

TABLE 19. Community college attendance and associate's degree receipt among recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

| Major field | All graduates | Attended community college (%) | Earned associate's degree (%) |
|---|---------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| All fields | 1,128,000 | 52.2 | 16.2 |
| Science | 808,000 | 49.1 | 14.5 |
| Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences | 173,000 | 50.0 | 9.7 |
| Agricultural/food sciences | 14,000 | 60.1 | 17.9 |
| Biological sciences | 147,000 | 49.7 | 8.6 |
| Environmental life sciences | 12,000 | 42.5 | 13.5 |
| Computer and information sciences | 85,000 | 51.2 | 28.4 |
| Mathematics and statistics | 33,000 | 43.5 | 14.4 |
| Physical and related sciences | 41,000 | 35.9 | 6.3 |
| Chemistry, except biochemistry | 22,000 | 33.8 | 5.2 |
| Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a | 9,000 | 43.5 | 8.9 |
| Physics/astronomy | 10,000 | 33.4 | 6.5 |
| Psychology | 184,000 | 52.0 | 15.5 |
| Social and related sciences | 292,000 | 48.8 | 13.7 |
| Economics | 48,000 | 39.0 | 9.1 |
| Political and related sciences | 98,000 | 46.8 | 9.4 |
| Sociology/anthropology | 87,000 | 52.8 | 15.0 |
| Other social sciences | 59,000 | 54.0 | 22.8 |
| Engineering | 126,000 | 44.4 | 8.1 |
| Chemical | 8,000 | 46.3 | 6.7 |
| Civil/architectural | 19,000 | 42.2 | 6.6 |
| Electrical/computer | 37,000 | 43.5 | 7.7 |
| Industrial | 6,000 | 44.7 | 10.0 |
| Mechanical | 30,000 | 46.5 | 12.4 |
| Other | 26,000 | 44.0 | 4.7 |
| Health | 194,000 | 70.3 | 28.8 |

^a Other physical sciences are included in earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest 1,000. Percentages are based on unrounded numbers and are rounded to nearest 0.1%. 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 published elsewhere.

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