

TABLE 16. Undergraduate grade point average of 2001 and 2002 S&E master's degree recipients, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	All recipients	Undergraduate GPA		
		Below 2.75	2.75 to 3.24	3.25 or higher
All fields	246,700	16,100	58,400	171,300
Sciences	117,000	7,400	29,400	79,300
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	1,600	5,800	9,400
Agricultural/food sciences	2,900	S	S	1,500
Biological sciences	12,100	1,100	4,000	7,000
Environmental life sciences	1,800	S	S	1,000
Computer and information sciences	27,200	S	5,800	20,100
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	S	1,000	4,700
Physical and related sciences	9,600	S	2,500	6,500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,800	S	S	2,800
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	2,600	S	1,000	1,400
Physics/astronomy	2,700	S	600	2,000
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S
Psychology	32,000	2,700	8,800	20,400
Social and related sciences	25,500	1,500	5,500	18,200
Economics	3,900	S	600	3,000
Political and related sciences	7,500	S	1,500	5,500
Sociology/anthropology	5,500	S	1,400	3,500
Other social sciences	8,700	S	1,900	6,200
Engineering	47,000	2,400	11,900	32,500
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,100	S	S	900
Chemical engineering	1,900	S	500	1,400
Civil/architectural engineering	6,000	S	1,800	3,800
Electrical/computer engineering	16,100	S	3,600	11,900
Industrial engineering	3,700	S	600	2,700
Materials/metallurgical engineering	1,900	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	6,000	S	1,400	4,400
Other engineering	10,300	S	3,400	6,000
Health	82,700	S	17,100	59,400

GPA = Grade point average.

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

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTES: Detail may not add to total because of rounding and because a small number of graduates reported that their undergraduate courses were ungraded and have been excluded. Estimates are from a sample survey of college graduates who received bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields in 2001 or 2002; estimates may differ from degree counts presented in other Science Resources Statistics publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2003.