

Full-time S&E graduate students, by source and mechanism of primary support: 1985–2005

Source	All mechanisms		Research assistantship		Fellowship		Traineeship		Teaching assistantship		Other		Self-support ^a	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All sources														
1985	257,287	100.0	60,995	23.7	22,540	8.8	13,665	5.3	61,822	24.0	20,635	8.0	77,630	30.2
1986	266,168	100.0	66,010	24.8	22,954	8.6	13,526	5.1	62,552	23.5	22,246	8.4	78,880	29.6
1987	271,056	100.0	70,214	25.9	21,953	8.1	14,096	5.2	62,847	23.2	22,166	8.2	79,780	29.4
1988	275,127	100.0	74,588	27.1	22,353	8.1	14,397	5.2	63,053	22.9	21,576	7.8	79,160	28.8
1989	282,648	100.0	79,045	28.0	23,450	8.3	14,524	5.1	64,296	22.7	21,082	7.5	80,251	28.4
1990	292,782	100.0	80,746	27.6	25,254	8.6	15,198	5.2	64,950	22.2	22,250	7.6	84,384	28.8
1991	307,010	100.0	85,175	27.7	26,695	8.7	15,403	5.0	65,214	21.2	22,940	7.5	91,583	29.8
1992	322,555	100.0	88,030	27.3	28,627	8.9	15,361	4.8	65,702	20.4	23,536	7.3	101,299	31.4
1993	329,644	100.0	90,154	27.3	29,132	8.8	15,445	4.7	67,290	20.4	21,347	6.5	106,276	32.2
1994	332,088	100.0	92,008	27.7	28,892	8.7	15,681	4.7	66,844	20.1	21,628	6.5	107,035	32.2
1995	329,283	100.0	89,946	27.3	28,887	8.8	15,943	4.8	65,976	20.0	21,844	6.6	106,687	32.4
1996	328,536	100.0	87,694	26.7	28,862	8.8	15,481	4.7	65,756	20.0	21,268	6.5	109,475	33.3
1997	327,289	100.0	88,001	26.9	28,956	8.8	14,488	4.4	65,425	20.0	21,678	6.6	108,741	33.2
1998	327,389	100.0	88,097	26.9	29,106	8.9	14,946	4.6	65,173	19.9	21,843	6.7	108,224	33.1
1999	334,423	100.0	91,279	27.3	30,112	9.0	14,707	4.4	66,294	19.8	22,615	6.8	109,416	32.7
2000	341,283	100.0	94,323	27.6	31,330	9.2	14,171	4.2	66,423	19.5	22,604	6.6	112,432	32.9
2001	354,522	100.0	99,923	28.2	32,270	9.1	14,086	4.0	68,267	19.3	23,340	6.6	116,636	32.9
2002	378,991	100.0	108,183	28.5	34,851	9.2	14,925	3.9	70,732	18.7	23,646	6.2	126,654	33.4
2003	397,420	100.0	114,256	28.7	34,460	8.7	15,097	3.8	73,105	18.4	25,772	6.5	134,730	33.9
2004	402,630	100.0	114,741	28.5	35,089	8.7	14,815	3.7	73,034	18.1	27,872	6.9	137,079	34.1
2005	406,653	100.0	114,251	28.1	36,487	9.0	14,522	3.6	74,276	18.3	27,697	6.8	139,420	34.3
Federal														
1985	49,051	100.0	30,433	62.0	4,416	9.0	8,954	18.3	549	1.1	4,699	9.6	NA	NA
1986	51,361	100.0	32,739	63.7	4,596	8.9	8,688	16.9	495	1.0	4,843	9.4	NA	NA
1987	53,538	100.0	34,996	65.4	4,445	8.3	8,922	16.7	444	0.8	4,731	8.8	NA	NA
1988	55,489	100.0	36,752	66.2	4,566	8.2	8,664	15.6	504	0.9	5,003	9.0	NA	NA
1989	57,433	100.0	38,555	67.1	5,166	9.0	8,682	15.1	490	0.9	4,540	7.9	NA	NA
1990	59,258	100.0	38,504	65.0	6,314	10.7	9,228	15.6	609	1.0	4,603	7.8	NA	NA
1991	63,000	100.0	40,790	64.7	7,445	11.8	9,616	15.3	476	0.8	4,673	7.4	NA	NA
1992	65,607	100.0	42,586	64.9	7,757	11.8	10,040	15.3	643	1.0	4,581	7.0	NA	NA
1993	67,673	100.0	44,502	65.8	7,510	11.1	10,174	15.0	846	1.3	4,641	6.9	NA	NA
1994	68,550	100.0	45,621	66.6	6,939	10.1	10,407	15.2	780	1.1	4,803	7.0	NA	NA
1995	67,294	100.0	44,597	66.3	6,914	10.3	10,234	15.2	739	1.1	4,810	7.1	NA	NA
1996	65,240	100.0	43,370	66.5	7,044	10.8	9,869	15.1	843	1.3	4,114	6.3	NA	NA
1997	64,522	100.0	43,328	67.2	7,074	11.0	9,291	14.4	908	1.4	3,921	6.1	NA	NA
1998	63,759	100.0	41,826	65.6	7,033	11.0	9,658	15.1	1,120	1.8	4,122	6.5	NA	NA
1999	65,796	100.0	43,061	65.4	7,345	11.2	9,725	14.8	997	1.5	4,668	7.1	NA	NA
2000	67,588	100.0	44,620	66.0	7,475	11.1	9,544	14.1	1,371	2.0	4,578	6.8	NA	NA
2001	68,873	100.0	46,205	67.1	7,406	10.8	9,497	13.8	1,077	1.6	4,688	6.8	NA	NA
2002	75,565	100.0	51,621	68.3	7,899	10.5	9,996	13.2	1,227	1.6	4,822	6.4	NA	NA
2003	81,776	100.0	57,255	70.0	7,608	9.3	10,090	12.3	1,531	1.9	5,292	6.5	NA	NA
2004	83,812	100.0	58,547	69.9	7,999	9.5	9,876	11.8	1,533	1.8	5,857	7.0	NA	NA
2005	83,832	100.0	58,199	69.4	8,347	10.0	9,725	11.6	1,619	1.9	5,942	7.1	NA	NA

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Nonfederal															
1985	130,606	100.0	30,562	23.4	18,124	13.9	4,711	3.6	61,273	46.9	15,936	12.2	NA	NA	
1986	135,927	100.0	33,271	24.5	18,358	13.5	4,838	3.6	62,057	45.7	17,403	12.8	NA	NA	
1987	137,738	100.0	35,218	25.6	17,508	12.7	5,174	3.8	62,403	45.3	17,435	12.7	NA	NA	
1988	140,478	100.0	37,836	26.9	17,787	12.7	5,733	4.1	62,549	44.5	16,573	11.8	NA	NA	
1989	144,964	100.0	40,490	27.9	18,284	12.6	5,842	4.0	63,806	44.0	16,542	11.4	NA	NA	
1990	149,140	100.0	42,242	28.3	18,940	12.7	5,970	4.0	64,341	43.1	17,647	11.8	NA	NA	
1991	152,427	100.0	44,385	29.1	19,250	12.6	5,787	3.8	64,738	42.5	18,267	12.0	NA	NA	
1992	155,649	100.0	45,444	29.2	20,870	13.4	5,321	3.4	65,059	41.8	18,955	12.2	NA	NA	
1993	155,695	100.0	45,652	29.3	21,622	13.9	5,271	3.4	66,444	42.7	16,706	10.7	NA	NA	
1994	156,503	100.0	46,387	29.6	21,953	14.0	5,274	3.4	66,064	42.2	16,825	10.8	NA	NA	
1995	155,302	100.0	45,349	29.2	21,973	14.1	5,709	3.7	65,237	42.0	17,034	11.0	NA	NA	
1996	153,821	100.0	44,324	28.8	21,818	14.2	5,612	3.6	64,913	42.2	17,154	11.2	NA	NA	
1997	154,026	100.0	44,673	29.0	21,882	14.2	5,197	3.4	64,517	41.9	17,757	11.5	NA	NA	
1998	155,406	100.0	46,271	29.8	22,073	14.2	5,288	3.4	64,053	41.2	17,721	11.4	NA	NA	
1999	159,211	100.0	48,218	30.3	22,767	14.3	4,982	3.1	65,297	41.0	17,947	11.3	NA	NA	
2000	161,263	100.0	49,703	30.8	23,855	14.8	4,627	2.9	65,052	40.3	18,026	11.2	NA	NA	
2001	169,013	100.0	53,718	31.8	24,864	14.7	4,589	2.7	67,190	39.8	18,652	11.0	NA	NA	
2002	176,772	100.0	56,562	32.0	26,952	15.2	4,929	2.8	69,505	39.3	18,824	10.6	NA	NA	
2003	180,914	100.0	57,001	31.5	26,852	14.8	5,007	2.8	71,574	39.6	20,480	11.3	NA	NA	
2004	181,739	100.0	56,194	30.9	27,090	14.9	4,939	2.7	71,501	39.3	22,015	12.1	NA	NA	
2005	183,401	100.0	56,052	30.6	28,140	15.3	4,797	2.6	72,657	39.6	21,755	11.9	NA	NA	

NA = not available

^aIncludes any loans (including federal) and support from personal or family financial contributions.

NOTES: S&E includes health fields (i.e., medical sciences and other life sciences). These fields reported separately in National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering (annual series).

SOURCE: NSF/SRS, Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, Integrated Science and Engineering Resources Data System (WebCASPAR), <http://webcaspar.nsf.gov>.

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