

TABLE 23. Amount owed for undergraduate loans by 2001 and 2002 S&E bachelor's degree recipients, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	All recipients	Did not owe	\$1—\$9,999	\$10,000—\$24,999	\$25,000 or more
All fields	937,700	400,400	165,300	255,800	116,300
Sciences	682,200	291,700	122,500	186,900	81,100
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	150,700	64,000	26,200	40,500	20,100
Agricultural/food sciences	13,500	6,200	2,600	3,500	S
Biological sciences	125,000	53,200	21,900	32,400	17,500
Environmental life sciences	12,200	4,600	1,800	4,700	S
Computer and information sciences	84,800	39,700	14,600	21,700	8,800
Mathematics and statistics	25,600	11,400	4,600	6,500	3,100
Physical and related sciences	35,700	16,100	6,900	8,900	4,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	19,800	9,600	3,900	4,300	2,100
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	6,600	2,300	1,100	2,200	1,000
Physics/astronomy	7,000	3,400	1,300	1,600	600
Other physical sciences	2,300	S	S	S	S
Psychology	153,000	67,800	25,700	41,100	18,400
Social and related sciences	232,300	92,800	44,500	68,200	26,800
Economics	42,100	20,900	8,100	9,200	3,900
Political and related sciences	69,100	25,400	12,700	21,600	9,300
Sociology/anthropology	74,000	26,200	13,000	24,900	9,900
Other social sciences	47,100	20,300	10,600	12,500	3,700
Engineering	112,300	56,200	18,200	27,300	10,600
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	3,100	1,300	500	800	500
Chemical engineering	10,600	5,800	1,500	2,600	700
Civil/architectural engineering	16,300	7,300	2,800	4,400	1,800
Electrical/computer engineering	35,800	18,700	5,900	7,500	3,600
Industrial engineering	6,600	3,400	1,200	1,400	500
Materials/metallurgical engineering	2,300	1,200	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	24,800	12,100	3,800	6,700	2,200
Other engineering	12,900	6,400	2,100	3,300	1,100
Health	143,300	52,400	24,700	41,600	24,600

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: The amount owed represents amount of outstanding debt respondent reported on reference date of the survey. 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.

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