

Health Physics Enrollments and Degrees Survey, 2019 Data Summary Information

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The survey includes degrees granted between September 1, 2018 and August 31, 2019. Enrollment information refers to the fall 2019 term. The enrollments and degrees data include students majoring in health physics or in an option program equivalent to a major. Of the 19 health physics programs surveyed, responses were received from 15 programs. Some nuclear engineering programs have indicated that health physics option enrollments and degrees are also reported in the nuclear engineering survey.

Bachelor degrees reported by respondents increased slightly between 2019 and 2018, but were 16 percent less than the average number of degrees from 2015 through 2018 and 48 percent less than in 2009. Master's degrees increased by 8 percent between 2018 and 2019, and continued to be larger than the numbers in 2016 and 2017, but were 24 percent lower than experienced in 2012 and 17 percent lower than 2009. Ph.D. degrees in 2011 were nearly one-third less than the number in 2018 and continues a pattern of oscillations reported over the last decade, but similar to numbers reported fifteen years ago. If information were to be estimated for programs not responding, it is likely the number of degrees presented below would be approximately 15 percent higher for M.S. and Ph.D. degrees, with no change to B.S. degrees in 2019.

Health Physics Degrees, 2019			
Year	B.S.	M.S.	Ph.D.
2019	40	69	13
2018	39	64	19
2017	47	56	13
2016	56	66	23
2015	49	84	18
2014	67	81	10
2013	88	86	14
2012	82	91	15
2011	64	85	5
2010	62	89	15
2009	77	83	9

Employment or Other Post-Graduation Status, 2019			
	B.S.	M.S.	Ph.D.
Continued Study/Postdoctoral Appointment	13	6	0
Academic Employment	1	5	2
Federal Government Employment	0	5	0
DOE Contractor Employment	1	5	1
State and Local Government Employment	0	1	0
Medical Facilities Employment	1	8	2
Nuclear Utility Employment	1	0	0
Other Nuclear-Related Employment	7	18	1
Other Business Employment	2	0	0
Foreign (non-U.S.) Employment	0	0	4
U.S. Military, Active Duty	0	1	3
Other Employment	0	0	0
Still Seeking Employment	0	2	0
Unknown/Not Reported	14	18	0
TOTALS	40	69	13

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