

TABLE 34. Labor force status of recent graduates with master'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	309,000	288,000	280,000	8,000	21,000
Science	146,000	134,000	129,000	5,000	12,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	D	D
Asian	38,000	33,000	31,000	2,000	5,000
Black or African American	10,000	9,000	9,000	1,000	1,000
Hispanic	9,000	8,000	8,000	*	1,000
White	82,000	77,000	75,000	2,000	6,000
Other	6,000	6,000	6,000	*	*
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	19,000	18,000	1,000	3,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	6,000	4,000	4,000	D	1,000
Black or African American	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	*
Hispanic	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	*
White	13,000	12,000	12,000	D	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
Computer and information sciences	30,000	28,000	28,000	S	1,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	15,000	14,000	14,000	D	D
Black or African American	2,000	2,000	2,000	*	*
Hispanic	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
White	11,000	10,000	10,000	D	D
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	D
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	9,000	8,000	*	1,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	4,000	4,000	3,000	D	*
Black or African American	*	*	*	D	D
Hispanic	1,000	*	*	D	D
White	4,000	4,000	4,000	D	*
Other	*	*	*	D	D
Physical and related sciences	11,000	10,000	10,000	*	1,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	3,000	2,000	2,000	D	*
Black or African American	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	*
Hispanic	*	*	*	D	*
White	7,000	6,000	6,000	D	*
Other	*	*	*	D	D
Psychology	41,000	38,000	36,000	2,000	3,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	4,000	3,000	3,000	D	1,000
Black or African American	4,000	3,000	3,000	D	D
Hispanic	3,000	3,000	3,000	*	*
White	28,000	26,000	25,000	1,000	2,000
Other	3,000	3,000	3,000	D	D
Social and related sciences	34,000	30,000	28,000	2,000	4,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	D	D
Asian	7,000	6,000	5,000	1,000	1,000
Black or African American	2,000	2,000	2,000	*	*
Hispanic	3,000	2,000	2,000	*	*
White	20,000	18,000	17,000	1,000	2,000
Other	2,000	2,000	1,000	*	D

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Major field and race/ethnicity	All graduates	In labor force			Not in labor force
		Total	Employed	Unemployed ^a	
Engineering	58,000	54,000	54,000	1,000	4,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	*	D	D
Asian	28,000	26,000	26,000	*	2,000
Black or African American	2,000	2,000	2,000	*	*
Hispanic	3,000	3,000	3,000	*	*
White	23,000	22,000	22,000	*	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	*
Health	105,000	99,000	98,000	1,000	5,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	10,000	8,000	7,000	D	2,000
Black or African American	8,000	8,000	8,000	*	D
Hispanic	6,000	6,000	6,000	D	D
White	75,000	72,000	72,000	D	3,000
Other	5,000	5,000	5,000	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.