

TABLE 8. Sex and disability status of recent graduates with master'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	309,000	132,000	177,000	13,000	295,000
Science	146,000	66,000	80,000	5,000	141,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	10,000	12,000	1,000	21,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	1,000
Biological sciences	18,000	8,000	10,000	1,000	17,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	2,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	22,000	8,000	1,000	29,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	5,000	4,000	*	9,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	7,000	4,000	*	11,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	3,000	1,000	*	4,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	4,000	2,000	1,000	D	3,000
Physics	3,000	3,000	1,000	D	3,000
Psychology	41,000	8,000	33,000	2,000	39,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	15,000	19,000	1,000	33,000
Economics	5,000	3,000	2,000	*	5,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	6,000	6,000	*	12,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	2,000	4,000	*	6,000
Other social sciences	10,000	4,000	6,000	*	10,000
Engineering	58,000	45,000	14,000	2,000	56,000
Chemical	2,000	1,000	1,000	*	2,000
Civil/architectural	7,000	5,000	2,000	*	6,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	18,000	4,000	1,000	21,000
Industrial	4,000	3,000	1,000	*	3,000
Mechanical	8,000	7,000	1,000	*	8,000
Other	16,000	12,000	5,000	1,000	15,000
Health	105,000	21,000	84,000	6,000	99,000

* = value < 500; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^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.