

TABLE 18. Community college attendance and associate's degree receipt among 2001 and 2002 S&E master's degree recipients, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	All recipients	Attended community college		Earned associate's degree	
		Number	Percent	Number	Percent
All fields	246,700	110,300	45	37,200	15
Sciences	117,000	42,900	37	13,700	12
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	6,100	37	1,400	8
Agricultural/food sciences	2,900	1,300	44	S	S
Biological sciences	12,100	4,200	35	S	S
Environmental life sciences	1,800	S	S	S	S
Computer and information sciences	27,200	7,600	28	2,500	9
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	1,400	24	S	S
Physical and related sciences	9,600	3,500	37	700	7
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,800	1,100	28	S	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	2,600	1,400	53	S	S
Physics/astronomy	2,700	800	31	S	S
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	32,000	14,600	46	5,900	18
Social and related sciences	25,500	9,600	37	2,900	11
Economics	3,900	700	19	S	S
Political and related sciences	7,500	2,800	37	S	S
Sociology/anthropology	5,500	2,400	43	900	17
Other social sciences	8,700	3,600	42	S	S
Engineering	47,000	13,400	28	3,200	7
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,100	S	S	S	S
Chemical engineering	1,900	S	S	S	S
Civil/architectural engineering	6,000	1,800	30	S	S
Electrical/computer engineering	16,100	4,200	26	S	S
Industrial engineering	3,700	900	24	S	S
Materials/metallurgical engineering	1,900	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	6,000	1,300	22	S	S
Other engineering	10,300	4,300	42	S	S
Health	82,700	54,000	65	20,300	25

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. 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.

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