

TABLE 28. College enrollment since graduation among recent graduates with master'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	309,000	67,000	53,000	9,000	247,000
Science	146,000	44,000	35,000	5,000	105,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	8,000	7,000	1,000	14,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	1,000
Biological sciences	18,000	6,000	6,000	*	12,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	1,000	*	D	2,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	5,000	3,000	1,000	25,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	3,000	3,000	*	6,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	5,000	5,000	*	6,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	2,000	2,000	D	2,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^b	4,000	1,000	1,000	D	2,000
Physics/astronomy	3,000	2,000	2,000	D	1,000
Psychology	41,000	11,000	8,000	2,000	31,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	11,000	9,000	1,000	23,000
Economics	5,000	2,000	2,000	*	3,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	3,000	3,000	*	9,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	3,000	2,000	*	3,000
Other social sciences	10,000	3,000	2,000	*	8,000
Engineering	58,000	14,000	12,000	2,000	45,000
Chemical	2,000	1,000	1,000	*	1,000
Civil/architectural	7,000	1,000	1,000	D	6,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	5,000	4,000	1,000	18,000
Industrial	4,000	1,000	1,000	*	3,000
Mechanical	8,000	2,000	2,000	*	5,000
Other	16,000	5,000	4,000	1,000	11,000
Health	105,000	9,000	6,000	2,000	97,000

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

^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 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.