

TABLE A-22. Standard errors for timing of community college attendance among recent graduates with master'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	4,000	2,000	3,000	2,500	1,500	2,500
Science	2,500	1,000	1,500	1,500	1,000	2,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	1,000	500	500	1,000	*	500
Agricultural/food sciences	500	D	D	*	D	D
Biological sciences	1,000	500	500	500	*	500
Environmental life sciences	500	D	*	500	D	500
Computer and information sciences	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Mathematics and statistics	500	500	500	500	*	500
Physical and related sciences	500	500	500	500	*	500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	500	*	*	*	D	*
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	500	*	500	*	D	*
Physics/astronomy	*	D	D	*	D	*
Psychology	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Social and related sciences	1,000	500	500	500	500	1,000
Economics	500	*	*	*	D	*
Political and related sciences	500	500	500	500	*	500
Sociology/anthropology	500	500	500	500	*	500
Other social sciences	1,000	500	500	500	500	500
Engineering	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Chemical	*	*	*	*	D	*
Civil/architectural	500	500	500	500	*	*
Electrical/computer	1,000	1,000	500	500	*	500
Industrial	500	*	*	*	*	*
Mechanical	500	*	*	500	D	*
Other	500	500	500	500	*	500
Health	2,500	1,500	2,500	2,000	1,500	2,000

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

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.