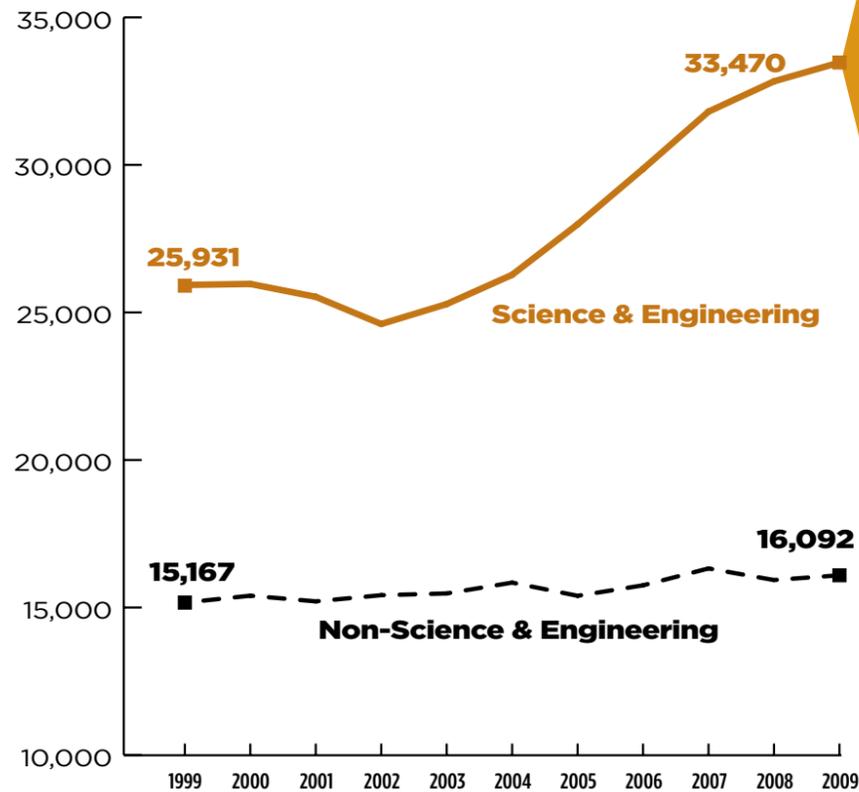


STEM DOCTORATES SURGE

The National Science Foundation reports that two thirds of all research doctorates awarded by U.S. academic institutions were in science and engineering in 2009. This represents a 29.1 percent increase since 1999. Non-science and engineering doctorates rose by 6.1 percent during this period. The NSF and ASEE databases both registered over 40 percent growth in engineering doctorates since 1999.



SOURCE: NSF/NIH/USED/NEH/USDA/NASA, 2009 Survey of Earned Doctorates



DOCTORAL DEGREES BY ENGINEERING DISCIPLINE IN 2009: 9,083*



* 2009 ASEE survey of engineering colleges
Data source: American Society for Engineering Education