

Glossary:Professionals group

Statistics Explained

The **professionals group** (International standard classification of occupations [ISCO-08](#) major group 2) includes occupations whose main tasks require a high level of professional knowledge and experience in the fields of physical and life sciences, or social sciences and humanities. The main tasks consist of increasing the existing stock of knowledge, applying scientific and artistic concepts and theories to the solution of problems, and teaching about the foregoing in a systematic manner or any combination of these activities. Most occupations in this major group require skills at the fourth ISCO-08 skill level, usually obtained as a result of tertiary education [ISCED 97](#) level 5 or 6, [ISCED 2011](#) level 5 to 8.

Given this definition, all people working in ISCO-08 major group 2 can be considered [human resources in science and technology \(HRST\)](#) .

Related concepts

- [Human resources in science and technology \(HRST\)](#)
- [International standard classification of education \(ISCED 97\)](#)
- [International standard classification of education \(ISCED 2011\)](#)
- [International standard classification of occupations \(ISCO-08\)](#)
- [Scientists and engineers](#)

Statistical data

- [Human resources in science and technology](#)

Source

- OECD/Eurostat, "The measurement of scientific and technological activities; manual on the measurement of human resources devoted to S&T; Canberra Manual", OECD, Paris, 1995 - [pdf](#)