

TABLE 27. College enrollment since graduation among recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	Taken additional college courses since most recent degree ^a	Enrollment status on 1 October 2008		
			Full-time student	Part-time student	Not enrolled
All fields	1,128,000	368,000	268,000	69,000	792,000
Science	808,000	287,000	219,000	43,000	546,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	86,000	74,000	5,000	94,000
Agricultural/food sciences	14,000	4,000	4,000	*	10,000
Biological sciences	147,000	78,000	68,000	4,000	75,000
Environmental life sciences	12,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	9,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	13,000	7,000	5,000	73,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	11,000	8,000	2,000	22,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	21,000	18,000	2,000	21,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	22,000	13,000	11,000	2,000	10,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^b	9,000	3,000	3,000	*	6,000
Physics/astronomy	10,000	5,000	5,000	*	5,000
Psychology	184,000	71,000	54,000	11,000	119,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	85,000	58,000	19,000	216,000
Economics	48,000	12,000	8,000	2,000	38,000
Political and related sciences	98,000	31,000	23,000	7,000	68,000
Sociology/anthropology	87,000	24,000	15,000	6,000	67,000
Other social sciences	59,000	18,000	12,000	4,000	43,000
Engineering	126,000	34,000	21,000	9,000	96,000
Chemical	8,000	2,000	2,000	*	6,000
Civil/architectural	19,000	4,000	3,000	1,000	15,000
Electrical/computer	37,000	11,000	5,000	3,000	28,000
Industrial	6,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	5,000
Mechanical	30,000	7,000	4,000	2,000	24,000
Other	26,000	9,000	7,000	1,000	17,000
Health	194,000	47,000	27,000	16,000	151,000

* = value < 500.

^a Most recent degree prior to survey reference date, 1 October 2008.

^b 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 published elsewhere.

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