

TABLE 17. Undergraduate GPA of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	Undergraduate GPA		
		< 2.75	2.75–3.24	≥ 3.25
All fields	1,128,000	98,000	339,000	690,000
Science	808,000	76,000	247,000	485,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	13,000	51,000	109,000
Agricultural/food sciences	14,000	1,000	5,000	7,000
Biological sciences	147,000	11,000	42,000	94,000
Environmental life sciences	12,000	1,000	3,000	8,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	7,000	32,000	45,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	3,000	7,000	22,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	4,000	12,000	26,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	22,000	2,000	6,000	15,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences <sup>a</sup>	9,000	1,000	4,000	5,000
Physics/astronomy	10,000	1,000	2,000	7,000
Psychology	184,000	21,000	50,000	113,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	27,000	95,000	170,000
Economics	48,000	4,000	18,000	26,000
Political and related sciences	98,000	8,000	30,000	61,000
Sociology/anthropology	87,000	10,000	30,000	47,000
Other social sciences	59,000	5,000	18,000	36,000
Engineering	126,000	14,000	44,000	67,000
Chemical	8,000	1,000	2,000	6,000
Civil/architectural	19,000	3,000	8,000	9,000
Electrical/computer	37,000	3,000	11,000	22,000
Industrial	6,000	1,000	2,000	3,000
Mechanical	30,000	4,000	12,000	14,000
Other	26,000	3,000	9,000	14,000
Health	194,000	8,000	48,000	138,000

GPA = grade point average.

<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 and because small number of graduates reporting that their undergraduate courses were ungraded is included in total but not shown separately. 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 published elsewhere.

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