

TABLE 39. Primary work activity of employed recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	Primary work activity					
	All employed	Computer applications	Management, sales, or administration	Research and development	Teaching	Other
All fields	939,000	65,000	296,000	178,000	99,000	301,000
Science	647,000	51,000	237,000	115,000	84,000	161,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	115,000	1,000	33,000	33,000	13,000	35,000
Agricultural/food sciences	12,000	D	5,000	3,000	1,000	4,000
Biological sciences	93,000	1,000	24,000	27,000	12,000	29,000
Environmental life sciences	11,000	D	4,000	4,000	S	2,000
Computer and information sciences	79,000	37,000	17,000	14,000	2,000	9,000
Mathematics and statistics	29,000	3,000	7,000	6,000	10,000	3,000
Physical and related sciences	33,000	1,000	6,000	14,000	6,000	7,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	17,000	D	2,000	8,000	2,000	4,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	8,000	*	2,000	3,000	2,000	1,000
Physics/astronomy	8,000	1,000	1,000	3,000	2,000	1,000
Psychology	147,000	1,000	58,000	17,000	24,000	47,000
Social and related sciences	244,000	7,000	117,000	31,000	29,000	61,000
Economics	42,000	2,000	25,000	6,000	2,000	8,000
Political and related sciences	79,000	2,000	37,000	12,000	8,000	20,000
Sociology/anthropology	75,000	2,000	34,000	7,000	10,000	21,000
Other social sciences	48,000	1,000	22,000	6,000	9,000	11,000
Engineering	114,000	13,000	29,000	55,000	3,000	13,000
Chemical	7,000	*	2,000	4,000	D	2,000
Civil/architectural	18,000	*	5,000	10,000	1,000	1,000
Electrical/computer	33,000	10,000	7,000	13,000	D	4,000
Industrial	5,000	*	2,000	2,000	D	1,000
Mechanical	29,000	2,000	8,000	16,000	1,000	2,000
Other	21,000	1,000	5,000	11,000	1,000	3,000
Health	177,000	D	29,000	8,000	12,000	127,000

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

^a 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. Primary work activity is defined as activity in which respondent worked most hours on principal job in typical work week. 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.