

TABLE A-21. Standard errors for timing of community college attendance among recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All graduates attending community college	Timing of community college attendance				
		Before high school graduation	After high school graduation, before 4-year college enrollment	While enrolled in 4-year college, before first bachelor's degree	After leaving 4-year college without earning first bachelor's degree	After earning first bachelor's degree
All fields	13,500	7,000	11,000	9,000	4,500	6,000
Science	10,500	6,000	8,000	8,000	3,500	4,500
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,500	2,000	2,500
Agricultural/food sciences	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	S	500
Biological sciences	4,000	3,000	3,000	3,500	1,500	2,500
Environmental life sciences	1,000	500	1,000	500	500	500
Computer and information sciences	3,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	1,500	1,000
Mathematics and statistics	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500
Physical and related sciences	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	1,000	500	500	500	500	500
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	500	500	500	500	*	500
Physics/astronomy	500	500	500	500	*	500
Psychology	4,500	3,000	3,500	3,500	2,000	2,500
Social and related sciences	6,000	3,500	5,000	4,000	2,500	2,500
Economics	2,000	1,500	1,500	1,500	500	1,000
Political and related sciences	3,000	2,500	2,000	2,500	1,500	1,500
Sociology/anthropology	3,000	2,000	2,500	2,500	1,000	2,000
Other social sciences	3,000	1,500	3,000	2,000	1,500	1,500
Engineering	2,500	1,500	2,000	2,000	1,000	1,000
Chemical	500	500	500	500	D	500
Civil/architectural	1,000	500	1,000	1,000	500	500
Electrical/computer	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,500	500	1,000
Industrial	500	*	500	500	D	D
Mechanical	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	500
Other	1,000	1,000	500	1,000	*	500
Health	6,000	3,500	7,000	3,500	3,000	3,500

* = standard error is not computed when value < 500. D = standard error is not computed when value is suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed; data cell not published.

NOTE: Standard errors for numbers are rounded up to nearest 500.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2008.