Job Prospects in Statistics
Statistics is Sexy

• Hal Varian, Google’s chief economist, recently was interviewed by McKinsey Quarterly, and was quoted (see www.mckinseyquarterly.com/Strategy/Innovation/):

• “I keep saying the sexy job in the next ten years will be statisticians. People think I’m joking, but who would’ve guessed that computer engineers would’ve been the sexy job of the 1990s? The ability to take data—to be able to understand it, to process it, to extract value from it, to visualize it, to communicate it—that’s going to be a hugely important skill in the next decades, not only at the professional level but even at the educational level for elementary school kids, for high school kids, for college kids. Because now we really do have essentially free and ubiquitous data. So the complimentary scarce factor is the ability to understand that data and extract value from it.”
Unemployment of New Statistics PhDs

Year

Percent Unemployed

- Stat PhDs First Report
- Stat Dept PhDs First Report
- Stat PhDs Second Report
- Stat Dept PhDs Second Report