

Full-time S&E graduate students, by source and mechanism of primary support: 1980–2001

Source	All mechanisms		Research assistantship		Fellowship		Traineeship		Teaching assistantship		Other		Self-support ^a	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All sources														
1980	238,416	100.0	51,566	21.6	20,515	8.6	17,545	7.4	53,889	22.6	19,444	8.2	75,457	31.6
1981	242,049	100.0	52,711	21.8	20,095	8.3	16,771	6.9	55,745	23.0	20,205	8.3	76,522	31.6
1982	244,757	100.0	52,580	21.5	20,855	8.5	14,637	6.0	58,334	23.8	20,455	8.4	77,896	31.8
1983	252,017	100.0	54,904	21.8	21,342	8.5	13,512	5.4	60,071	23.8	20,955	8.3	81,233	32.2
1984	253,922	100.0	57,735	22.7	21,624	8.5	13,465	5.3	61,256	24.1	20,692	8.1	79,150	31.2
1985	257,287	100.0	60,995	23.7	22,540	8.8	13,665	5.3	61,822	24.0	20,635	8.0	77,630	30.2
1986	266,168	100.0	66,010	24.8	22,954	8.6	13,526	5.1	62,552	23.5	22,246	8.4	78,880	29.6
1987	271,056	100.0	70,214	25.9	21,953	8.1	14,096	5.2	62,847	23.2	22,166	8.2	79,780	29.4
1988	275,127	100.0	74,588	27.1	22,353	8.1	14,397	5.2	63,053	22.9	21,576	7.8	79,160	28.8
1989	282,648	100.0	79,045	28.0	23,450	8.3	14,524	5.1	64,296	22.7	21,082	7.5	80,251	28.4
1990	292,782	100.0	80,746	27.6	25,254	8.6	15,198	5.2	64,950	22.2	22,250	7.6	84,384	28.8
1991	307,010	100.0	85,175	27.7	26,695	8.7	15,403	5.0	65,214	21.2	22,940	7.5	91,583	29.8
1992	322,555	100.0	88,030	27.3	28,627	8.9	15,361	4.8	65,702	20.4	23,536	7.3	101,299	31.4
1993	329,644	100.0	90,154	27.3	29,132	8.8	15,445	4.7	67,290	20.4	21,347	6.5	106,276	32.2
1994	332,088	100.0	92,008	27.7	28,892	8.7	15,681	4.7	66,844	20.1	21,628	6.5	107,035	32.2
1995	329,283	100.0	89,946	27.3	28,887	8.8	15,943	4.8	65,976	20.0	21,844	6.6	106,687	32.4
1996	328,536	100.0	87,694	26.7	28,862	8.8	15,481	4.7	65,756	20.0	21,268	6.5	109,475	33.3
1997	327,289	100.0	88,001	26.9	28,956	8.8	14,488	4.4	65,425	20.0	21,678	6.6	108,741	33.2
1998	327,389	100.0	88,097	26.9	29,106	8.9	14,946	4.6	65,173	19.9	21,843	6.7	108,224	33.1
1999	334,421	100.0	91,261	27.3	30,093	9.0	14,694	4.4	66,286	19.8	22,678	6.8	109,409	32.7
2000	342,079	100.0	94,288	27.6	31,259	9.1	14,178	4.1	66,455	19.4	22,689	6.6	113,210	33.1
2001	355,115	100.0	99,724	28.1	32,176	9.1	14,155	4.0	67,992	19.1	23,884	6.7	117,184	33.0
Federal														
1980	52,959	100.0	29,316	55.4	4,628	8.7	13,303	25.1	662	1.3	5,050	9.5	NA	NA
1981	50,896	100.0	29,144	57.3	4,093	8.0	12,172	23.9	619	1.2	4,868	9.6	NA	NA
1982	47,403	100.0	28,313	59.7	4,092	8.6	10,074	21.3	428	0.9	4,496	9.5	NA	NA
1983	47,752	100.0	29,152	61.0	4,108	8.6	9,112	19.1	498	1.0	4,882	10.2	NA	NA
1984	47,784	100.0	29,463	61.7	4,116	8.6	8,970	18.8	400	0.8	4,835	10.1	NA	NA
1985	49,051	100.0	30,433	62.0	4,416	9.0	8,954	18.3	549	1.1	4,699	9.6	NA	NA
1986	51,361	100.0	32,739	63.7	4,596	8.9	8,688	16.9	495	1.0	4,843	9.4	NA	NA
1987	53,538	100.0	34,996	65.4	4,445	8.3	8,922	16.7	444	0.8	4,731	8.8	NA	NA
1988	55,489	100.0	36,752	66.2	4,566	8.2	8,664	15.6	504	0.9	5,003	9.0	NA	NA
1989	57,433	100.0	38,555	67.1	5,166	9.0	8,682	15.1	490	0.9	4,540	7.9	NA	NA
1990	59,258	100.0	38,504	65.0	6,314	10.7	9,228	15.6	609	1.0	4,603	7.8	NA	NA

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1991	63,000	100.0	40,790	64.7	7,445	11.8	9,616	15.3	476	0.8	4,673	7.4	NA	NA
1992	65,607	100.0	42,586	64.9	7,757	11.8	10,040	15.3	643	1.0	4,581	7.0	NA	NA
1993	67,673	100.0	44,502	65.8	7,510	11.1	10,174	15.0	846	1.3	4,641	6.9	NA	NA
1994	68,550	100.0	45,621	66.6	6,939	10.1	10,407	15.2	780	1.1	4,803	7.0	NA	NA
1995	67,294	100.0	44,597	66.3	6,914	10.3	10,234	15.2	739	1.1	4,810	7.1	NA	NA
1996	65,240	100.0	43,370	66.5	7,044	10.8	9,869	15.1	843	1.3	4,114	6.3	NA	NA
1997	64,522	100.0	43,328	67.2	7,074	11.0	9,291	14.4	908	1.4	3,921	6.1	NA	NA
1998	63,759	100.0	41,826	65.6	7,033	11.0	9,658	15.1	1,120	1.8	4,122	6.5	NA	NA
1999	65,809	100.0	43,057	65.4	7,337	11.1	9,712	14.8	997	1.5	4,706	7.2	NA	NA
2000	67,606	100.0	44,620	66.0	7,471	11.1	9,522	14.1	1,373	2.0	4,620	6.8	NA	NA
2001	68,719	100.0	46,078	67.1	7,373	10.7	9,525	13.9	1,089	1.6	4,654	6.8	NA	NA
Non-Federal														
1980	110,000	100.0	22,250	20.2	15,887	14.4	4,242	3.9	53,227	48.4	14,394	13.1	NA	NA
1981	114,631	100.0	23,567	20.6	16,002	14.0	4,599	4.0	55,126	48.1	15,337	13.4	NA	NA
1982	119,458	100.0	24,267	20.3	16,763	14.0	4,563	3.8	57,906	48.5	15,959	13.4	NA	NA
1983	123,032	100.0	25,752	20.9	17,234	14.0	4,400	3.6	59,573	48.4	16,073	13.1	NA	NA
1984	126,988	100.0	28,272	22.3	17,508	13.8	4,495	3.5	60,856	47.9	15,857	12.5	NA	NA
1985	130,606	100.0	30,562	23.4	18,124	13.9	4,711	3.6	61,273	46.9	15,936	12.2	NA	NA
1986	135,927	100.0	33,271	24.5	18,358	13.5	4,838	3.6	62,057	45.7	17,403	12.8	NA	NA
1987	137,738	100.0	35,218	25.6	17,508	12.7	5,174	3.8	62,403	45.3	17,435	12.7	NA	NA
1988	140,478	100.0	37,836	26.9	17,787	12.7	5,733	4.1	62,549	44.5	16,573	11.8	NA	NA
1989	144,964	100.0	40,490	27.9	18,284	12.6	5,842	4.0	63,806	44.0	16,542	11.4	NA	NA
1990	149,140	100.0	42,242	28.3	18,940	12.7	5,970	4.0	64,341	43.1	17,647	11.8	NA	NA
1991	152,427	100.0	44,385	29.1	19,250	12.6	5,787	3.8	64,738	42.5	18,267	12.0	NA	NA
1992	155,649	100.0	45,444	29.2	20,870	13.4	5,321	3.4	65,059	41.8	18,955	12.2	NA	NA
1993	155,695	100.0	45,652	29.3	21,622	13.9	5,271	3.4	66,444	42.7	16,706	10.7	NA	NA
1994	156,503	100.0	46,387	29.6	21,953	14.0	5,274	3.4	66,064	42.2	16,825	10.8	NA	NA
1995	155,302	100.0	45,349	29.2	21,973	14.1	5,709	3.7	65,237	42.0	17,034	11.0	NA	NA
1996	153,821	100.0	44,324	28.8	21,818	14.2	5,612	3.6	64,913	42.2	17,154	11.2	NA	NA
1997	154,026	100.0	44,673	29.0	21,882	14.2	5,197	3.4	64,517	41.9	17,757	11.5	NA	NA
1998	155,406	100.0	46,271	29.8	22,073	14.2	5,288	3.4	64,053	41.2	17,721	11.4	NA	NA
1999	159,203	100.0	48,204	30.3	22,756	14.3	4,982	3.1	65,289	41.0	17,972	11.3	NA	NA
2000	161,263	100.0	49,668	30.8	23,788	14.8	4,656	2.9	65,082	40.4	18,069	11.2	NA	NA
2001	169,212	100.0	53,646	31.7	24,803	14.7	4,630	2.7	66,903	39.5	19,230	11.4	NA	NA

NA not available

^aSelf-support includes any loans (including Federal loans) or support from personal or family financial contributions.

NOTES: S&E includes health fields (i.e., medical sciences and other life sciences). These fields are reported separately in the National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics (NSF/SRS), Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering, annual series.

SOURCE: NSF/SRS, WebCASPAR database system, <http://caspar.nsf.gov>.