

TABLE B-27. Standard errors for 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	Likelihood will take additional college courses		
		Very likely	Somewhat likely	Very unlikely
All fields	6,985	7,560	6,402	3,257
Sciences	5,894	4,990	3,902	2,209
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	3,032	2,405	1,914	987
Agricultural/food sciences	925	450	531	571
Biological sciences	2,821	2,235	1,741	S
Environmental life sciences	953	684	451	S
Computer and information sciences	2,182	1,927	2,026	1,090
Mathematics and statistics	741	580	499	281
Physical and related sciences	690	518	479	263
Chemistry, except biochemistry	528	384	354	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	584	368	257	S
Physics/astronomy	219	186	107	S
Other physical sciences	791	S	S	S
Psychology	2,938	2,771	2,109	S
Social and related sciences	3,016	2,918	2,168	1,389
Economics	1,243	993	788	509
Political and related sciences	1,624	1,663	1,120	750
Sociology/anthropology	1,980	1,792	1,316	976
Other social sciences	1,306	1,239	954	562
Engineering	1,710	1,540	1,149	750
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	149	159	75	S
Chemical engineering	363	337	256	S
Civil/architectural engineering	466	436	467	344
Electrical/computer engineering	1,106	1,034	654	439
Industrial engineering	222	254	193	S
Materials/metallurgical engineering	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	731	564	593	S
Other engineering	566	476	462	S
Health	4,505	5,397	4,814	1,973

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.

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