

TABLE 30. Full-time or part-time status of employed recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	Employed		
		Total	Principal job only ^a	
			Full time	Part time
All fields	309,000	280,000	235,000	46,000
Science	146,000	129,000	106,000	22,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	18,000	16,000	2,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	1,000	1,000	D
Biological sciences	18,000	15,000	13,000	2,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	2,000	2,000	*
Computer and information sciences	30,000	28,000	26,000	2,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	8,000	6,000	2,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	10,000	8,000	1,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	3,000	3,000	*
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^b	4,000	3,000	3,000	*
Physics/astronomy	3,000	3,000	2,000	1,000
Psychology	41,000	36,000	29,000	7,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	28,000	20,000	8,000
Economics	5,000	5,000	3,000	2,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	10,000	8,000	2,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	5,000	3,000	2,000
Other social sciences	10,000	9,000	6,000	3,000
Engineering	58,000	54,000	48,000	6,000
Chemical	2,000	2,000	2,000	*
Civil/architectural	7,000	6,000	6,000	1,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	20,000	18,000	2,000
Industrial	4,000	3,000	3,000	*
Mechanical	8,000	7,000	6,000	1,000
Other	16,000	15,000	13,000	2,000
Health	105,000	98,000	80,000	17,000

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

^a Status is based on number of hours usually worked during typical week on principal job. Employed graduates who worked 35 or more hours per week on principal job are classified as full time, and all other employed graduates are classified as part time.

^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.