

TABLE 24. Amount owed for undergraduate and graduate loans by 2001 and 2002 S&E master'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	246,700	149,500	28,400	29,800	39,100
Sciences	117,000	74,300	13,300	14,900	14,400
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	11,100	2,200	1,700	1,900
Agricultural/food sciences	2,900	2,100	S	S	S
Biological sciences	12,100	7,800	1,600	1,200	1,500
Environmental life sciences	1,800	1,200	S	S	S
Computer and information sciences	27,200	23,400	S	S	S
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	5,100	S	S	S
Physical and related sciences	9,600	7,600	600	900	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,800	3,000	S	S	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	2,600	1,800	S	S	S
Physics/astronomy	2,700	2,300	S	S	S
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	32,000	11,500	5,700	7,600	7,300
Social and related sciences	25,500	15,700	2,800	3,600	3,400
Economics	3,900	2,700	S	S	S
Political and related sciences	7,500	4,200	S	S	1,500
Sociology/anthropology	5,500	2,600	1,000	900	1,000
Other social sciences	8,700	6,100	S	1,500	S
Engineering	47,000	38,100	5,100	2,900	900
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,100	900	S	S	S
Chemical engineering	1,900	1,600	S	S	S
Civil/architectural engineering	6,000	4,600	1,000	S	S
Electrical/computer engineering	16,100	13,800	1,500	S	S
Industrial engineering	3,700	3,100	S	S	S
Materials/metallurgical engineering	1,900	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	6,000	4,700	S	S	S
Other engineering	10,300	7,900	S	S	S
Health	82,700	37,100	10,000	12,000	23,700

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.