

TABLE 18. Undergraduate GPA of recent graduates with master'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	309,000	15,000	57,000	235,000
Science	146,000	8,000	29,000	108,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	1,000	5,000	15,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	D	*	1,000
Biological sciences	18,000	1,000	5,000	13,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	D	*	2,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	3,000	6,000	21,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	*	2,000	7,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	*	2,000	8,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	*	1,000	3,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	4,000	D	1,000	3,000
Physics/astronomy	3,000	D	1,000	2,000
Psychology	41,000	2,000	8,000	30,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	1,000	6,000	26,000
Economics	5,000	*	1,000	4,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	1,000	2,000	9,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	*	1,000	5,000
Other social sciences	10,000	1,000	2,000	8,000
Engineering	58,000	3,000	11,000	44,000
Chemical	2,000	*	*	2,000
Civil/architectural	7,000	*	1,000	5,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	1,000	4,000	16,000
Industrial	4,000	*	1,000	3,000
Mechanical	8,000	*	1,000	6,000
Other	16,000	1,000	3,000	12,000
Health	105,000	4,000	17,000	83,000

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

GPA = grade point average.

^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 and because small number of graduates reporting that their undergraduate courses were ungraded is included in the 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.