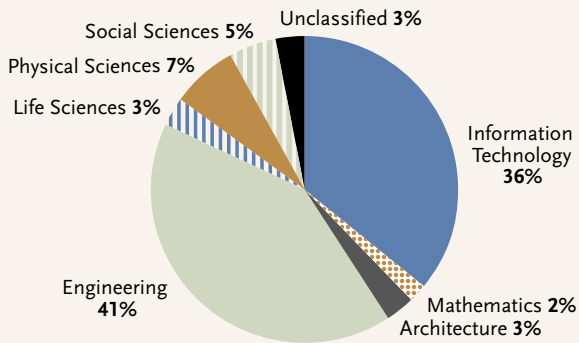


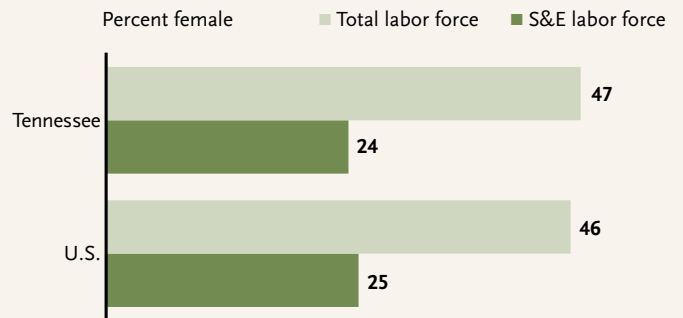
Scientists and Engineers in Tennessee, 2005

This profile summarizes the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the 102,315 people in Tennessee's science and engineering (S&E) labor force. In 2005, the unemployment rate for Tennessee's S&E labor force was 3% and median earnings were \$51,445. Tennessee ranked number 43 out of 50 states and DC in the share of people working in S&E occupations.

S&E Occupations in Tennessee



Percent of Total and S&E Labor Force That is Female



Share of labor force in S&E occupations

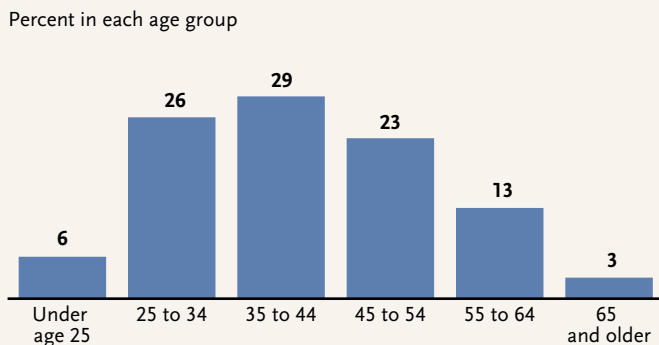
(Top States)	Percent
United States	5
1. District of Columbia	9
2. Maryland	8
3. Colorado	7
3. Massachusetts	7
3. Virginia	7
3. Washington	7
43. Tennessee	3

Racial/Ethnic Composition and Nativity Status of the Labor Force in S&E Occupations

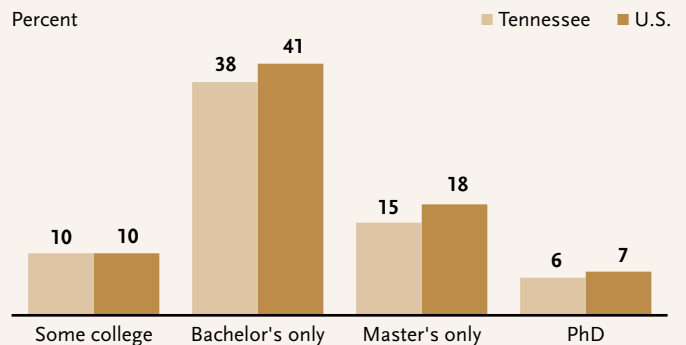
	Tennessee (%)	U.S. (%)
White*	85	74
African American*	7	6
American Indian*	0	0
Asian*	5	13
Other Race*	0	0
Two or More Races*	1	1
Hispanic	2	6
Foreign-born	9	19

*Non-Hispanic

Age Distribution of the S&E Labor Force in Tennessee



Educational Attainment of the S&E Labor Force

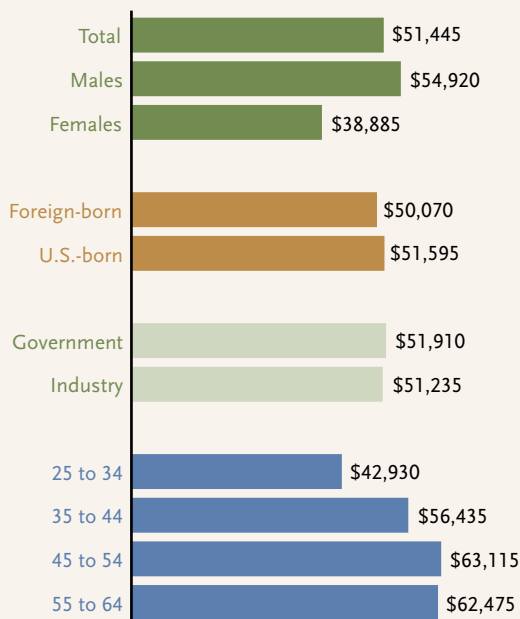


In 2005, engineers accounted for the largest share of Tennessee's S&E labor force (41%). Median earnings for engineers in Tennessee were \$54,175, compared with \$60,890 for engineers nationwide. 9% of Tennessee's engineers were racial or ethnic minorities.

	Total	Information Technology	Mathematics	Architecture	Engineering	Life Sciences	Physical Sciences	Social Sciences
S&E Labor Force	102,315	36,770	1,750	3,170	42,000	3,485	7,135	5,250
Percent	100%	36%	2%	3%	41%	3%	7%	5%
Highest Degree								
Bachelor's	38%	42%	—	—	40%	—	—	—
Master's	15%	12%	—	—	11%	—	—	—
PhD	6%	2%	—	—	2%	—	—	—
Percent Female	24%	29%	—	—	11%	—	—	—
Percent Minority*	15%	20%	21%	7%	9%	27%	22%	13%
Percent Foreign-born	9%	12%	—	5%	5%	—	—	—

* includes all those who are not non-Hispanic white, including Asian Americans.

Median earnings of the S&E Labor Force in Tennessee



Median S&E Earnings By Highest Degree

	Tennessee	U.S.
Total	\$51,445	\$58,760
Associate	\$48,575	\$49,880
Bachelor's	\$56,785	\$61,690
Master's	\$61,015	\$71,375
PhD	\$75,585	\$75,345

Median S&E Earnings By Occupation

	Tennessee	U.S.
Total	\$51,445	\$58,760
Information Technology	\$51,910	\$60,470
Mathematics	—	\$63,825
Architecture	\$50,895	\$52,035
Engineering	\$54,175	\$60,890
Life Sciences	\$46,020	\$45,025
Physical Sciences	\$47,255	\$52,495
Social Sciences	\$46,830	\$51,700

Sources and Notes

Source: Population Reference Bureau analysis of the 2005 American Community Survey (ACS) Public Use Microdata Samples. The American Community Survey (ACS), conducted by the U.S. Census Bureau, is a nationwide annual survey designed to provide communities with reliable and timely demographic, housing, social, and economic data each year. For more information about the ACS, see www.census.gov/acs/www/index.html.

Notes: The S&E labor force includes people employed or unemployed (based on their last job) in information technology, engineering, architecture, life sciences, physical sciences, or social sciences. ACS estimates are based on a survey of the population and are subject to both sampling and nonsampling error. An "N/A" or "—" indicates that the sample size was too small to produce a reliable estimate.

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