

TABLE A-25. Standard errors for primary or secondary reason for attending community college given by recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	Primary or secondary reason for attending community college										Other
	All graduates attending community college	Earn college credits while in high school	Complete an associate's degree	Prepare for college or increase chance of 4-year college acceptance	Earn credits for a bachelor's degree	Financial reasons	Gain further skills or knowledge in academic/occupational field	Facilitate change in academic/occupational field	Increase opportunities for promotion/advancement	Leisure or personal interest	
All fields	13,500	6,000	7,000	6,500	9,500	8,000	4,000	4,500	3,500	3,500	3,500
Science	10,500	5,000	4,500	5,500	7,500	6,500	3,500	3,500	3,000	3,500	3,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	4,000	2,500	1,500	2,000	3,500	3,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,500
Agricultural/food sciences	1,500	1,000	S	1,000	1,000	1,000	S	*	D	500	500
Biological sciences	4,000	2,500	1,500	2,000	3,500	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,500
Environmental life sciences	1,000	500	500	500	1,000	500	500	500	*	*	*
Computer and information sciences	3,000	1,500	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,000	2,000	1,500	1,000
Mathematics and statistics	1,500	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	*	500	500
Physical and related sciences	1,000	500	500	500	1,000	1,000	500	500	*	500	500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	1,000	500	500	500	1,000	500	500	D	D	500	500
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	500	500	*	500	500	500	*	*	*	*	*
Physics/astronomy	500	500	*	500	500	500	*	*	D	*	*
Psychology	4,500	2,500	2,000	2,500	3,500	3,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	1,500	2,000
Social and related sciences	6,000	3,000	2,500	3,500	4,000	4,000	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,000	1,500
Economics	2,000	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	500	500	500
Political and related sciences	3,000	2,000	1,500	2,000	2,500	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,000	1,500	1,000
Sociology/anthropology	3,000	1,500	1,500	2,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,500	1,000
Other social sciences	3,000	1,000	2,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000	S	1,000	1,000
Engineering	2,500	1,500	500	1,500	2,000	1,500	1,000	1,000	500	1,000	1,000
Chemical	500	500	*	500	500	500	*	D	D	*	D
Civil/architectural	1,000	500	*	500	1,000	500	500	D	D	500	500
Electrical/computer	1,500	1,000	D	1,000	1,500	1,000	1,000	500	D	1,000	S
Industrial	500	*	D	*	500	500	D	D	D	*	*
Mechanical	1,500	1,000	500	500	1,000	1,000	1,000	D	500	500	500
Other	1,000	500	*	500	1,000	500	500	500	*	500	500
Health	6,000	2,500	5,500	3,000	4,000	4,500	2,500	3,000	2,000	1,500	1,500

\* = standard error is not computed when value < 500. D = standard error is not computed when value is suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed; data cell not published.

NOTE: Standard errors for numbers are rounded up to nearest 500.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2008.