

1998 (red)
1994 AIP MEMBER SOCIETY SAMPLE SURVEY

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ALL FULL-TIME PHDS 1994 (red)
DEGREE SUBFIELD

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Cell Counts
Column Percent

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Experimental	2537.9 52.2	53	58
Both	957.2 19.7	22	12
Neither	212.8 4.4	3	1

Jeff Schmidt
Physics Today

Total N 4865.2
Col Pct 100.0

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Theoretical	789.0 17.4	17	22
Experimental	1793.8 39.5	43	48
Both	1357.7 29.9	26	19
Neither	603.0 13.3	14	11

Total N 4543.5
Col Pct 100.0

N ≈ 2000
2266

ALL FULL-TIME PHDS 1994 (red)
WORK SUBFIELD

SOCIETY MEMBERS
(Physicists, chemists,
engineers, geophysicists,)

Mainly physicists

Preliminary
unpublished data
(close to final data)

1998 Data from Raymond Chu, 29 Oct. 98 (red).

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FROM PATRICK MULVEY, 18 MAR. 96.

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AIP EDUCATION AND EMPLOYMENT STATISTICS DIVISION

1998 MEMBERSHIP SAMPLE SURVEY

Please enter the appropriate numerical code into the bracket(s) provided or check the boxes. Note: If your response to a question is "other", and more space is needed, please elaborate in the comment box on page 3.

- (1) To which of the following organizations do you belong? (Check all that apply)

Acoustical Society of America ☐
 Amer. Association of Physicists in Medicine ☐
 Amer. Association of Physics Teachers ☐
 Amer. Astronomical Society ☐
 Amer. Crystallographic Association ☐
 Amer. Geophysical Union ☐
 Amer. Vacuum Society ☐
 Optical Society of America ☐
 The American Physical Society ☐
 The Society of Rheology ☐

- (2) What is the level of the highest degree you completed as of March 1998? ☐

1. Associates
 2. Bachelors
 3. Masters
 4. Doctorate
 5. Professional (e.g. M.D., J.D.) and PhD
 6. Professional, no PhD

- (3) What is the date of that Highest Degree? Year 19 ☐ Month ☐

- (4) Did you earn that degree in the U.S.? ☐
 1. YES 2. NO

- (5) Which of the following best describes the department from which you earned your highest degree? ☐

1. Astronomy 6. Geophysics
 2. Chemistry 7. Ocean Science
 3. Education 8. Physics
 4. Engineering 9. Other Science
 5. Geology 10. Non-Science

- (6) What is the primary subfield of your highest degree? (Select code number of subfield from list on page 4 and enter here.) ☐

- (7) Is your degree subfield primarily: ☐
 1. Theoretical 3. Both
 2. Experimental 4. Neither

- (8) Which of the following best describes the name of the department from which you earned your first bachelors degree? ☐

1. Astronomy 6. Geophysics
 2. Chemistry 7. Mathematics
 3. Education 8. Physics
 4. Engineering 9. Other Science
 5. Geology 10. Non-Science

- (9) What is the year of your birth? 19 ☐

- (10) Describe your citizenship. ☐

1. U.S.
 2. Non-U.S., Permanent Visa
 3. Non-U.S., Temporary Visa

- (11) Were you a full-time student during March 1998? ☐

1. No, I was not a student
 2. No, I was a part-time student
 3. Yes (Go to question 40)

- (12) Did you retire prior to March 1998? ☐

1. No (Go to question 14)
 2. Previously retired, currently employed
 3. Yes

- (13) At what age did you retire? ☐

- (14) What was your primary employment status in March 1998? ☐

1. Full-Time
 2. Part-Time
 3. Not employed, seeking work (Go to question 39)
 4. Not employed, not seeking (Go to question 39)

Postdoctoral appointments are temporary positions in academe, industry or government; they primarily provide continued training or education in research.

- (15) Were you holding a postdoctoral appointment during March 1998? ☐

1. NO 2. YES

(16) Which of the following best describes how your employer defined your position during March 1998? ☐

1. Permanent
2. Potentially Permanent (e.g. tenure-track)
3. Temporary - **postdoctorate** or trainee
4. Temporary - visiting faculty/scientist
5. Temporary - soft money position
6. Temporary - Other (**Explain in question 41**)

(17) Which of the following best describes your primary employment sector in March 1998? ☐

01. University (excluding Medical Schools)
02. 4-Year College
03. 2-Year or Community College, Tech Institute
04. Secondary School
05. University Affiliated Research Institute
06. University Medical School
07. Other Hospital/Medical Services
08. Professional Practice
09. Self-Employed
10. Small Business
11. Industry
12. Government (Federal, State or Local)
13. Federally Funded R&D Center (e.g. Argonne)
14. Other Non-Profit
15. Other (**Please explain in question 41**)

(18) What is the full name of the primary employer to which you referred in question 17?

Employer Zip Code

Please leave blank.

(19) Describe your work activity during March 1998. Primary ☐

Secondary ☐

01. Administration/Management
02. Applied Research, Long Range
03. Applied Research, Short Range
04. Basic Research
05. Clinical or Patient Care
06. Computer Applications
07. Consulting
08. Design, Development or Engineering
09. Teaching
10. Other (**Please explain in question 41**)

(20) What was your work subfield on March 1998? (Select code of your work subfield from the list on page 4 and enter here.) Primary ☐

Secondary ☐

(21) Is your work subfield primarily: ☐

1. Theoretical
2. Experimental
3. Both
4. Neither

(22) Which of the following best describes your primary professional self-identification? ☐

1. Astronomer
2. Chemist
3. Computer Scientist
4. Engineer
5. Geologist
6. Geophysicist
7. Ocean Scientist
8. Physicist
9. Other Scientist
10. Non-Scientist

(23) What was your base annual salary from your primary employer as of March 1998?

Base Salary \$

Do not include pensions, bonuses, overtime, summer teaching, honoraria or other payments from secondary jobs.

(24) Did you receive **additional** professional income during the period April 1997 to March 1998 from the following sources? (Check all that apply.)

- Consulting ☐
- Summer 1997 Teaching ☐
- Summer 1997 Research ☐
- Other (**Please explain in question 41**) ☐

Estimate the amount of additional income from these four sources. (Do not include basic annual salary or income received from bonuses.)

Additional Income \$

(25) In March 1998, was your primary employer a university, college or secondary school? ☐

1. NO (**Go to question 29**)
2. YES

(26) Which of the following best describes how the salary reported in question 23 was based? ☐

1. 9-10 months of work (*even if paid over 12 mos*)
2. 11-12 months

(27) What was your academic rank in March 1998? ☐

1. Full Professor
2. Associate Professor
3. Assistant Professor
4. Research Scientist, Research Associate, Postdoctoral Position, Research Staff
5. Administrator
6. Lecturer/Instructor
7. Secondary School Teacher
8. Other (**Please explain in question 41**)

- (28) What was your tenure status in March 1998? ☐
1. Tenured
 2. Not tenured, tenure-track
 3. Not tenured, not tenure-track
 4. Not applicable
- (29) Within the next 5 years, do you plan to retire ☐
or, if previously retired, to stop working for pay?
1. No (**Go to question 31**)
 2. Yes, within the next year
 3. Yes, within 2 to 3 years
 4. Yes, within 4 to 5 years
 5. Not sure (**Please explain in question 41**)
- (30) Do you plan to take another job after retiring? ☐
1. NO
 2. YES
- (31) To what extent was your work in March 1998 ☐
related to your highest degree subfield?
1. Closely related
 2. Somewhat related
 3. Not at all related
- (32) Did you ever change employers since your ☐
first job after completing your highest degree?
1. YES
 2. NO (**Go to question 40**)
- (33) Approximately how many times have you ☐
changed employers in the past five years?
- (34) In what year did you leave ☐
your previous employer? 19 ☐
- (35) Was it a postdoctoral appointment? ☐
1. NO
 2. YES

- (36) With which of the following aspects of your
previous job were you least satisfied? (Please
select up to three choices)
- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Demanding duties or tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Demanding of my time | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Field of work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advancement opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Location | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Part-time or temporary status | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Work environment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Professional challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salary and compensation benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Uncertainty about employer financial outlook | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (please explain in question 41) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (37) Which of the following was the most attractive
aspect of accepting the job with your current
employer? (Please select up to three choices)
- | | |
|--|--------------------------|
| Field of work | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Advancement opportunities | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Healthier financial outlook of employer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Manageable duties or tasks | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Moved from part-time to full-time | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Moved from full-time to part-time | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Location | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Permanent employment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Professional challenge | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Salary and compensation benefits | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Work environment | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Other (Please explain in question 41) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (38) On the following 5-point scale, would you say
that your last job change was due to being
pushed out of your previous employment
situation or pulled into your new position?
- | | | | | | | | |
|--------|---|---|---|---|--------|--------|--------------------------|
| Pushed | | | | | Pulled | Unsure | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | X | <input type="checkbox"/> |
- (39) Which category in question 17 was the ☐
sector of your previous employer?
- (40) What is your sex? ☐
1. Female
 2. Male

41. Please supply additional details about your career or help improve our questionnaire by telling us which questions you found unclear or inapplicable to your career. If you had retired and then continued to work in retirement, please supply details about that transition.

FIELD/SUBFIELD LIST

PHYSICS, GEOPHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY

- 11 ACCELERATOR PHYSICS
- 12 ACOUSTICS
- 13 ASTRONOMY
- 14 ASTROPHYSICS
- 15 ATMOSPHERIC SCIENCES
- 16 ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR PHYSICS
- 17 BIOPHYSICS
- 18 CHEMICAL PHYSICS
- 19 CONDENSED MATTER/SOLID STATE PHYSICS
- 20 CRYSTALLOGRAPHY
- 21 ELECTROMAGNETISM
- 22 ELECTRONICS
- 23 ELEMENTARY PARTICLES & FIELDS
- 24 FLUID DYNAMICS
- 25 HIGH POLYMER PHYSICS
- 26 HYDROLOGY
- 27 LOW TEMPERATURE PHYSICS
- 28 MATHEMATICAL PHYSICS
- 29 MEDICAL PHYSICS
- 30 NUCLEAR PHYSICS
- 31 OCEAN SCIENCES
- 32 OPTICS
- 33 PLASMA PHYSICS
- 34 RADIOLOGICAL PHYSICS
- 35 RHEOLOGY
- 36 SOLID EARTH GEOPHYSICS
- 37 SPACE PHYSICS
- 38 SURFACE SCIENCE
- 39 VACUUM SCIENCE
- 40 PHYSICS, GENERAL
- 41 PHYSICS, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)_____

EDUCATION

- 42 PHYSICS EDUCATION, SECONDARY SCHOOL
- 43 PHYSICS EDUCATION, COLLEGE
- 44 EDUCATION, GENERAL SCIENCE
- 45 EDUCATIONAL ADMINISTRATION

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ENGINEERING

- 46 AERONAUTICAL & ASTRONAUTICAL
- 47 CHEMICAL
- 48 CIVIL
- 49 ELECTRICAL, ELECTRONIC
- 50 ENVIRONMENTAL
- 51 MECHANICAL
- 52 NUCLEAR
- 53 SOFTWARE
- 54 SYSTEMS
- 55 ENGINEERING, GENERAL
- 56 ENGINEERING, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)_____

OTHER SCIENCES

- 57 AUDIOLOGY AND SPEECH SCIENCE
- 58 BIOLOGICAL SCIENCE
- 59 CHEMISTRY
- 60 COMPUTER SCIENCE
- 61 GEOCHEMISTRY & PETROLOGY
- 62 GEOLOGY/EARTH & ENVIRONMENTAL
- 63 MATERIALS SCIENCE
- 64 MATHEMATICS & STATISTICS
- 65 PSYCHOLOGY
- 66 SCIENCE ADMINISTRATION
- 67 SCIENCE, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)_____

OTHER AREAS

- 68 BUSINESS MANAGEMENT
- 69 OTHER ADMINISTRATION
- 70 NON-SCIENCE, OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)_____

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