

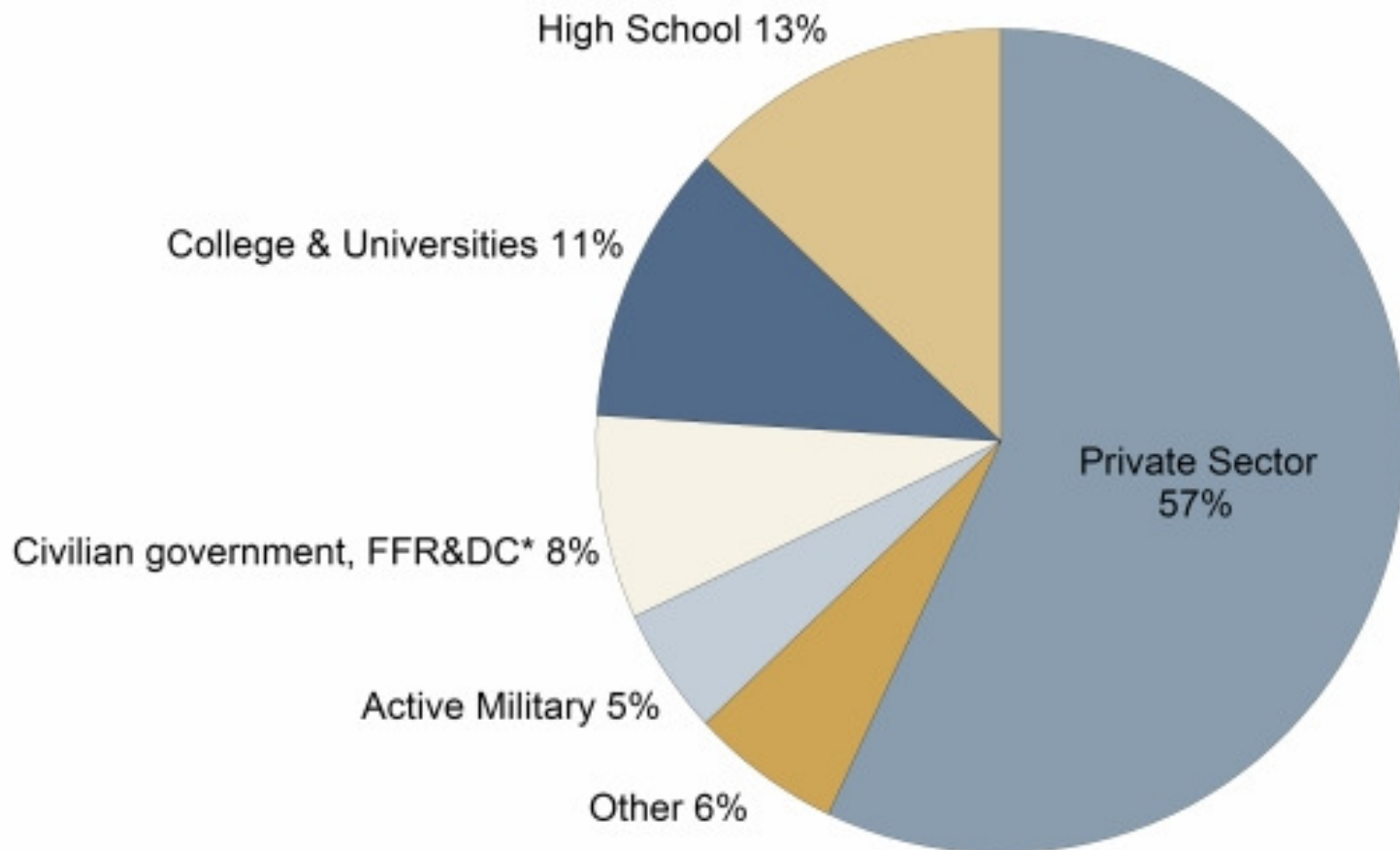
# *Why Study Physics?*

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- More diverse job opportunities
  - R&D, Software, Education, Law, Medicine,
  - Management, Sales, Marketing, Communications
- Low unemployment
- Good pay
- Challenging & fun!

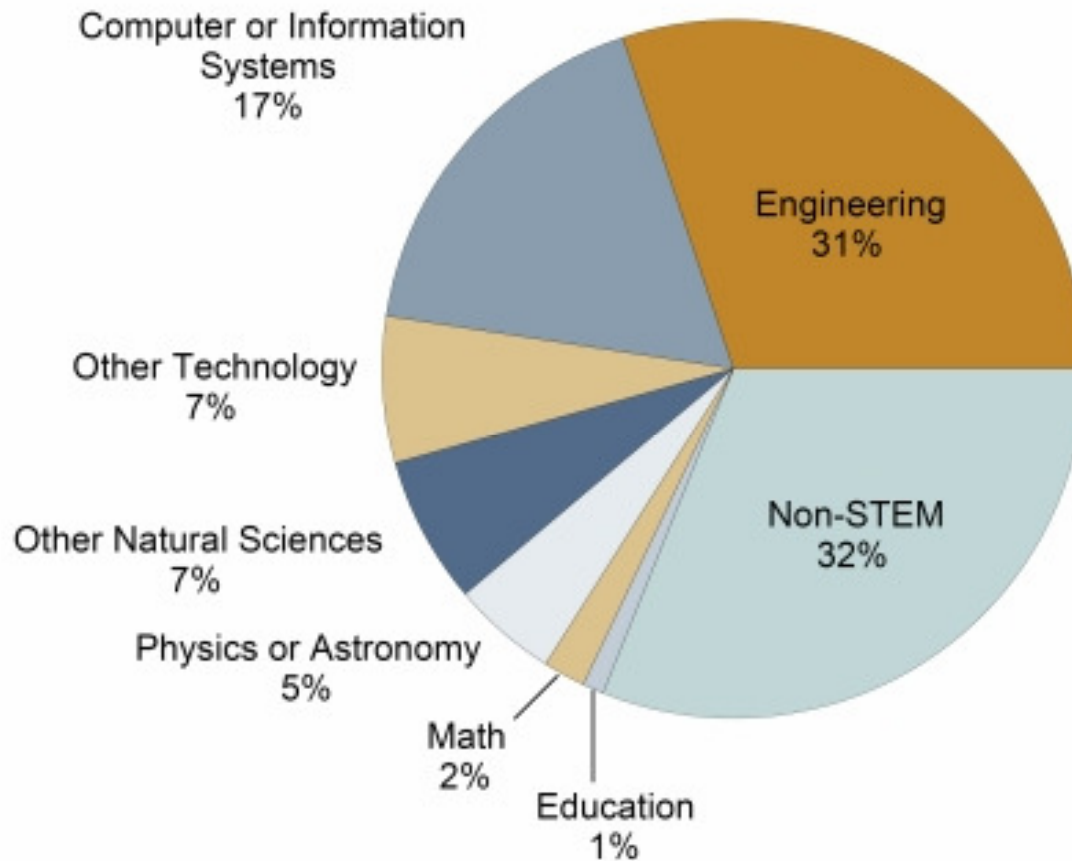
## Initial Employment Sectors of Physics Bachelor's, Classes of 2005 & 2006



\* FFR&DC: Federally Funded Research & Development Center

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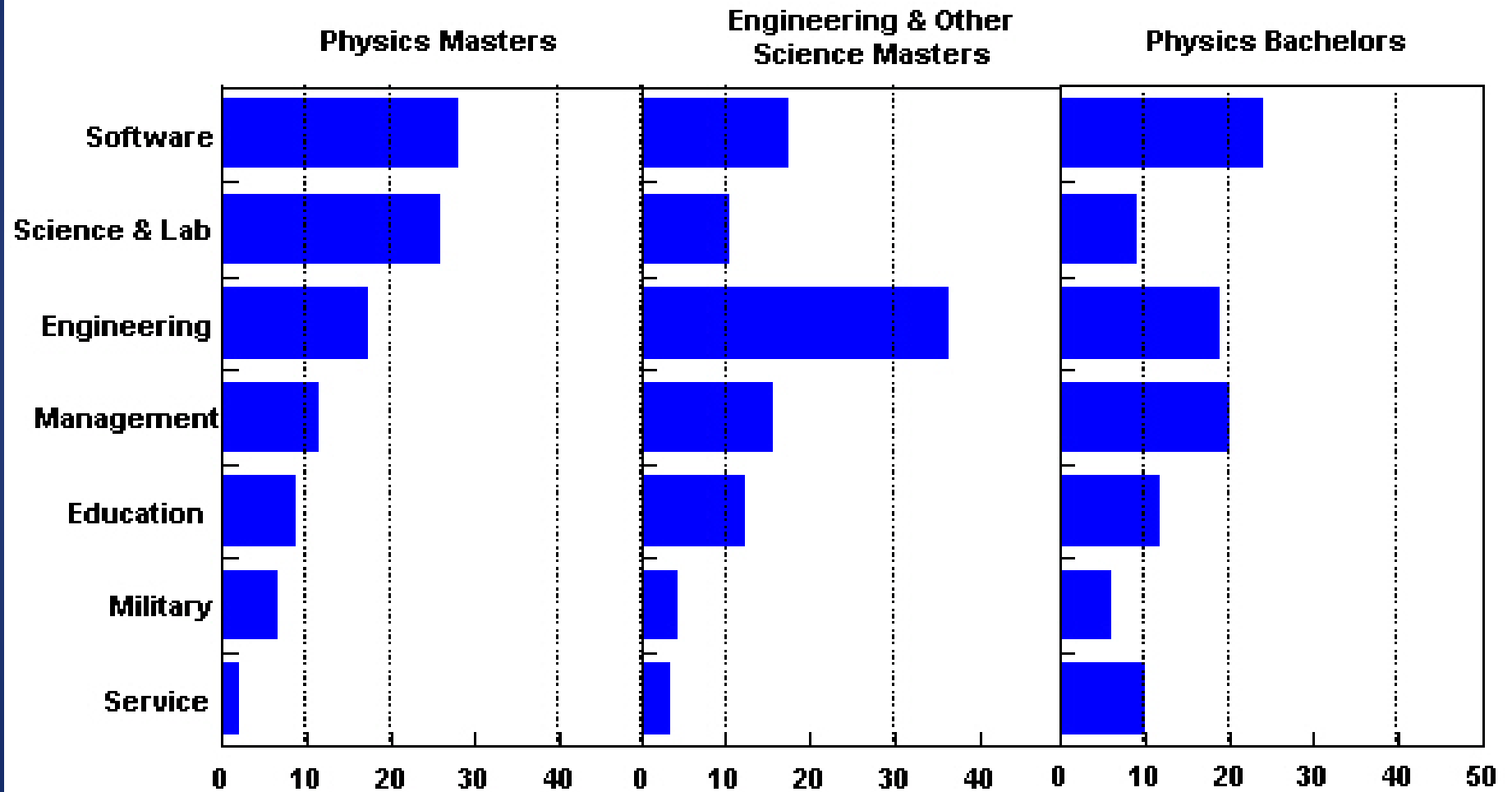
## Field of Employment for Physics Bachelors in the Private Sector, Classes of 2005 and 2006



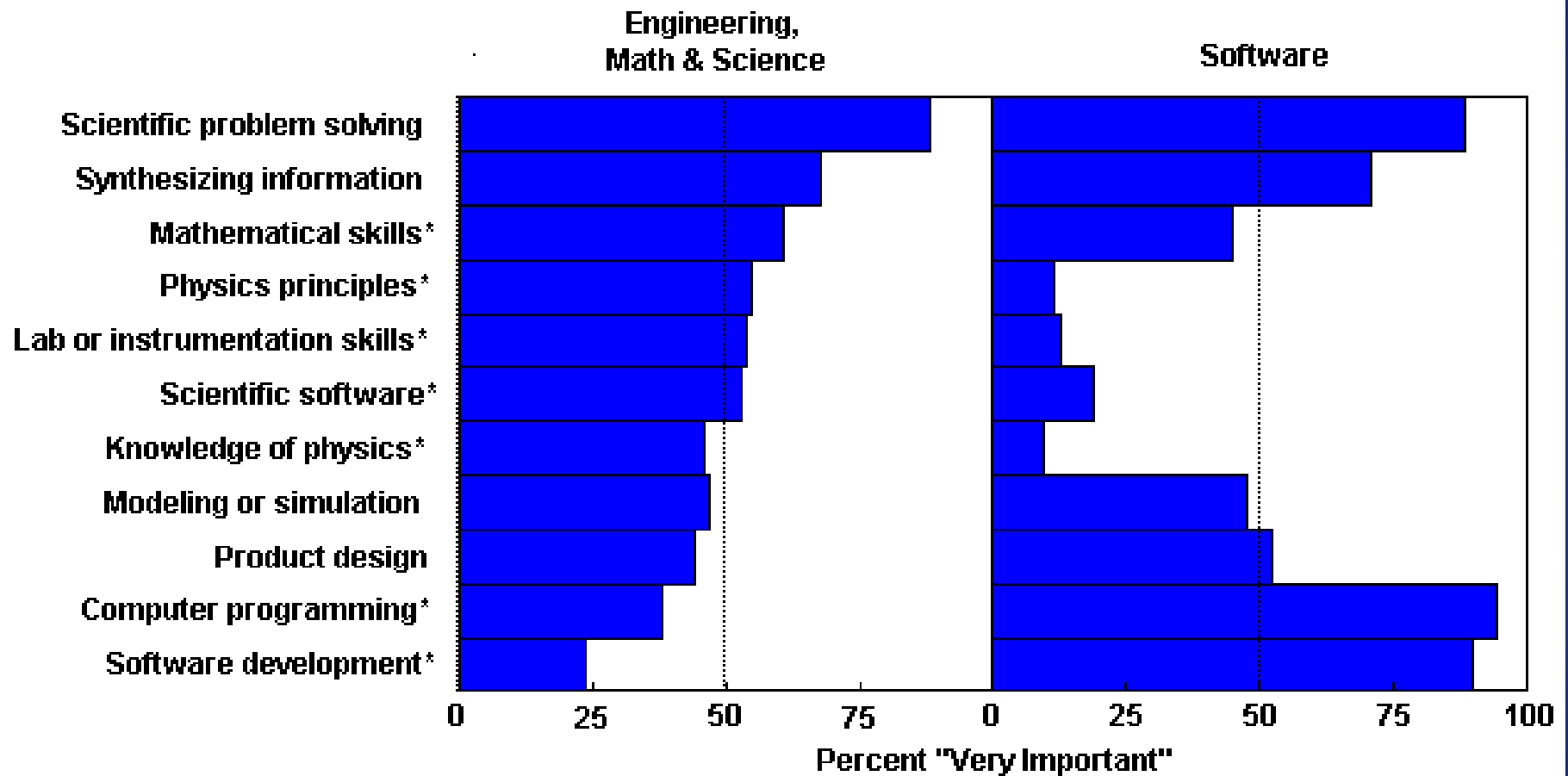
STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math

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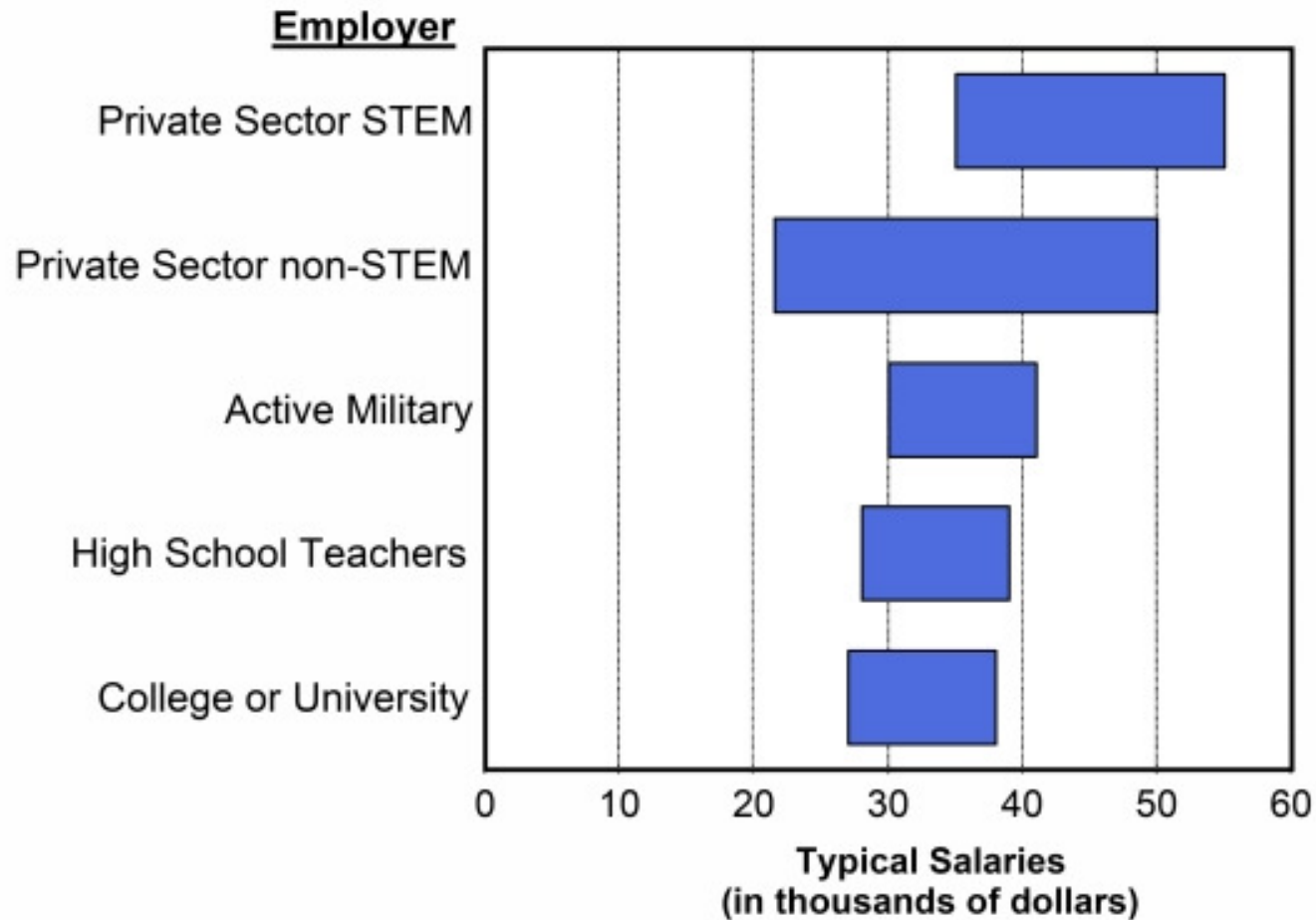
## Type of Degree



## Primary Field of Employment



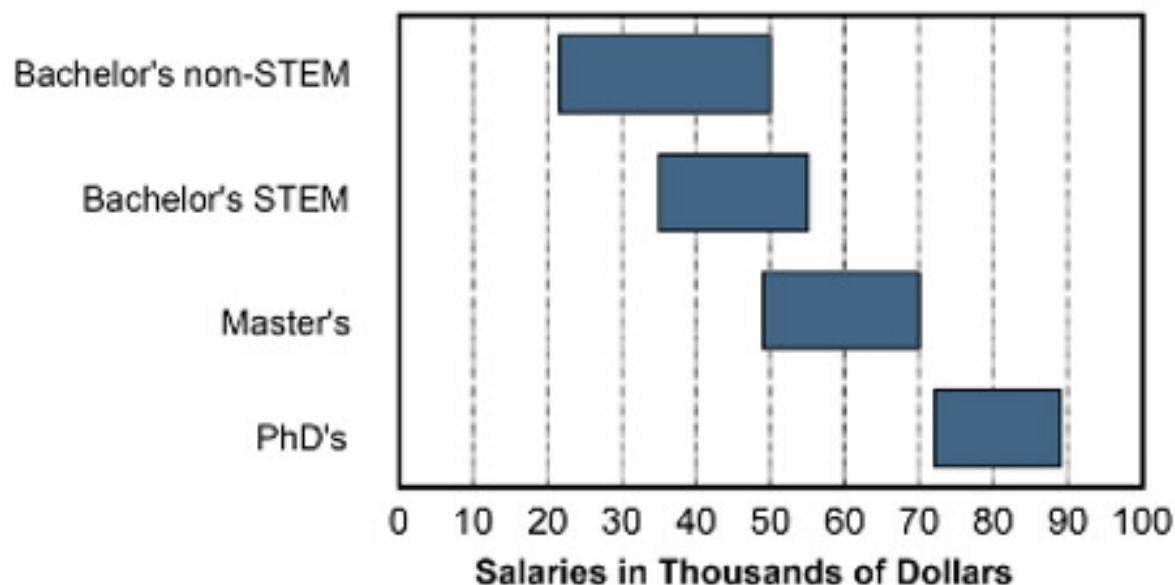
## Typical Starting Salaries for Physics Bachelor's Classes of 2005 & 2006



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**Figure 3. Starting salaries for physics degree recipients in the private sector, classes of 2005 & 2006.**



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**Figure 17. Percent of bachelor's, master's and doctorates in physics earned by women, 1973-2005.**



Note: A form change occurred in 1994 resulting in a more accurate representation of women among physics bachelors. Some of the increase in 1994 only, may be a result of that change.

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