

TABLE 14. Age of recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	< 25 years	25–29 years	30–34 years	35–75 years
All fields	309,000	7,000	153,000	71,000	77,000
Science	146,000	3,000	72,000	35,000	35,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	1,000	11,000	6,000	3,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	D	1,000	*	*
Biological sciences	18,000	1,000	10,000	5,000	2,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	D	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	1,000	14,000	6,000	9,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	*	4,000	3,000	2,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	D	6,000	3,000	2,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	D	2,000	1,000	*
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences <sup>a</sup>	4,000	D	2,000	1,000	1,000
Physics/astronomy	3,000	D	2,000	1,000	*
Psychology	41,000	*	20,000	8,000	12,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	1,000	16,000	9,000	8,000
Economics	5,000	*	3,000	1,000	1,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	*	6,000	4,000	2,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	*	3,000	1,000	1,000
Other social sciences	10,000	D	4,000	3,000	3,000
Engineering	58,000	3,000	36,000	13,000	7,000
Chemical	2,000	*	1,000	*	*
Civil/architectural	7,000	*	4,000	1,000	1,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	1,000	14,000	4,000	2,000
Industrial	4,000	*	2,000	1,000	*
Mechanical	8,000	*	6,000	2,000	1,000
Other	16,000	1,000	9,000	4,000	2,000
Health	105,000	1,000	44,000	23,000	35,000

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

<sup>a</sup> 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 are from sample 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 presented elsewhere.

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