# Computing Degree and Enrollment Trends 

From the 2010-2011 CRA Taulbee Survey

## Undergraduate Degree Production in Computer Science Rises While Enrollment Grows for Fourth Straight Year

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## Executive Summary

## Summary of Results

- Among U.S. schools that reported data this year and last, enrollments in undergraduate computer science programs rose 9.6 percent in the 2011-12 school year - the fourth straight year of increase. Overall enrollment - including schools that did not participate in the survey last year - increased by 11.5 percent per department compared to the 2010-11 school year.
- Anecdotal reports suggest that, once again, growth in enrollment is being constrained at institutions not by student interest, but by enrollment caps in place in university computer science departments. Free of these caps - in place because of faculty or infrastructure limitations enrollment figures might have reflected even larger increases.
- The number of Bachelor's degrees in computer science awarded by U.S. schools increased by 10.5 percent in the 2010-11 school year. Among schools who responded both this year and last, the increase was 12.9 percent.
- Total Ph.D. production in computing programs held steady in 2010-11, with 1,782 degrees granted.


## Introduction

The CRA Taulbee Survey ${ }^{1}$ is conducted annually by the Computing Research Association to document trends in student enrollment, degree production, employment of graduates, and faculty salaries in academic units in the United States and Canada that grant the Ph.D. in computer science (CS), computer engineering (CE) or information (I)². Most of these academic units are departments, but some are colleges or schools of information or computing. In this report, we will use the term "department" to refer to the unit offering the program. This article and the accompanying figures and tables present the enrollment and degree production results from the 41 st annual CRA Taulbee Survey. The full report, which also includes information about faculty size, demographics and salaries, graduate student support and research expenditures, will be available in May 2012 at www.cra.org.

Information for the survey is gathered from CRA members and other PhD-granting institutions during the Fall of each year. Responses received by January 23, 2012 are included in this year's analysis. The period covered by the data varies from table to table. Degree production and enrollment (Ph.D., Master's, and Bachelor's) refer to the previous academic year (2010-2011). Data for new students in all categories refer to the current academic year (2011-2012).

For this report, we surveyed a total of 267 Ph.D.-granting departments, of which 184 responded for a response rate of 69 percent. This is lower than last year's 74 percent. Response rates are inexact because some departments provide only partial data, and some institutions provide a single joint response for multiple departments. Thus, the number of departments shown as reporting student data does not equal the overall total number of respondents for that category of department. Nevertheless, it is clear that the response rate decreased notably for U.S. CS departments and Canadian departments. To account for these changes in response rate, we will comment not only on aggregate totals but also on data from those departments who responded to both this year's and last year's surveys. This will be a more accurate indication of the one-year changes affecting degree production and enrollments. Of the 140 U.S. CS departments providing student data to this year's survey, 135 responded last year also. Of the 178 total departments providing student data to this year's survey, 165 also responded last year.

Departments that provided salary data were sent preliminary results about faculty salaries in January 2012; these results included additional distributional information not contained in this report. The CRA Board views this as a benefit of participating in the survey. This year's respondents are listed at the end of this article; we thank all of them.

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## Table 1: Number of Respondents to the Taulbee Survey

| Year | US CS | US CE | Canadian | US I | Total |
| :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 9 9 5}$ | $110 / 133(83 \%)$ | $9 / 13(69 \%)$ | $11 / 16(69 \%)$ |  | $130 / 162(80 \%)$ |
| 1996 | $98 / 131(75 \%)$ | $8 / 13(62 \%)$ | $9 / 16(56 \%)$ |  | $115 / 160(72 \%)$ |
| 1997 | $111 / 133(83 \%)$ | $6 / 13(46 \%)$ | $13 / 17(76 \%)$ |  | $130 / 163(80 \%)$ |
| 1998 | $122 / 145(84 \%)$ | $7 / 19(37 \%)$ | $12 / 18(67 \%)$ |  | $141 / 182(77 \%)$ |
| 1999 | $132 / 156(85 \%)$ | $5 / 24(21 \%)$ | $19 / 23(83 \%)$ |  | $156 / 203(77 \%)$ |
| 2000 | $148 / 163(91 \%)$ | $6 / 28(21 \%)$ | $19 / 23(83 \%)$ |  | $173 / 214(81 \%)$ |
| 2001 | $142 / 164(87 \%)$ | $8 / 28(29 \%)$ | $23 / 23(100 \%)$ |  | $173 / 215(80 \%)$ |
| 2002 | $150 / 170(88 \%)$ | $10 / 28(36 \%)$ | $22 / 27(82 \%)$ |  | $173 / 225(77 \%)$ |
| 2003 | $148 / 170(87 \%)$ | $6 / 28(21 \%)$ | $19 / 27(70 \%)$ |  | $189 / 229(83 \%)$ |
| 2004 | $158 / 172(92 \%)$ | $10 / 30(33 \%)$ | $21 / 27(78 \%)$ |  | $188 / 232(81 \%)$ |
| 2005 | $156 / 174(90 \%)$ | $10 / 31(32 \%)$ | $22 / 27(81 \%)$ |  | $186 / 234(79 \%)$ |
| 2006 | $156 / 175(89 \%)$ | $12 / 33(36 \%)$ | $20 / 28(71 \%)$ |  | $192 / 264(73 \%)$ |
| 2007 | $155 / 176(88 \%)$ | $10 / 30(33 \%)$ | $21 / 28(75 \%)$ |  | $180 / 265(71 \%)$ |
| 2008 | $151 / 183(83 \%)$ | $12 / 32(38 \%)$ | $20 / 30(67 \%)$ | $9 / 19(47 \%)$ |  |
| 2009 | $147 / 184(80 \%)$ | $13 / 31(42 \%)$ | $16 / 30(53 \%)$ | $12 / 20(60 \%)$ | $195 / 265(74 \%)$ |
| 2010 | $150 / 184(82 \%)$ | $12 / 30(40 \%)$ | $18 / 29(62 \%)$ | $15 / 22(68 \%)$ | $195)$ |
| 2011 | $142 / 185(77 \%)$ | $13 / 31(42 \%)$ | $13 / 30(43 \%)$ | $16 / 21(76 \%)$ | $184 / 267(69 \%)$ |

## Bachelor's Degree Production and Enrollments

The number of new computing majors among U.S. computer science departments rose 6.7 percent ( 7.4 percent among those departments reporting both this year and last year). This is the fourth straight year of increased enrollment in computing majors by new students. Total enrollment in computing majors among U.S. CS departments increased 5.9 percent in aggregate ( 9.6 percent among departments reporting both this year and last year). Anecdotal reports suggest that, once again, growth in enrollment is being constrained at institutions not by student interest, but by enrollment caps in place in university computer science departments. Free of these caps - in place because of faculty or infrastructure limitations - enrollment figures might have reflected even larger

Figure 1. Average CS majors per U.S. CS Department


Source: Table 6: Total Bachelor's Enrollment by Department Type increases.

For the second straight year, there was a double-digit percentage increase in bachelor's degree production. Among all departments reporting, the increase was 10.4 percent, but if only those departments who reported both years are counted, the increase was 12.9 percent. Bachelor's degree production in US computer science departments was up 10.5 percent overall and also was up 12.9 percent among those departments who reported both this year and last year.

The number of CE degrees also increased significantly this year, among U.S. CE departments and among U.S. CS departments who also give CE degrees. Degrees in the information area also increased significantly among U.S. departments offering information degrees, but this may be affected by the categorization of several institutions whose CS and I departments report jointly. New student enrollment increased in aggregate among departments offering I programs but decreased among those offering CE programs (though it increased among CE departments that reported both years). Total enrollment in both CE and I programs increased in aggregate, though total enrollment decreased in I departments that reported both years. These data suggest increased interest in undergraduate computing degrees of all types within the U.S. It should be noted that the numbers for CE and I are more volatile due to the small number of departments reporting in each of these areas.

Figure 2. BS Production (All Departments)


Source: Table 3: Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Department Type

Canadian statistics also are volatile due to the small number of departments reporting. In aggregate, they show slightly decreased degree production, but Canadian response to the survey was unusually low this year and among Canadian departments reporting both years, there was an

11 percent increase in bachelor's degree production. New student enrollment among Canadian departments that reported both years increased by 3.6 percent, but total enrollment in these departments was down a little less than one percent.

The fraction of women among bachelor's graduates decreased in CS this year, from 13.8 percent in 2009-10 to 11.7 percent in 2010-11. In CE and I, the fraction of female graduates increased, to 11.8 percent in CE and to 17.5 percent in I. This year there was a smaller percentage of Whites and greater percentages of Non-resident Alien, Black and Hispanic graduates in CE programs. CS programs, on the other hand, showed a slight increase in the proportion of Whites and a slight decrease in the proportion of Non-resident Alien graduates. I programs had a smaller fraction of Whites, Blacks and Non-resident Aliens, and increased fractions of Asians and Hispanics. Overall across the three degree areas, about 65 percent of the graduates were White, 15 percent Asian, 7 percent Non-resident Aliens, and 13 percent all other ethnicity categories combined.

Table 2. Degree Production and Enrollment Change From Previous Year

|  | Total |  |  |  |  |  | Only Departments Reporting Both Years |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | US CS Only |  |  | All Departments |  |  | US CS Only |  |  | All Departments |  |  |
| PhDs | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg |
| \# Depts | 150 | 140 | -6.7\% | 192 | 178 | -6.8\% | 135 | 135 |  | 168 | 168 |  |
| PhD <br> Awarded | 1,501 | 1,457 | -2.9\% | 1,772 | 1,782 | 0.6\% | 1,419 | 1,422 | 0.2\% | 1,624 | 1,708 | 5.2\% |
| PhD <br> Enrollment | 12,482 | 12,114 | -2.9\% | 15,038 | 14,671 | -2.4\% | 11,527 | 11,742 | 1.9\% | 13,578 | 13,815 | 1.7\% |
| New PhD <br> Enroll | 2,560 | 2,465 | -3.7\% | 2,962 | 2,812 | -5.1\% | 2,394 | 2,388 | -0.3\% | 2,712 | 2,715 | 0.1\% |
| Bachelor's | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg | 2010 | 2011 | \% chg |
| \# Depts | 140 | 133 | -5.0\% | 176 | 165 | -6.3\% | 125 | 125 |  | 153 | 153 |  |
| BS Awarded | 9,904 | 10,946 | 10.5\% | 12,501 | 13,806 | 10.4\% | 8,731 | 9,859 | 12.9\% | 11,072 | 12,505 | 12.9\% |
| BS <br> Enrollment | 46,218 | 48,952 | 5.9\% | 58,784 | 60,636 | 3.2\% | 41,034 | 44,966 | 9.6\% | 52,143 | 56,077 | 7.5\% |
| New BS <br> Majors | 12,556 | 13,400 | 6.7\% | 15,905 | 16,279 | 2.4\% | 11,286 | 12,124 | 7.4\% | 14,031 | 14,972 | 6.7\% |
| BS Enroll/ Dept | 330.1 | 368.1 | 11.5\% | 334.0 | 367.5 | 10.0\% | 328.3 | 359.7 | 9.6\% | 340.8 | 366.5 | 7.5\% |


| Department Type | \# Depts | CS |  | CE |  | I |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| US CS Public | 99 | 6,358 | 68.5\% | 1301 | 61.8\% | 993 | 41.1\% | 8,652 | 62.7\% |
| US CS Private | 34 | 1,792 | 19.3\% | 180 | 8.6\% | 322 | 13.3\% | 2,294 | 16.6\% |
| Total US CS | 133 | 8,150 | 87.8\% | 1481 | 70.4\% | 1315 | 54.4\% | 10,946 | 79.3\% |
| US CE | 10 | 0 | 0.0\% | 561 | 26.7\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 561 | 4.1\% |
| US Info | 9 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1095 | 45.3\% | 1,095 | 7.9\% |
| Canadian | 13 | 1,136 | 12.2\% | 62 | 2.9\% | 6 | 0.2\% | 1,204 | 8.7\% |
| Grand Total | 165 | 9,286 |  | 2,104 |  | 2,416 |  | 13,806 |  |

Table 4. Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Gender

|  | CS |  | CE |  | 1 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 7,983 | 88.3\% | 1,856 | 88.2\% | 1,993 | 82.5\% | 11,832 | 87.3\% |
| Female | 1,057 | 11.7\% | 248 | 11.8\% | 422 | 17.5\% | 1,727 | 12.7\% |
| Total Known Gender | 9,040 |  | 2,104 |  | 2,415 |  | 13,559 |  |
| Gender Unknown | 246 |  | 0 |  | 1 |  | 247 |  |
| Grand Total | 9,286 |  | 2,104 |  | 2,416 |  | 13,806 |  |

Table 5. Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Ethnicity

|  | CS |  | CE |  | I |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nonresident Alien | 524 | 7.0\% | 179 | 10.0\% | 78 | 3.6\% | 781 | 6.8\% |
| Amer Indian or Alaska | 39 | 0.5\% | 8 | 0.4\% | 16 | 0.7\% | 63 | 0.5\% |
| Asian | 1,115 | 14.8\% | 337 | 18.8\% | 302 | 13.9\% | 1,754 | 15.3\% |
| Black or African-American | 274 | 3.6\% | 106 | 5.9\% | 151 | 6.9\% | 531 | 4.6\% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pac Islander | 22 | 0.3\% | 7 | 0.4\% | 8 | 0.4\% | 37 | 0.3\% |
| White | 5026 | 66.9\% | 981 | 54.7\% | 1432 | 65.8\% | 7,439 | 64.8\% |
| Multiracial, not Hispanic | 104 | 1.4\% | 28 | 1.6\% | 3 | 0.1\% | 135 | 1.2\% |
| Hispanic, any race | 409 | 5.4\% | 146 | 8.1\% | 187 | 8.6\% | 742 | 6.5\% |
| Total Residency \& Ethnicity Known | 7,513 |  | 1,792 |  | 2,177 |  | 11,482 |  |
| Resident, ethnicity unknown | 741 |  | 200 |  | 99 |  | 1,040 |  |
| Residency unknown | 1032 |  | 112 |  | 140 |  | 1,284 |  |
| Grand Total | 9,286 |  | 2,104 |  | 2,416 |  | 13,806 |  |

Table 6. Total Bachelor's Enrollment by Department Type

|  | CS |  |  |  | CE |  |  |  | I |  |  |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Department Type | Major | Premajor | \# Depts | Avg. <br> Major per Dept. | Major | Premajor | Total | Avg. <br> Major per Dept. | Major | Premajor | Total | Avg. <br> Major per Dept. | Major | Avg. <br> Major per Dept |
| US CS Public | 29,163 | 5747 | 98 | 297.6 | 5398 | 987 | 33 | 163.6 | 3875 | 299 | 22 | 176.1 | 38,436 | 388.2 |
| US CS Private | 7852 | 248 | 34 | 230.9 | 725 | 9 | 9 | 80.6 | 248 | 0 | 5 | 49.6 | 8,825 | 259.6 |
| US CS Total | 37,015 | 5995 | 132 | 280.4 | 6123 | 996 | 42 | 145.8 | 5814 | 299 | 27 | 215.3 | 48,952 | 368.1 |
| US CE | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1603 | 235 | 9 | 178.1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 1,603 | 160.3 |
| US <br> Information | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 3063 | 838 | 8 | 382.9 | 3,063 | 340.3 |
| Canadian | 6744 | 340 | 13 | 518.8 | 274 | 0 | 3 | 91.3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0.0 | 7,018 | 539.8 |
| Grand Total | 43,759 | 6,335 | 145 | 301.8 | 8,000 | 1,231 | 54 | 148.1 | 8,877 | 1,137 | 35 | 253.6 | 60,636 | 367.5 |

## Master's Degree Production and Enrollments

Master's degree production in CS was flat in 2010-11 after accounting for the decreased number of departments reporting. However, master's degree production increased sharply in CE and I departments, resulting in an overall increase in production of 5 percent even with fewer departments reporting overall.

The proportion of female graduates among master's recipients increased from 27.2 percent in 2009-10 to 29.5 percent in 2010-11. In computer science, the increase was from 21.0 percent to 24.6 percent. A higher fraction of the master's recipients were Black, Hispanic or Asian this year as compared with last year, while there was a somewhat smaller proportion of Whites and Nonresident Aliens receiving master's degrees this year.

The number of new master's students in CS programs this year is similar to last year on a per department basis, though there is an increase in new master's students among CE and I programs. A larger proportion of new master's students are from outside of North America this year as compared with last year ( 56.2 percent vs. 51.2 percent last year).

Table 7. Master's Degrees Awarded by Department Type

| Department <br> Type | \# Depts | CS |  | CE |  | 1 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| US CS Public | 109 | 4,030 | 61.0\% | 526 | 44.5\% | 521 | 23.6\% | 5,077 | 50.8\% |
| US CS Private | 40 | 2,054 | 31.1\% | 137 | 11.6\% | 414 | 18.8\% | 2,605 | 26.1\% |
| Total US CS | 150 | 6,084 | 92.0\% | 663 | 56.0\% | 935 | 42.4\% | 7,682 | 76.8\% |
| US CE | 12 | 0 | 0.0\% | 428 | 36.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 428 | 4.3\% |
| US Info | 13 | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 1271 | 57.6\% | 1,271 | 12.7\% |
| Canadian | 18 | 527 | 8.0\% | 92 | 7.8\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 619 | 6.2\% |
| Grand Total | 192 | 6,611 |  | 1,183 |  | 2,206 |  | 10,000 |  |


| Table 8. Master's Degrees Awarded by Gender |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | CS |  | CE |  | 1 |  | Total |  |
| Male | 4,968 | 75.4\% | 920 | 77.8\% | 1150 | 52.2\% | 7,038 | 70.5\% |
| Female | 1,623 | 24.6\% | 262 | 22.2\% | 1054 | 47.8\% | 2,939 | 29.5\% |
| Total Known Gender | 6,591 |  | 1,182 |  | 2,204 |  | 9,977 |  |
| Gender Unknown | 20 |  | 1 |  | 2 |  | 23 |  |
| Grand Total | 6,611 |  | 1,183 |  | 2,206 |  | 10,000 |  |

Table 9. Master's Degrees Awarded by Ethnicity

|  | CS |  | CE |  | I |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nonresident Alien | 3,332 | 56.7\% | 776 | 72.6\% | 389 | 19.6\% | 4,497 | 50.4\% |
| Amer Indian or Alaska Native | 12 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 12 | 0.6\% | 24 | 0.3\% |
| Asian | 753 | 12.8\% | 108 | 10.1\% | 245 | 12.3\% | 1,106 | 12.4\% |
| Black or African-American | 96 | 1.6\% | 13 | 1.2\% | 123 | 6.2\% | 232 | 2.6\% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pac Island | 19 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 6 | 0.3\% | 25 | 0.3\% |
| White | 1533 | 26.1\% | 142 | 13.3\% | 1113 | 56.1\% | 2,788 | 31.2\% |
| Multiracial, not Hispanic | 8 | 0.1\% | 4 | 0.4\% | 4 | 0.2\% | 16 | 0.2\% |
| Hispanic, any race | 119 | 2.0\% | 26 | 2.4\% | 92 | 4.6\% | 237 | 2.7\% |
| Total Residency \& Ethnicity Known | 5,872 |  | 1,069 |  | 1,984 |  | 8,925 |  |
| Resident, ethnicity unknown | 320 |  | 88 |  | 205 |  | 613 |  |
| Residency unknown | 419 |  | 26 |  | 17 |  | 462 |  |
| Grand Total | 6,611 |  | 1,183 |  | 2,206 |  | 10,000 |  |

Table 10. Total Master's Enrollment by Department Type

| Department Type | CS |  |  | CE |  |  | I |  |  | Total |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Total | \# Depts | Avg / <br> Dept | Total |  | Avg / <br> Dept | Total \# | \# Dept | $\begin{aligned} & \hline \text { Avg / } \\ & \text { Dept } \end{aligned}$ | Total | \# Dept | Avg / <br> Dept |
| US CS Public | 8,048 | 98 | 82.1 | 895 | 22 | 40.7 | 1088 | 11 | 98.9 | 10,031 | 98 | 102.4 |
| US CS Private | 4,726 | 34 | 139.0 | 185 | 6 | 30.8 | 1495 | 4 | 373.8 | 6,406 | 34 | 188.4 |
| Total US CS | 12,774 | 132 | 96.8 | 1080 | 28 | 38.6 | 2583 | 15 | 172.2 | 16,437 | 132 | 124.5 |
| US CE | 0 | 0 |  | 950 | 9 | 105.6 | 0 | 0 |  | 950 | 9 | 105.6 |
| US Info | 0 | 0 |  | 0 | 0 |  | 2916 | 12 | 243.0 | 2,916 | 12 | 243.0 |
| Canadian | 1,114 | 12 | 92.8 | 98 | 2 | 49.0 | 0 | 0 |  | 1,212 | 12 | 101.0 |
| Grand Total | 13,888 | 144 | 96.4 | 2,128 | 39 | 54.6 | 5,499 | 27 | 203.7 | 21,515 | 165 | 130.4 |

## Ph.D. Degree Production, Enrollments and Employment

Total Ph.D. production in computing programs held steady in 2010-11, with 1,782 degrees granted. However, if only departments reporting both years are considered, the number of total doctoral degrees increased by 5.2 percent. Overall Ph.D. production in U.S. CS departments was down slightly ( 1,457 vs. 1,501 in 2009-10) but was steady among U.S. CS departments reporting both years ( 1,422 vs 1,419 in 2009-10). Ph.D. production was up about 22 percent among both CE departments and Canadian departments that reported both years. A similar fraction of this year's computer science doctoral graduates were women (18.4 percent vs. 18.8 percent in 2009-10), a smaller fraction of this year's I school graduates were women ( 32.5 percent vs 40.2 percent in 2009-10), and a larger fraction of CE graduates were women ( 22.1 percent vs. 15.4 percent in 2009-10). A smaller fraction of this year's graduates were White (34.3 percent vs. 36.7 percent in 2009-10). This change was largest at I schools, where there was a 7 percent smaller fraction of Whites and a 7 percent larger fraction of Non-resident Aliens, a reverse of what was experienced last year, but this may reflect differences in the reporting departments.

Figure 3. Total Ph.D. Production (CS \& CE, US and Canada)


The number of new Ph.D. students overall is about 5 percent less than last year (2,812 this year vs. 2,962 last year), but among departments that reported both years, the total is similar to last year (2,715 per department this year vs. 2,712 last year). The number of new students in Canadian programs that reported both years increased 17.4 percent, however. The overall proportion of new doctoral students from outside North America, 56.3 percent, is similar to last year's 56.8 percent, but the proportion of students from outside North America in U.S. CS departments rose from 56.1 percent last year to 57.2 percent this year. Total enrollment in computer science doctoral programs is comparable to that of last year, after accounting for the decreased number of departments
reporting this year, although total enrollment in both CE departments and I-school departments increased on a per department basis.

Artificial intelligence, software engineering, and networking continue to be the most popular areas of specialization for doctoral graduates, though this year software engineering replaced networking as the number two area behind Al. Theory and algorithms, databases, and graphics/visualization remained the next three most popular areas.

Only 7.1 percent of the 2010-11 graduates went into tenure-track positions at North American Ph.D.-granting departments, down from 8.2 percent the previous year and 10.4 percent two years ago. However, the fraction of new doctoral graduates who went into positions as researchers at these departments increased from 3.4 percent to 5.1 percent. Also, the fraction of new graduates who went to non-doctoral-granting North American computing departments increased from 2.4 percent last year to 3.6 percent this year. This year, 47.2 percent of doctoral graduates went into industry, compared with 44.7 percent of 2009-10 graduates. The 2010-11 level of 47.2 percent was about the same as that of 2008-09. The fraction of Ph.D. graduates who took postdoctoral positions at North American Ph.D.-granting departments dropped from 19.5 percent to 16.8 percent. The proportion of new doctoral graduates who were not employed increased slightly, from 1.1 percent last year to 1.6 percent this year. Note that all these percentages are of those whose employment was known rather than of the total graduates for the year. The number of graduates whose employment was reported as "unknown" was $20 \%$ this year compared to $15 \%$ last year and $19 \%$ the previous year.

Table 11. PhD Production and Pipeline by Department Type

| Department Type | \# Depts | PhDs Awarded |  | PhDs Next Year |  | Passed Qualifier |  | Passed Thesis (if dept has) |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  | \# | Avg/ Dept | \# | Avg/ <br> Dept | \# | Avg/ Dept | \# | \# Dept | Avg/ <br> Dept |
| US CS Public | 104 | 1,062 | 10.2 | 1,260 | 12.1 | 1,367 | 13.1 | 899 | 87 | 10.3 |
| US CS Private | 36 | 395 | 11.0 | 426 | 11.8 | 360 | 10.0 | 278 | 26 | 10.7 |
| US CS Total | 140 | 1,457 | 10.4 | 1,686 | 12.0 | 1,727 | 12.3 | 1,177 | 113 | 10.4 |
| US CE | 12 | 80 | 6.7 | 55 | 4.6 | 89 | 7.4 | 58 | 9 | 6.4 |
| US Info | 13 | 80 | 6.2 | 86 | 6.6 | 95 | 7.3 | 55 | 10 | 5.5 |
| Canadian | 13 | 165 | 12.7 | 110 | 8.5 | 173 | 13.3 | 171 | 12 | 14.3 |
| Grand Total | 178 | 1,782 | 10.0 | 1,937 | 10.9 | 2,084 | 11.7 | 1,461 | 144 | 10.1 |

Table 12. PhDs Awarded by Gender

|  | CS |  | CE |  | 1 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Male | 1,154 | 81.6\% | 159 | 77.9\% | 81 | 67.5\% | 1,394 | 80.2\% |
| Female | 261 | 18.4\% | 45 | 22.1\% | 39 | 32.5\% | 345 | 19.8\% |
| Total Known Gender | 1,415 |  | 204 |  | 120 |  | 1,739 |  |
| Gender Unknown | 41 |  | 1 |  | 1 |  | 43 |  |
| Grand Total | 1,456 |  | 205 |  | 121 |  | 1,782 |  |


|  | CS |  | CE |  | 1 |  | Total |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Nonresident Alien | 634 | 48.1\% | 130 | 67.4\% | 44 | 37.0\% | 808 | 49.6\% |
| Amer Indian or Alaska Native | 2 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 2 | 1.7\% | 4 | 0.2\% |
| Asian | 171 | 13.0\% | 16 | 8.3\% | 14 | 11.8\% | 201 | 12.3\% |
| Black or African-American | 16 | 1.2\% | 1 | 0.5\% | 6 | 5.0\% | 23 | 1.4\% |
| Native Hawaiian/Pac Islander | 4 | 0.3\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 4 | 0.2\% |
| White | 465 | 35.3\% | 42 | 21.8\% | 52 | 43.7\% | 559 | 34.3\% |
| Multiracial, not Hispanic | 3 | 0.2\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 0 | 0.0\% | 3 | 0.2\% |
| Hispanic, any race | 22 | 1.7\% | 4 | 2.1\% | 1 | 0.8\% | 27 | 1.7\% |
| Total Residency \& Ethnicity Known | 1,317 |  | 193 |  | 119 |  | 1,629 |  |
| Resident, ethnicity unknown | 43 |  | 4 |  | 2 |  | 49 |  |
| Residency unknown | 96 |  | 8 |  | 0 |  | 104 |  |
| Grand Total | 1,456 |  | 205 |  | 121 |  | 1,782 |  |


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| North American PhD Granting Depts． |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tenure－track | 14 | 1 | 5 | 6 | 2 | 10 |  | 2 | 5 | 9 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 102 | 7．1\％ |
| Researcher | 6 | 1 | 4 | 6 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 2 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | 17 | 73 | 5．1\％ |
| Postdoc | 38 | 1 | 12 | 17 | 4 | 12 | 0 | 20 | 7 | 5 | 2 | 12 | 7 | 7 | 14 | 6 | 3 | 10 | 30 | 34 | 241 | 16．8\％ |
| Teaching Faculty | 2 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 28 | 2．0\％ |
| North American， Other Academic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Other CS／CE／I Dept． <br> Non－CS／CE／I Dept | 3 | 0 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 5 | 6 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 18 | 52 | 3．6\％ |
| North American， Non－Academic |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Industry | 64 | 2 | 49 | 46 | 41 | 24 | 20 | 17 | 40 | 5 | 6 | 67 | 29 | 22 | 25 | 6 | 12 | 86 | 32 | 83 | 676 | 47．2\％ |
| Government | 7 | 0 | 5 | 2 | 6 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 8 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 5 | 60 | 4．2\％ |
| Self－Employed | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 13 | 0．9\％ |
| Unemployed | 2 | 0 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 23 | 1．6\％ |
| Other | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 7 | 0．5\％ |
| Total Inside North America |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|  | 138 | 6 | 83 | 80 | 57 | 54 | 32 | 53 | 67 | 22 | 23 | 106 | 44 | 35 | 48 | 20 | 26 | 118 | 85 | 178 | 1，275 | 89．0\％ |


| Table 14. Employment of New PhD Recipients By Specialty (Continued) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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## Concluding Observations

The near-term health of computing programs continues to be strong overall, with continued increases in undergraduate enrollments, and steady or increased graduate enrollments. Though a smaller fraction of doctoral graduates took tenure-track and postdoctoral positions at North American Ph.D.-granting departments, increased positions in industry and as academic researchers compensated for this. These changes are consistent with economic improvement, but as they are only one-year changes they should be viewed with caution. It is hoped that the severalyear increase in undergraduate computing enrollments also will result in a greater number of faculty openings at both doctoral granting programs and non-doctoral granting programs.

## Participating Schools

U.S. CS Public (105 departments): Arizona State, Auburn, City University of New York, Graduate Center, Clemson, College of William \& Mary, Colorado School of Mines, Colorado State, Florida International, George Mason, Georgia Tech, Georgia State, Indiana , Iowa State, Kansas State, Kent State, LSU, Michigan State, Michigan Technological, Mississippi State, Montana State, Naval Postgraduate School, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New Mexico State, North Carolina State, North Dakota State, Ohio State, Ohio, Old Dominion, Oregon State, Penn State, Portland State, Purdue, Rutgers, Southern Illinois Carbondale, Stony Brook (SUNY), Texas A\&M, Texas Tech, the Universities at Albany and Buffalo (SUNY); Universities of Alabama (Birmingham and Tuscaloosa), Arizona, Arkansas at Little Rock, California (Berkeley, Davis, Irvine, Los Angeles, Riverside, San Diego, Santa Barbara, and Santa Cruz, Central Florida, Cincinnati, Colorado (Boulder), Connecticut, Delaware, Florida, Georgia, Houston, Idaho, Illinois (Chicago and UrbanaChampaign), lowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana at Lafayette, Maryland, Maryland Baltimore County, Massachusetts ( Amherst, Boston), Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri (Columbia), Nebraska (Omaha, Lincoln), Nevada (Las Vegas, Reno), New Hampshire, New Mexico, North Carolina (Chapel Hill, Charlotte), North Texas, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pittsburgh, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Florida, Tennessee (Knoxville), Texas (Arlington, Austin, Dallas), Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin (Madison), and Wyoming; Virginia Commonwealth, Virginia Tech, Washington State, Wayne State, Western Michgan, and Wright State.
U.S. CS Private ( $\mathbf{3 7}$ departments): Boston University, Brown University, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, DePaul, Drexel, Duke, Florida Institute of Technology, Harvard, Illinois Institute of Technology, Johns Hopkins, Lehigh, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, New York, Northeastern, Northwestern, Pace, Polytechnic, Princeton, Rensselaer, Rice, Rochester Institute of Technology, Stanford, Stevens Institute of Technology, Toyota Technological Institute, Tufts; the Universities of Chicago, Notre Dame, Pennsylvania, Rochester, and Tulsa; Washington University in St. Louis, Worcester Polytechnic Institute, and Yale.
U.S. Computer Engineering (13 departments): Boston University, Florida Institute of Technology, Mississippi State, North Carolina State, Northeastern, Ohio State, Santa Clara; Universities of California (Santa Cruz), Illinois (Urbana Champaign), Iowa, New Mexico, and Southern California; Virginia Tech.
U.S. Information Programs (16 departments): Cornell, Drexel, Indiana, Penn State, Syracuse, University at Albany (SUNY); Universities of California (Berkeley, Irvine, Los Angeles, Santa Cruz), Maryland Baltimore County, Michigan, North Carolina (Chapel Hill), Pittsburgh, Texas (Austin), and Washington.

Canadian (13 departments): Concordia, McGill, Memorial University of Newfoundland, Simon Fraser ; Universities of British Columbia, Calgary, Manitoba, Ottawa, Saskatchewan, Toronto, Waterloo, and Western Ontario; York.

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    ${ }^{2}$ Information (I) programs included here are Information Science, Information Systems, Information Technology, Informatics, and related disciplines with a strong computing component. Surveys were sent to CRA members, the CRA Deans group members, and participants in the iSchools Caucus ( www.ischools.org ) who met the criteria of granting Ph.D.s and being located in North America.

