

TABLE 9. Race/ethnicity of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree and sex: October 2008

Major field	All graduates ^a	Asian		American Indian or Alaska Native, black or African American, and Hispanic ^b		White	
		Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
All fields	1,128,000	69,000	72,000	68,000	111,000	325,000	426,000
Science	808,000	47,000	54,000	50,000	81,000	239,000	293,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	13,000	18,000	8,000	12,000	47,000	66,000
Agricultural/food sciences	14,000	*	*	*	1,000	6,000	7,000
Biological sciences	147,000	13,000	17,000	7,000	11,000	36,000	55,000
Environmental life sciences	12,000	*	1,000	*	1,000	6,000	5,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	11,000	3,000	10,000	4,000	46,000	8,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	3,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	12,000	10,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	17,000	13,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	22,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	7,000	7,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^c	9,000	*	*	*	*	4,000	4,000
Physics	10,000	1,000	*	1,000	*	6,000	2,000
Psychology	184,000	4,000	10,000	8,000	26,000	33,000	94,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	13,000	20,000	20,000	34,000	84,000	101,000
Economics	48,000	7,000	6,000	4,000	2,000	18,000	8,000
Political and related sciences	98,000	3,000	6,000	7,000	9,000	35,000	33,000
Sociology/anthropology	87,000	1,000	5,000	6,000	16,000	15,000	37,000
Other social sciences	59,000	2,000	3,000	4,000	8,000	16,000	23,000
Engineering	126,000	20,000	6,000	13,000	4,000	65,000	11,000
Chemical	8,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	*	4,000	1,000
Civil/architectural	19,000	2,000	*	2,000	1,000	11,000	3,000
Electrical/computer	37,000	9,000	2,000	4,000	1,000	16,000	1,000
Industrial	6,000	1,000	*	1,000	1,000	2,000	1,000
Mechanical	30,000	3,000	*	4,000	1,000	19,000	1,000
Other	26,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	12,000	4,000
Health	194,000	2,000	13,000	5,000	25,000	21,000	121,000

* = value < 500.

^a Includes non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and non-Hispanics reporting two or more races, not shown separately.

^b Detail for American Indian or Alaska Native, black or African American, and Hispanic can be found in table 11.

^c 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. American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, and white are single race; Hispanic can be of any race. 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; estimates may differ from degree counts published elsewhere.

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