

TABLE 32. Labor force status of recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree and sex: October 2008

Major field	All graduates	In labor force			Not in labor force
		Total	Employed	Unemployed ^a	
All fields	309,000	288,000	280,000	8,000	21,000
Science	146,000	134,000	129,000	5,000	12,000
Male	66,000	62,000	61,000	2,000	4,000
Female	80,000	72,000	68,000	4,000	8,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	19,000	18,000	1,000	3,000
Male	10,000	9,000	9,000	D	1,000
Female	12,000	10,000	10,000	*	2,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	28,000	28,000	S	1,000
Male	22,000	21,000	21,000	D	1,000
Female	8,000	7,000	7,000	*	*
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	9,000	8,000	*	1,000
Male	5,000	5,000	5,000	D	*
Female	4,000	4,000	4,000	D	*
Physical and related sciences	11,000	10,000	10,000	*	1,000
Male	7,000	7,000	7,000	D	*
Female	4,000	3,000	3,000	*	*
Psychology	41,000	38,000	36,000	2,000	3,000
Male	8,000	7,000	7,000	D	*
Female	33,000	31,000	29,000	2,000	2,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	30,000	28,000	2,000	4,000
Male	15,000	13,000	13,000	1,000	1,000
Female	19,000	16,000	15,000	1,000	2,000
Engineering	58,000	54,000	54,000	1,000	4,000
Male	45,000	42,000	41,000	1,000	3,000
Female	14,000	12,000	12,000	*	1,000
Health	105,000	99,000	98,000	1,000	5,000
Male	21,000	19,000	19,000	*	1,000
Female	84,000	80,000	79,000	1,000	4,000

* = 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.