

TABLE A-42. Standard errors for employment sector of recent graduates with master'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	2,500	3,000	2,000	4,000
Science	2,000	2,000	1,500	2,500
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Agricultural/food sciences	500	500	*	*
Biological sciences	1,000	1,000	500	1,000
Environmental life sciences	500	500	500	500
Computer and information sciences	1,000	1,000	500	1,500
Mathematics and statistics	500	500	*	500
Physical and related sciences	500	500	500	500
Chemistry, except biochemistry	500	500	D	500
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	500	500	500	500
Physics	500	500	*	500
Psychology	1,000	1,500	1,000	1,500
Social and related sciences	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Economics	500	500	*	500
Political and related sciences	500	500	500	1,000
Sociology/anthropology	500	500	500	500
Other social sciences	500	500	500	500
Engineering	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,500
Chemical	500	500	*	500
Civil/architectural	500	500	500	500
Electrical/computer	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Industrial	500	*	*	500
Mechanical	500	500	500	500
Other	500	1,000	500	1,000
Health	1,500	2,500	1,500	2,500

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

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.