

TABLE H-12. Scientists and engineers who are unemployed or out of labor force, by reason for not working, sex, race/ethnicity, and disability status: 2006

Reason for not working	Race/ethnicity									
	Total	Sex		Race/ethnicity					Disability status	
		Female	Male	White	Asian	Black	Hispanic	American Indian/Alaska Native	No disability	With disability
All not working	3,703,000	1,986,000	1,717,000	2,949,000	322,000	183,000	166,000	18,000	3,124,000	579,000
Chronic illness or permanent disability	337,000	179,000	158,000	247,000	23,000	33,000	15,000	5,000	136,000	200,000
Did not need/want to work	1,076,000	726,000	350,000	901,000	79,000	36,000	38,000	4,000	968,000	108,000
Family responsibilities	879,000	787,000	93,000	688,000	100,000	28,000	51,000	2,000	822,000	57,000
Laid off	231,000	83,000	148,000	166,000	29,000	16,000	14,000	1,000	205,000	25,000
Retired	1,897,000	673,000	1,224,000	1,632,000	87,000	94,000	52,000	8,000	1,528,000	368,000
Student	390,000	225,000	165,000	237,000	77,000	27,000	31,000	1,000	375,000	15,000
Suitable job not available	376,000	178,000	198,000	258,000	58,000	25,000	22,000	1,000	313,000	63,000
Other	167,000	106,000	61,000	109,000	24,000	14,000	14,000	D	143,000	24,000
	Percent distribution									
All not working	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chronic illness or permanent disability	9.1	9.0	9.2	8.4	7.0	18.3	8.7	30.4	4.4	34.6
Did not need/want to work	29.1	36.6	20.4	30.6	24.6	19.8	22.8	20.8	31.0	18.6
Family responsibilities	23.7	39.6	5.4	23.3	31.2	15.1	30.5	10.1	26.3	9.9
Laid off	6.2	4.2	8.6	5.6	8.9	8.6	8.2	3.3	6.6	4.4
Retired	51.2	33.9	71.3	55.3	27.0	51.5	31.3	48.0	48.9	63.6
Student	10.5	11.3	9.6	8.0	24.0	14.7	18.4	7.4	12.0	2.6
Suitable job not available	10.2	9.0	11.5	8.7	17.9	13.8	13.3	5.4	10.0	11.0
Other	4.5	5.3	3.5	3.7	7.6	7.4	8.3	D	4.6	4.2

D = suppressed for data confidentiality reasons.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding and suppression and because respondents could select more than one reason. Total includes Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander and multiple race not shown separately. For disability status, those who reported any difficulty (from moderate to unable to do) in any category of seeing (with glasses/contact lenses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking, or lifting are classified as "with disability." Scientists and engineers refer to all persons with bachelor's or higher degrees in science, engineering (S&E) or S&E-related fields, plus persons holding a non-S&E bachelor's or higher degree who were employed in an S&E or S&E-related occupation in 2003.

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