

Percentage of Females Receiving Degrees by NIT Degree Field (2006)

Degree Level	Computer Science	Electrical & Computer Engineering	Average for Degree Fields
Bachelor's	20%	12%	19%
Master's	26%	16%	24%
Doctorate	23%	11%	20%

At all degree levels, the fraction of women receiving degrees in electrical and computer engineering is significantly lower than the fraction receiving computer science degrees. This continues the trend recognized in the NIT labor force data where women are underrepresented to a greater degree in hardware areas than they are in software areas. Women are underrepresented to a slightly greater degree at the bachelor's and doctoral level than they are at the master's level. Computer science and electrical engineering are two of the only science, engineering, technology, and mathematics fields where the fraction of degrees awarded to women has been declining.

Data Source: *Networking and Information Technology (NIT) Workforce Study Final Report* – May 29, 2009, "Five Reasons Why China Will Rule Tech" – Bloomberg Businessweek, July 9, 2010