

TABLE 9-12. Scientists and engineers who are unemployed or not in the labor force, by sex, ethnicity, race, disability status, and reason for not working: 2015

Sex, ethnicity, race, and disability status	All not working	Chronic illness or permanent disability	Did not need or want to work	Family responsibilities	Laid off	Retired ^a	Student	Suitable job not available	Other
All scientists and engineers	5,884,000	593,000	1,296,000	1,063,000	343,000	3,300,000	512,000	674,000	385,000
Female	3,211,000	356,000	800,000	896,000	122,000	1,435,000	281,000	372,000	267,000
Male	2,673,000	237,000	496,000	167,000	221,000	1,865,000	231,000	302,000	118,000
Hispanic or Latino ^b	396,000	51,000	86,000	119,000	30,000	140,000	54,000	93,000	37,000
Not Hispanic or Latino									
American Indian or Alaska Native	13,000	2,000	5,000	S	D	10,000	D	D	D
Asian	662,000	41,000	128,000	178,000	41,000	166,000	129,000	95,000	109,000
Black or African American	338,000	64,000	46,000	27,000	37,000	169,000	52,000	54,000	33,000
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	7,000	D	S	S	D	3,000	D	D	S
White	4,393,000	427,000	1,009,000	716,000	230,000	2,780,000	261,000	417,000	198,000
More than one race	76,000	8,000	20,000	19,000	4,000	32,000	15,000	13,000	7,000
Without disability	4,648,000	167,000	1,090,000	937,000	285,000	2,509,000	470,000	545,000	326,000
With disability	1,236,000	426,000	206,000	126,000	58,000	791,000	42,000	129,000	59,000

D = suppressed for data confidentiality reasons. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

^a Includes unemployed persons seeking work who reported that they had retired from a previous job.

^b Persons of Hispanic or Latino origin may be of any race.

NOTES: Numbers 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. The National Survey of College Graduates asks the degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Scientists and engineers are individuals who have a bachelor's or higher degree, are living in the United States, and have an S&E or S&E-related degree or occupation.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2015.