

GENERAL NOTES

Data presented here are derived from the fall 2002 National Science Foundation-National Institutes of Health (NSF-NIH) Survey of Graduate Students and Postdoctorates in Science and Engineering. Unless otherwise specified, the published data represent estimates of total enrollment in science, engineering, and health-related programs in 12,126 graduate departments at 594 institutions in the United States and outlying areas (American Samoa, Federated States of Micronesia, Guam, Marshall Islands, Northern Mariana Islands, Palau, Puerto Rico, and U.S. Virgin Islands).

Graduate enrollment and postdoctoral employment data collection began in 1966. Given the need to remain relevant to the needs of those who use the resulting data, the survey has included modifications since inception. These modifications include changes in coverage of in-

stitutions and fields, in definitions, and in the kinds of demographic data collected. (See appendix A, Technical Notes, for further information.) Given that survey modifications occur and that institutions may revise their data for earlier years, use only the latest trend data published in this report in historical analyses.

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