

Appendix table 5-21
Age distribution of S&E doctorate holders employed in academia, by type of position: 1975–2001

Position	Age (years)		Age distribution (percent)					65 or older
	Mean	Median	Total	Younger than 35	35–44	45–54	55–64	
All positions								
1975	42.4	39.9	100.0	25.9	36.8	23.7	11.7	2.0
1977	42.7	40.0	100.0	22.9	38.9	23.8	12.4	2.0
1979	43.3	40.7	100.0	20.1	40.3	23.8	13.6	2.2
1981	44.0	41.5	100.0	18.3	40.5	23.7	14.5	2.9
1983	44.8	42.5	100.0	14.9	40.8	25.2	15.7	3.4
1985	45.2	43.2	100.0	14.2	39.2	26.8	15.9	3.8
1987	45.6	44.2	100.0	12.9	36.5	30.6	16.5	3.5
1989	46.1	45.0	100.0	12.1	34.7	32.2	16.9	4.1
1991	46.3	45.3	100.0	11.5	33.7	34.2	16.9	3.8
1993	45.8	45.0	100.0	13.3	33.3	34.4	16.1	3.0
1995	46.2	45.3	100.0	12.7	32.9	33.6	17.4	3.5
1997	46.6	45.8	100.0	13.3	30.7	32.8	19.6	3.6
1999	47.0	46.3	100.0	12.2	30.5	31.0	22.5	3.8
2001	47.4	46.9	100.0	12.0	29.1	31.8	23.1	4.0
Full-time faculty								
1975	42.8	40.6	100.0	22.9	38.2	25.1	12.0	1.8
1977	43.3	40.9	100.0	19.2	40.1	25.7	13.3	1.7
1979	44.0	41.6	100.0	16.2	41.1	25.9	14.7	2.0
1981	44.7	42.4	100.0	14.7	41.2	25.8	15.7	2.7
1983	45.5	43.4	100.0	11.3	41.2	27.5	17.2	2.8
1985	45.8	43.9	100.0	10.8	39.6	29.0	17.0	3.5
1987	46.6	45.1	100.0	9.2	35.9	33.2	18.1	3.5
1989	47.1	46.0	100.0	8.3	33.8	35.4	18.8	3.8
1991	47.0	46.4	100.0	8.8	32.7	36.8	18.3	3.4
1993	46.9	46.0	100.0	9.3	32.4	36.9	18.0	3.3
1995	47.5	46.9	100.0	8.0	31.9	36.6	19.8	3.8
1997	48.0	47.5	100.0	8.2	29.9	35.6	22.2	4.0
1999	48.5	48.0	100.0	7.3	29.4	33.3	25.7	4.3
2001	48.8	48.3	100.0	7.6	28.0	34.1	25.9	4.4
Postdocs								
1975	32.7	31.2	100.0	78.0	18.7	2.0	1.1	0.2
1977	32.9	31.1	100.0	75.3	21.7	2.4	0.6	0.0
1979	33.1	31.6	100.0	71.7	25.5	2.1	0.7	0.0
1981	33.1	31.6	100.0	71.9	24.6	2.6	0.6	0.3
1983	33.7	31.7	100.0	68.4	27.0	3.5	1.0	0.2
1985	33.3	31.9	100.0	70.6	27.2	2.1	0.1	0.0
1987	33.8	32.0	100.0	68.4	28.3	2.4	0.5	0.4
1989	34.6	32.6	100.0	63.9	29.9	4.5	1.0	0.7
1991	34.7	33.1	100.0	57.2	39.0	2.8	1.0	0.0
1993	33.9	32.7	100.0	62.3	34.7	2.5	0.5	0.0
1995	35.0	33.0	100.0	56.6	35.9	5.8	1.6	0.1
1997	35.0	33.0	100.0	60.7	32.3	4.6	2.1	0.3
1999	34.5	33.0	100.0	57.6	36.8	5.3	0.3	0.0
2001	34.6	33.0	100.0	59.9	34.6	4.5	0.8	0.1
Other positions								
1975	43.3	40.0	100.0	27.5	32.0	21.8	13.4	5.4
1977	42.5	38.3	100.0	28.4	37.4	17.5	10.6	6.1
1979	42.5	38.6	100.0	25.2	41.6	17.0	10.9	5.2
1981	43.3	39.6	100.0	21.8	43.6	17.0	11.1	6.4
1983	44.1	39.9	100.0	19.3	43.6	17.5	10.6	8.9
1985	45.3	42.5	100.0	15.9	41.0	21.6	14.7	6.8
1987	43.9	41.1	100.0	16.9	43.9	23.3	10.9	5.0
1989	44.9	42.2	100.0	14.2	43.3	23.5	11.2	7.8
1991	46.1	44.0	100.0	11.6	38.2	28.7	14.2	7.3
1993	44.6	43.2	100.0	14.2	37.9	33.9	11.3	2.7
1995	44.8	43.5	100.0	15.0	37.0	31.7	12.4	3.8
1997	45.8	44.7	100.0	13.4	33.9	33.5	15.7	3.4
1999	46.0	45.0	100.0	13.6	33.1	32.4	17.9	3.1
2001	46.8	45.6	100.0	11.5	31.8	32.6	20.2	3.9

NOTES: Faculty positions include full, associate, and assistant professors and instructors. Other positions include full-time nonfaculty positions such as research associates, adjunct positions, lecturers, administrative positions, and part-time positions of all kinds. Details may not add to totals and percents may not sum to 100 because of rounding.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients, unpublished tabulations.