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North American, South American, and Middle Eastern recipients of U.S. S&E doctorates on temporary visas, by field and region and country of origin: 1995–2015

(Number)

Field	North and South America ^a				Middle East ^b			
	All countries	Canada	Mexico	Brazil	All countries	Iran	Jordan	Saudi Arabia
All fields	25,338	9,194	4,103	3,457	11,444	3,434	1,872	1,800
S&E	19,796	6,350	3,502	2,888	9,388	3,306	1,624	1,302
Engineering	4,241	1,023	887	625	4,486	2,347	693	487
Science	15,555	5,327	2,615	2,263	4,902	959	931	815
Agricultural sciences	1,860	211	522	392	285	42	78	59
Biological sciences	3,647	1,333	509	504	916	177	170	114
Computer sciences	720	228	124	167	635	186	118	120
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	681	209	133	107	143	26	11	42
Mathematics	997	320	205	153	403	119	90	41
Medical and other health sciences	844	388	91	171	522	40	175	146
Physical sciences	1,824	765	297	137	820	256	168	70
Psychology	940	720	41	55	191	15	7	12
Social sciences	4,042	1,153	693	577	987	98	114	211
Non-S&E	5,542	2,844	601	569	2,056	128	248	498

^a North America includes Bermuda, Canada, Clipperton Island, Greenland, Mexico, and Saint Pierre and Miquelon. South America includes Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Falkland Islands (Islas Malvinas), French Guyana, Guyana, Paraguay, Peru, South Georgia and South Sandwich Islands, Suriname, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

^b Middle East includes Akrotiri, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Bahrain, Dhekelia, Gaza Strip, Georgia, Iran, Iraq, Israel, Jordan, Kuwait, Lebanon, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, Syria, United Arab Emirates, West Bank, and Yemen.

Note(s)

Data include temporary visa holders and non-U.S. citizens with unknown visa status.

Source(s)

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