

TABLE 31. Labor force status of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree and sex: October 2008

Major field and sex	All graduates	In labor force			Not in labor force
		Total	Employed	Unemployed ^a	
All fields	1,128,000	992,000	939,000	53,000	136,000
Science	808,000	693,000	647,000	46,000	115,000
Male	353,000	304,000	286,000	18,000	50,000
Female	455,000	389,000	361,000	28,000	65,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	124,000	115,000	9,000	49,000
Male	71,000	49,000	46,000	3,000	22,000
Female	102,000	75,000	69,000	6,000	27,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	82,000	79,000	3,000	3,000
Male	69,000	67,000	66,000	D	S
Female	16,000	14,000	13,000	2,000	2,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	31,000	29,000	1,000	2,000
Male	18,000	17,000	16,000	1,000	1,000
Female	14,000	14,000	13,000	*	1,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	35,000	33,000	2,000	7,000
Male	23,000	20,000	19,000	1,000	3,000
Female	19,000	15,000	15,000	1,000	4,000
Psychology	184,000	161,000	147,000	15,000	22,000
Male	46,000	40,000	35,000	5,000	7,000
Female	137,000	122,000	111,000	10,000	16,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	260,000	244,000	16,000	32,000
Male	126,000	111,000	104,000	7,000	15,000
Female	166,000	150,000	140,000	9,000	17,000
Engineering	126,000	118,000	114,000	4,000	8,000
Male	104,000	98,000	95,000	3,000	6,000
Female	22,000	20,000	19,000	1,000	3,000
Health	194,000	181,000	177,000	4,000	13,000
Male	30,000	27,000	26,000	1,000	3,000
Female	164,000	154,000	152,000	3,000	10,000

* = value < 500. D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

^a The unemployed are those who were not working on 1 October 2008 and who were seeking work or who were on layoff from job.

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.