

**Table B-6a. Sources of financial support for 1999 and 2000 science and engineering master's degree recipients, by major field of degree: April 2001**

Major field of 1999-2000 S&E master's degree	Total	Sources of support for 1999-2000 S&E master's degree							
		Earnings from employment	Gifts from parents/relatives	Scholarships, grants, fellowships	Loans from college, bank, government	Assistantships, work study	Employer assistance	Loans from parents or relatives	Other sources
All science and engineering fields.....	160,100	78,600	49,600	81,700	55,700	73,200	38,800	7,000	4,200
Total science.....	115,300	59,000	36,100	58,700	47,000	52,000	24,500	5,000	3,200
Computer and information sciences.....	24,300	10,500	7,100	9,500	3,600	11,100	7,400	1,600	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	16,200	7,900	5,500	10,300	7,300	8,700	3,400	S	S
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,800	1,200	S	1,800	1,200	2,000	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	11,100	5,700	4,100	7,500	4,900	5,300	2,200	S	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry science.....	2,300	S	S	1,100	1,200	1,400	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	6,200	3,100	1,700	3,900	1,100	3,600	1,800	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	8,600	3,500	2,400	6,400	2,400	5,800	2,700	S	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,500	1,500	1,300	2,500	S	2,200	1,400	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,200	1,300	700	1,800	1,000	1,700	600	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	2,700	600	S	2,000	700	1,800	700	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	33,000	19,000	10,300	12,500	19,200	9,900	4,700	S	S
Social and related sciences, total.....	27,100	14,900	9,200	16,200	13,400	13,000	4,500	S	S
Economics.....	4,600	1,500	1,300	2,900	1,200	2,800	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,000	4,500	2,600	4,500	4,900	3,100	S	S	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	5,000	3,200	1,800	3,500	2,500	3,200	S	S	S
Other social sciences.....	9,500	5,800	3,500	5,400	4,800	3,800	1,700	S	S
Total engineering.....	44,800	19,600	13,500	23,000	8,800	21,200	14,300	2,000	1,000
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,200	500	S	700	S	700	500	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	700	500	1,400	600	1,300	600	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,300	3,300	2,000	3,300	1,400	2,600	1,600	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,400	7,500	5,500	8,100	3,200	7,700	5,000	S	S
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	1,400	1,100	1,500	S	1,500	1,100	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	6,100	2,100	1,900	3,500	1,000	3,200	2,000	S	S
Other engineering.....	9,500	4,200	2,200	4,500	1,800	4,100	3,500	S	S

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

**NOTES:** For the columns, details may not add to totals because of rounding. Respondents may have multiple sources of support. Therefore, details in the rows may sum to more than "Total." These estimates of 1999 and 2000 college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

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