

TABLE 20. Community college attendance and associate's degree receipt among recent graduates with master'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	309,000	43.0	14.6
Science	146,000	39.6	12.3
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	39.8	7.5
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	39.5	D
Biological sciences	18,000	37.4	6.4
Environmental life sciences	2,000	57.9	D
Computer and information sciences	30,000	41.0	13.6
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	30.6	9.5
Physical and related sciences	11,000	24.0	5.2
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	17.4	9.5
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	4,000	40.4	S
Physics/astronomy	3,000	14.3	D
Psychology	41,000	48.6	18.4
Social and related sciences	34,000	34.8	9.8
Economics	5,000	18.8	5.4
Political and related sciences	12,000	33.1	4.9
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	40.8	12.5
Other social sciences	10,000	41.9	16.4
Engineering	58,000	25.0	6.2
Chemical	2,000	17.6	11.4
Civil/architectural	7,000	34.1	8.3
Electrical/computer	22,000	21.6	5.1
Industrial	4,000	17.6	6.1
Mechanical	8,000	20.9	8.3
Other	16,000	30.2	5.3
Health	105,000	57.6	22.6

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

^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.