



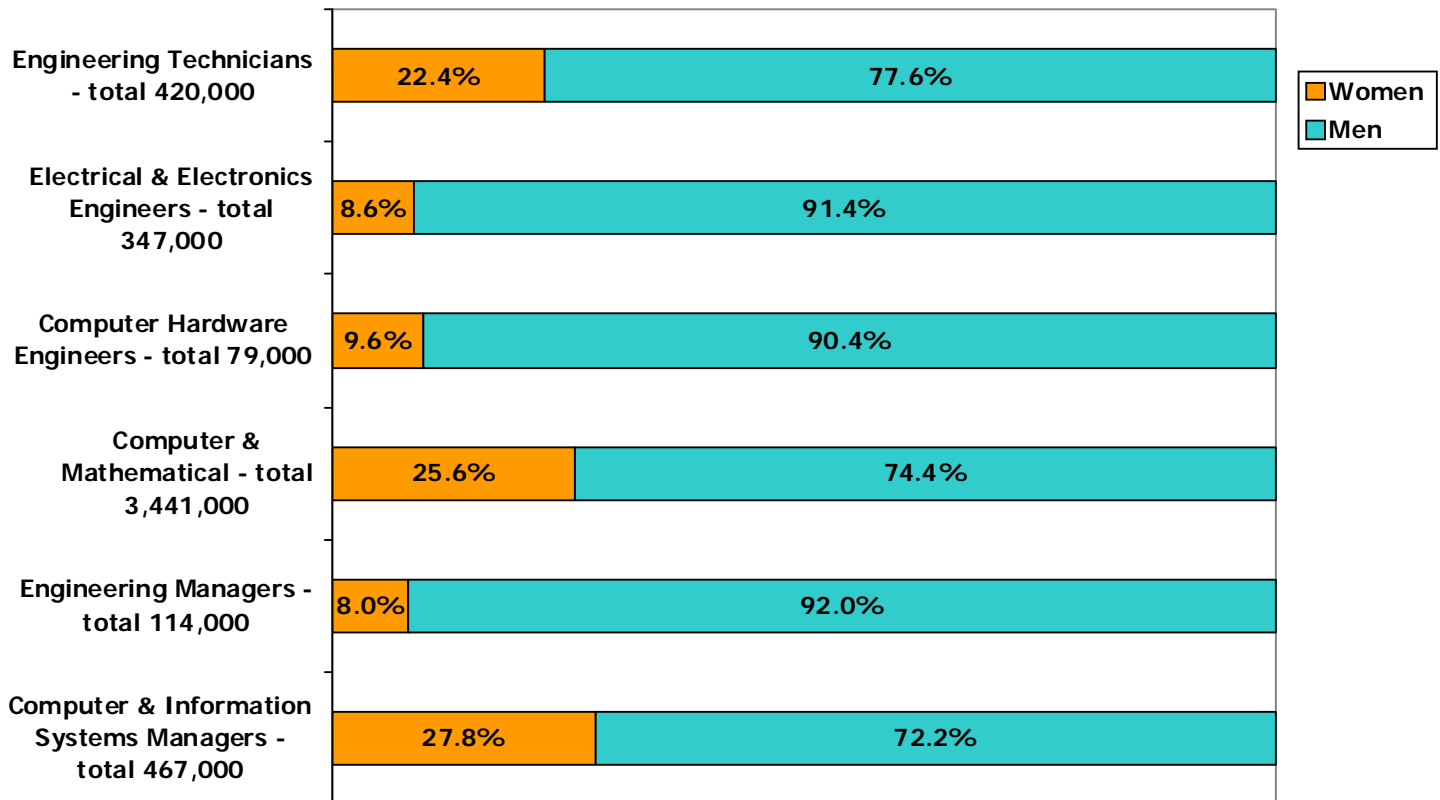
QUICK TAKES • Women in High Tech

WHAT IS "HIGH TECH"? ¹

- The U.S. Department of Labor defines "high tech" as more than computers, software, and the Internet. The term is used to describe industries, occupations and products in which cutting-edge, state-of-the-art technologies are used. High-technology firms systematically apply scientific and technical knowledge to problem solving and conduct a substantial amount of research and development. The Bureau of Labor Statistics has described "high-technology" occupations as scientific, technical, and engineering occupations, such as: engineers; life and physical scientists; mathematical specialists; engineering and science technicians; computer specialists; and engineering, scientific, and computer managers.

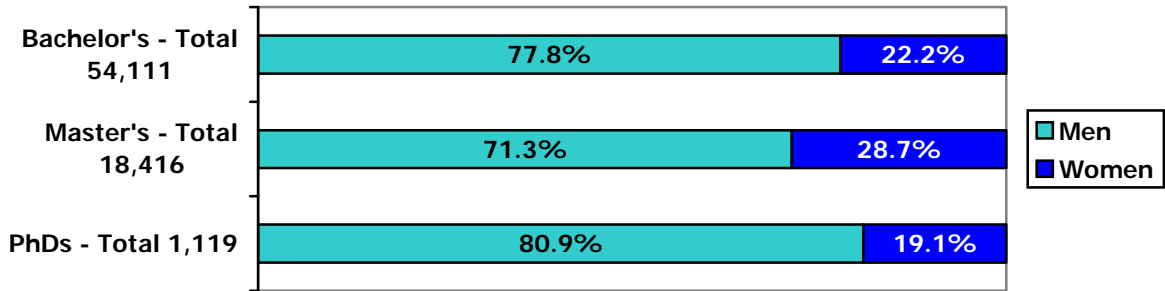
EMPLOYMENT IN HIGH TECH ²

Percent of Men and Women Employed in Selected High Tech Occupations, 2007

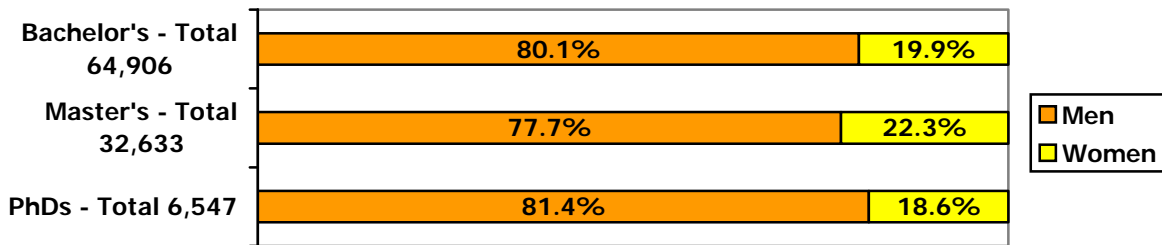


EDUCATION ³

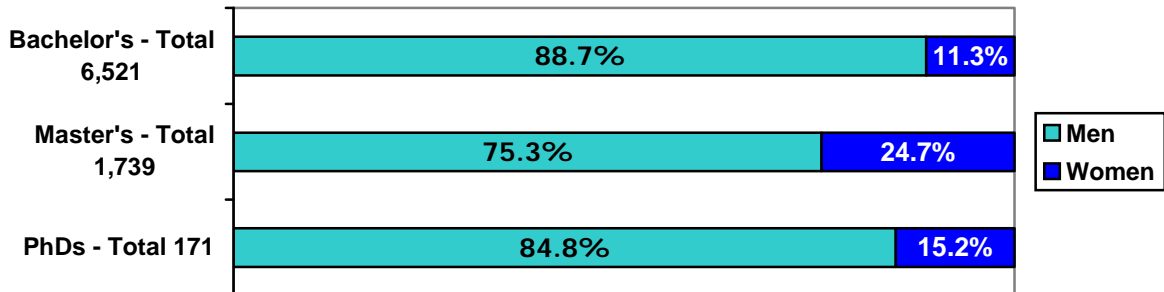
Percent of Total Computer and Information Sciences and Support Services Degrees Earned by Men and Women, 2004-2005



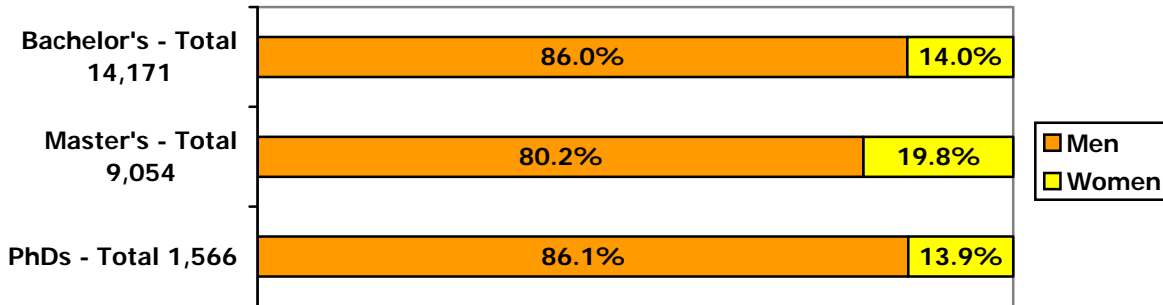
Percent of Total Engineering Degrees Earned by Men and Women, 2004-2005



Percent of Computer Engineering Degrees Earned by Men and Women, 2004-2005



**Percent of Electrical, Electronics, and Communications Engineering Degrees
Earned by Men and Women, 2004-2005**



BUYING POWER

- Of the roughly \$200 billion that will be spent at retail on CE products by consumers in 2007, \$90 billion, or 45%, will be made by women at the checkout counter (either in person or online).⁴

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