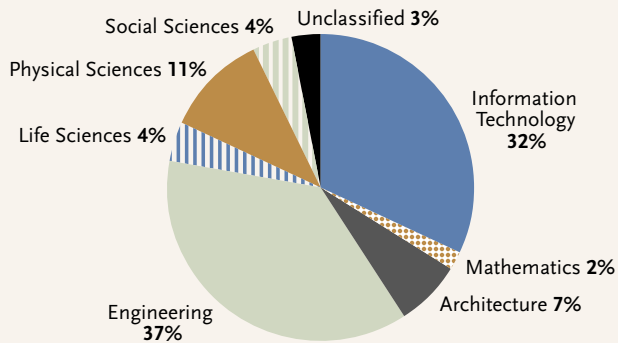


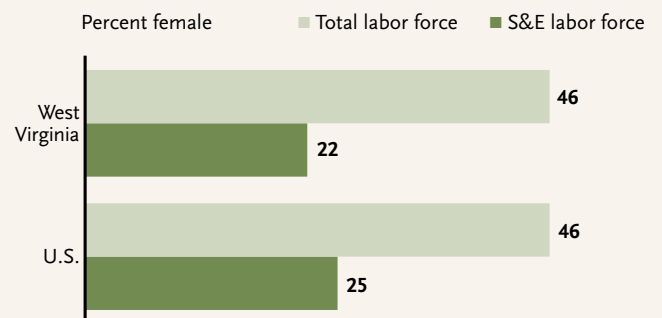
Scientists and Engineers in **West Virginia**, 2005

This profile summarizes the demographic, social, and economic characteristics of the 25,595 people in West Virginia's science and engineering (S&E) labor force. In 2005, the unemployment rate for West Virginia's S&E labor force was 2% and median earnings were \$50,460. West Virginia ranked number 43 out of 50 states and DC in the share of people working in S&E occupations.

S&E Occupations in West Virginia



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



Share of labor force in S&E occupations

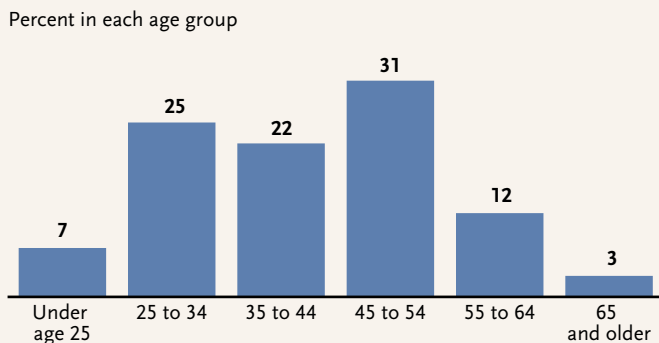
(Top States)	Percent
United States	5
1. District of Columbia	9
2. Maryland	8
3. Colorado	7
3. Massachusetts	7
3. Virginia	7
3. Washington	7
43. West Virginia	3

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

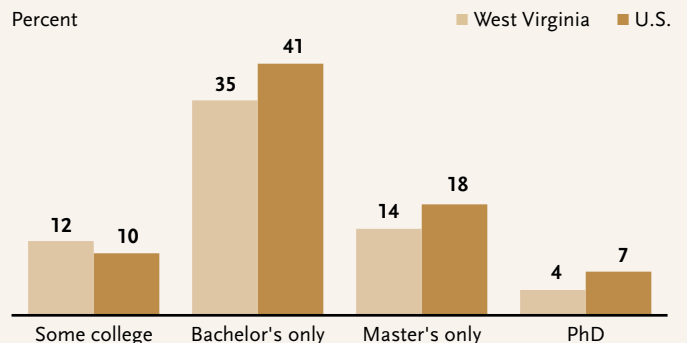
	West Virginia (%)	U.S. (%)
White*	95	74
African American*	3	6
American Indian*	0	0
Asian*	1	13
Other Race*	0	0
Two or More Races*	0	1
Hispanic	0	6
Foreign-born	3	19

*Non-Hispanic

Age Distribution of the S&E Labor Force in West Virginia



Educational Attainment of the S&E Labor Force

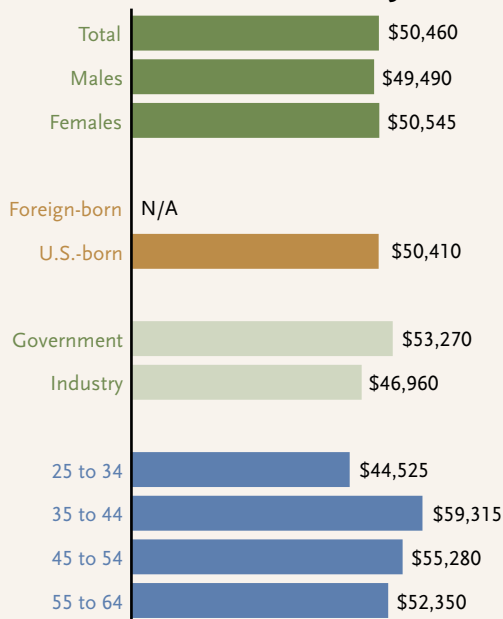


In 2005, engineers accounted for the largest share of West Virginia's S&E labor force (38%). Median earnings for engineers in West Virginia were \$53,445, compared with \$60,890 for engineers nationwide. 2% of West Virginia's engineers were racial or ethnic minorities.

	Total	Information Technology	Mathematics	Architecture	Engineering	Life Sciences	Physical Sciences	Social Sciences
S&E Labor Force	25,595	8,115	440	1,725	9,610	1,080	2,765	990
Percent	100%	32%	2%	7%	38%	4%	11%	4%
Highest Degree								
Bachelor's	35%	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Master's	14%	—	—	—	7%	—	—	—
PhD	4%	—	—	—	4%	—	—	—
Percent Female	22%	—	—	—	6%	—	—	—
Percent Minority*	5%	5%	0%	0%	2%	0%	20%	0%
Percent Foreign-born	3%	5%	—	—	3%	—	—	—

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

Median earnings of the S&E Labor Force in West Virginia



Median S&E Earnings By Highest Degree

	West Virginia	U.S.
Total	\$50,460	\$58,760
Associate	\$46,800	\$49,880
Bachelor's	\$57,490	\$61,690
Master's	\$61,325	\$71,375
PhD	—	\$75,345

Median S&E Earnings By Occupation

	West Virginia	U.S.
Total	\$50,460	\$58,760
Information Technology	\$49,005	\$60,470
Mathematics	—	\$63,825
Architecture	—	\$52,035
Engineering	\$53,445	\$60,890
Life Sciences	—	\$45,025
Physical Sciences	—	\$52,495
Social Sciences	—	\$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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