

Table B-16b. Standard errors for type of degree or certificate sought by 1999 and 2000 science and engineering master's degree recipients who have taken college courses since most recent degree, by major field of degree: April 2001

Major field of 1999-2000 S&E master's degree	Total	Took college courses between completing most recent degree and week of April 15, 2001				
		Total number	Type of degree or certificate sought			
			Ph.D. or prof. degree	Master's degree	Other degree or certificate	No degree or certificate
All science and engineering fields.....	5,036	2,542	2,013	597	705	902
Total science.....	5,051	2,578	1,922	561	694	810
Computer and information sciences.....	1,716	768	421	S	S	405
Life and related sciences, total.....	1,564	1,114	882	S	S	S
Agricultural and food sciences.....	410	S	S	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	1,422	1,065	843	S	S	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	375	S	S	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	527	313	297	S	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	525	403	376	S	S	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	393	244	214	S	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	224	164	157	S	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	282	235	218	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	3,531	1,429	1,035	S	533	472
Social and related sciences, total.....	1,306	867	723	S	S	320
Economics.....	537	356	343	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	699	435	S	S	S	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	568	363	344	S	S	S
Other social sciences.....	990	477	404	S	S	S
Total engineering.....	1,331	720	677	283	S	324
Aerospace and related engineering.....	150	112	79	S	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	210	134	115	S	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	521	238	S	S	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	982	458	381	S	S	S
Industrial engineering.....	268	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	406	238	230	S	S	S
Other engineering.....	650	324	230	S	S	S

KEY: S = Estimates with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2001