TABLE 20. Sources of financial support for 2001 and 2002 S&E master's degree recipients, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	All recipients	Assistant-ships, work study	Earnings from employment	Employer assistance	Gifts from parents/ relatives	Loans from college, bank, govern-ment	Loans from parents/ relatives	Scholar-ships, grants, fellowships	Other sources
All fields	246,700	88,400	124,900	59,500	89,700	102,000	11,700	121,800	4,200
Sciences	117,000	51,300	57,500	23,800	45,900	44,600	5,500	61,200	3,100
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	8,500	7,800	3,800	5,600	6,400	S	9,400	S
Agricultural/food sciences	2,900	1,800	1,600	S	S	S	S	1,800	S
Biological sciences	12,100	5,700	5,400	2,900	4,400	4,800	S	6,600	S
Environmental life sciences	1,800	1,000	S	S	S	S	S	1,000	S
Computer and information sciences	27,200	10,300	9,800	7,000	14,900	4,000	S	10,100	S
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	3,400	2,100	1,300	1,600	1,100	S	4,100	S
Physical and related sciences	9,600	5,900	3,600	2,200	2,000	2,100	S	6,900	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,800	2,300	1,000	S	S	900	S	2,700	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	2,600	1,400	1,600	S	S	800	S	1,700	S
Physics/astronomy	2,700	2,000	700	800	500	S	S	2,000	S
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	32,000	11,300	19,300	4,800	12,300	19,700	S	14,000	S
Social and related sciences	25,500	11,900	14,900	4,700	9,600	11,300	1,400	16,700	S
Economics	3,900	2,100	1,900	900	1,700	1,100	S	2,600	S
Political and related sciences	7,500	2,600	4,400	S	2,800	4,000	S	4,900	S
Sociology/anthropology	5,500	3,000	3,100	1,100	1,900	3,100	S	3,700	S
Other social sciences	8,700	4,200	5,500	1,600	3,300	3,100	S	5,500	S
Engineering	47,000	22,700	19,200	15,800	14,200	8,600	2,900	25,400	S
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,100	600	400	S	S	S	S	800	S
Chemical engineering	1,900	1,000	400	S	S	300	S	1,600	S
Civil/architectural engineering	6,000	3,000	2,200	1,500	2,000	1,300	S	3,600	S
Electrical/computer engineering	16,100	7,600	6,900	6,000	5,700	2,300	S	8,600	S
Industrial engineering	3,700	2,000	1,300	1,400	S	S	S	1,600	S
Materials/metallurgical engineering	1,900	S	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	6,000	3,500	2,600	1,600	1,700	1,200	S	3,300	S
Other engineering	10,300	4,100	4,900	4,300	2,400	2,100	S	4,700	S
Health	82,700	14,300	48,200	20,000	29,600	48,800	S	35,200	S

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. Numbers for sources of support sum to more than the total because of multiple responses. 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.