

TABLE A-41. Standard errors for employment sector of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008

Major field	All employed	Sector		
		Educational institution	Government	Private industry and business
All fields	7,500	8,000	5,000	10,000
Science	7,000	7,000	4,000	8,500
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	3,500	3,000	2,000	4,000
Agricultural/food sciences	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,500
Biological sciences	3,500	3,000	2,000	4,000
Environmental life sciences	1,500	1,000	1,000	1,000
Computer and information sciences	2,000	2,000	1,500	3,000
Mathematics and statistics	1,000	1,500	500	1,500
Physical and related sciences	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	500	500	500	500
Physics	500	500	500	500
Psychology	4,000	4,000	2,000	4,000
Social and related sciences	4,500	3,500	3,500	5,500
Economics	2,000	1,000	1,000	2,000
Political and related sciences	2,500	2,000	2,000	3,000
Sociology/anthropology	2,500	2,500	2,000	3,000
Other social sciences	2,000	2,000	2,000	2,500
Engineering	1,500	1,500	1,500	2,000
Chemical	500	500	500	500
Civil/architectural	500	500	500	1,000
Electrical/computer	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500
Industrial	500	*	*	500
Mechanical	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Health	3,000	3,500	2,500	5,500

* = standard error is not computed when value < 500.

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.