

## **Top 5 Occupations with Highest Fraction of Foreign Born Workers (2006)**

Physicists and astronomers	36 %
Postsecondary Teachers - Engineering	32 %
Electrical or computer hardware engineers	31 %
Biological and Medical Scientists	30 %
Computer and mathematical scientists	28 %
All Occupations	17 %

NIT occupations have a high fraction of workers born outside of the United States compared to other occupations, with the two most closely related NIT occupations (electrical or computer hardware engineers and computer and mathematical scientists) among the top five occupations with the highest fraction of foreign-born workers in 2006. The average fraction of foreign-born workers across all occupations was about 17 percent while the fraction for the two NIT occupations was about 30 percent. The two NIT occupations also had among the highest fraction of naturalized citizens comprising the US citizen component of the workforce: 19 percent of US citizens who were electrical or computer hardware engineers and 14 percent of US citizens who were computer and mathematical scientists were naturalized citizens. The average fraction of naturalized citizens for all occupations was 10 percent.

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