

TABLE 7. Sex and disability status of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	Sex		Disability status	
		Male	Female	With disability	Without disability
All fields	1,128,000	487,000	641,000	49,000	1,079,000
Science	808,000	353,000	455,000	38,000	771,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	71,000	102,000	6,000	167,000
Agricultural/food sciences	14,000	6,000	8,000	S	13,000
Biological sciences	147,000	59,000	89,000	6,000	142,000
Environmental life sciences	12,000	6,000	6,000	D	12,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	69,000	16,000	5,000	79,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	18,000	14,000	1,000	32,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	23,000	19,000	2,000	40,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	22,000	11,000	12,000	1,000	21,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	9,000	5,000	5,000	*	9,000
Physics	10,000	7,000	3,000	*	10,000
Psychology	184,000	46,000	137,000	9,000	174,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	126,000	166,000	14,000	279,000
Economics	48,000	31,000	17,000	2,000	46,000
Political and related sciences	98,000	47,000	51,000	5,000	93,000
Sociology/anthropology	87,000	25,000	62,000	4,000	84,000
Other social sciences	59,000	23,000	36,000	3,000	56,000
Engineering	126,000	104,000	22,000	5,000	121,000
Chemical	8,000	6,000	2,000	*	8,000
Civil/architectural	19,000	15,000	4,000	1,000	18,000
Electrical/computer	37,000	32,000	5,000	1,000	36,000
Industrial	6,000	4,000	2,000	*	6,000
Mechanical	30,000	28,000	3,000	1,000	29,000
Other	26,000	19,000	7,000	1,000	25,000
Health	194,000	30,000	164,000	7,000	187,000

* = value < 500. D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

^a Other physical sciences are included in earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Estimates may differ from degree counts published elsewhere. The survey asks degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, or lifting 10 pounds. Respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Estimates are from survey of college graduates who received bachelor's or master's degrees in science, engineering, or health fields in 2006 and 2007 academic years.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2008.