TABLE 27. Likelihood of taking additional college courses among 2001 and 2002 S&E bachelor's degree recipients who have not taken college courses since their most recent degree, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	Total number not taking college courses since most recent degree[a]	Likelihood will take additional college courses		
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Very unlikely
All fields	519,500	303,400	163,700	52,400
Sciences	344,600	209,600	98,700	36,300
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	58,200	36,600	15,000	6,600
Agricultural/food sciences	8,400	2,800	3,600	1,900
Biological sciences	41,800	29,200	9,600	S
Environmental life sciences	8,000	4,600	1,800	S
Computer and information sciences	60,300	30,700	20,600	9,000
Mathematics and statistics	13,000	7,300	4,500	1,300
Physical and related sciences	13,500	7,300	4,800	1,400
Chemistry, except biochemistry	6,500	3,400	2,300	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	3,400	1,800	1,300	S
Physics/astronomy	2,000	1,400	500	S
Other physical sciences	1,600	S	S	S
Psychology	69,300	46,700	19,000	S
Social and related sciences	130,300	81,000	34,900	14,400
Economics	27,900	15,900	8,800	3,200
Political and related sciences	36,200	23,400	8,800	4,000
Sociology/anthropology	40,900	26,200	10,000	4,700
Other social sciences	25,400	15,500	7,300	2,600
Engineering	70,100	37,700	24,700	7,700
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,800	1,300	400	S
Chemical engineering	6,000	3,100	2,300	S
Civil/architectural engineering	11,800	4,100	5,500	2,300
Electrical/computer engineering	21,600	13,400	6,100	2,100
Industrial engineering	4,800	2,900	1,500	S
Materials/metallurgical engineering	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	15,500	8,800	5,700	S
Other engineering	7,600	3,700	3,000	S
Health	104,800	56,100	40,200	8,400

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.

[a] Most recent degree as of survey reference period, October 2003.

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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