

TABLE 33. Labor force status of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree and race/ethnicity: October 2008

Major field and race/ethnicity	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
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
Asian	102,000	78,000	72,000	6,000	24,000
Black or African American	56,000	49,000	44,000	5,000	7,000
Hispanic	74,000	65,000	59,000	6,000	9,000
White	532,000	463,000	436,000	27,000	69,000
Other	43,000	38,000	35,000	2,000	5,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	124,000	115,000	9,000	49,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	D	D	D	D
Asian	31,000	18,000	17,000	S	13,000
Black or African American	9,000	6,000	6,000	D	3,000
Hispanic	11,000	8,000	7,000	1,000	3,000
White	113,000	85,000	79,000	5,000	28,000
Other	9,000	6,000	6,000	D	3,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	82,000	79,000	3,000	3,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	14,000	13,000	12,000	D	D
Black or African American	7,000	7,000	6,000	*	D
Hispanic	7,000	7,000	7,000	D	D
White	54,000	53,000	51,000	1,000	1,000
Other	2,000	2,000	2,000	D	D
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	31,000	29,000	1,000	2,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	5,000	4,000	4,000	D	1,000
Black or African American	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
Hispanic	2,000	2,000	2,000	D	D
White	23,000	22,000	21,000	1,000	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
Physical and related sciences	41,000	35,000	33,000	2,000	7,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	D	D
Asian	5,000	3,000	3,000	*	1,000
Black or African American	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	*
Hispanic	3,000	3,000	2,000	*	*
White	30,000	26,000	25,000	1,000	4,000
Other	2,000	2,000	2,000	*	*
Psychology	184,000	161,000	147,000	15,000	22,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	14,000	11,000	10,000	1,000	2,000
Black or African American	15,000	13,000	12,000	1,000	2,000
Hispanic	19,000	17,000	14,000	2,000	2,000
White	127,000	111,000	102,000	9,000	16,000
Other	9,000	9,000	8,000	D	D
Social and related sciences	292,000	260,000	244,000	16,000	32,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	33,000	28,000	26,000	2,000	6,000
Black or African American	22,000	20,000	18,000	2,000	2,000
Hispanic	32,000	28,000	27,000	2,000	4,000
White	185,000	166,000	156,000	9,000	19,000
Other	20,000	18,000	16,000	2,000	2,000

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		Total	Employed	Unemployed ^a	
Engineering	126,000	118,000	114,000	4,000	8,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	D	D
Asian	25,000	22,000	21,000	1,000	3,000
Black or African American	5,000	5,000	5,000	*	*
Hispanic	12,000	12,000	11,000	S	*
White	76,000	72,000	71,000	1,000	4,000
Other	7,000	7,000	7,000	D	*
Health	194,000	181,000	177,000	4,000	13,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	15,000	12,000	12,000	D	3,000
Black or African American	17,000	16,000	16,000	D	D
Hispanic	12,000	12,000	12,000	D	D
White	142,000	133,000	131,000	3,000	9,000
Other	7,000	6,000	6,000	D	D

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

^a 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. American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, and white are single race; Hispanic can be of any race. Other race/ethnicity category includes non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and non-Hispanic individuals reporting two or more races. Estimates are from 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.