foundation |
| GPA | grade point average | NTU | National Technological University |

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| OECD | Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development | SFAS | Statement of Financial Accounting Standards |
| OMB | U.S. Office of Management and Budget | SNA | System of National Accounts |
| PBS | Public Broadcasting Service | SRS | Division of Science Resources Statistics |
| PCT | Patent Cooperation Treaty | SSCI | Social Sciences Citation Index |
| PDA | personal data assistant | STEP | Science, Technology and Economic Policy Board |
| PhRMA | Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America | STTR | Small Business Technology Transfer Program |
| PISA | Programme for International Student Assessment | TA | teaching assistantship |
| PPP | purchasing power parity | TIMMS | Trends in International Math and Science Study |
| PRO | public research organization | UFO | unidentified flying object |
| PTO | U.S. Patent and Trademark Office | UNESCO | United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization |
| PUMS | Public Use Microdata Sample | USDA | U.S. Department of Agriculture |
| R&D | research and development | USDIA | Survey of U.S. Direct Investment Abroad |
| R&E | research and experimentation | VCU | Virginia Commonwealth University |
| RA | research assistantship | WebCASPAR | Integrated Science and Engineering Resources Data System |
| S&E | science and engineering | YSD | years since highest degree |
| S&T | science and technology | | |
| SBIR | Small Business Innovation Research | | |
| SCI | Science Citation Index | | |
| SESTAT | Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System | | |