

TABLE 9-14. Employment status and median salary of recent science, engineering, and health master's degree recipients, by field of master's degree, sex, race, ethnicity, and disability status: 2015

Field, sex, race, ethnicity, and disability status	All master's degree recipients	Full-time student	Employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation ^a	Employed in non-S&E occupation	Not employed	Median salary for full-time employed ^b (\$)
All S&E and S&E-related fields	903,000	95,000	531,000	214,000	63,000	71,000
Female	496,000	36,000	274,000	140,000	46,000	65,000
Male	406,000	59,000	256,000	74,000	17,000	80,000
White	516,000	47,000	301,000	137,000	31,000	66,000
Asian	182,000	31,000	122,000	17,000	13,000	85,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	180,000	14,000	95,000	54,000	16,000	66,000
Without disability	843,000	90,000	504,000	201,000	47,000	71,000
With disability	60,000	5,000	27,000	13,000	16,000	67,000
Science	475,000	68,000	233,000	143,000	31,000	65,000
Female	242,000	27,000	98,000	97,000	21,000	60,000
Male	233,000	41,000	136,000	46,000	10,000	71,000
White	262,000	37,000	117,000	88,000	19,000	59,000
Asian	95,000	17,000	62,000	12,000	4,000	87,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	100,000	11,000	47,000	37,000	5,000	62,000
Without disability	451,000	64,000	224,000	136,000	27,000	65,000
With disability	24,000	4,000	9,000	7,000	4,000	64,000
Biological/life sciences	81,000	15,000	48,000	16,000	3,000	56,000
Female	43,000	5,000	28,000	8,000	2,000	59,000
Male	38,000	10,000	20,000	8,000	1,000	53,000
White	50,000	9,000	29,000	12,000	1,000	54,000
Asian	16,000	3,000	9,000	S	S	84,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	11,000	2,000	S	1,000	S	S
Without disability	74,000	14,000	43,000	14,000	2,000	55,000
With disability	7,000	D	S	S	1,000	S
Computer and information sciences	109,000	8,000	84,000	12,000	S	88,000
Female	26,000	D	19,000	2,000	S	91,000
Male	83,000	8,000	66,000	9,000	D	87,000
White	39,000	1,000	29,000	5,000	D	94,000
Asian	50,000	7,000	41,000	1,000	S	89,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	15,000	D	13,000	2,000	D	63,000
Without disability	107,000	8,000	83,000	11,000	S	88,000
With disability	2,000	D	2,000	*	D	77,000
Mathematical sciences	29,000	6,000	13,000	7,000	S	67,000
Female	11,000	S	4,000	5,000	S	62,000
Male	18,000	5,000	10,000	S	D	71,000
White	19,000	4,000	8,000	4,000	D	55,000
Asian	8,000	1,000	4,000	S	D	105,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	2,000	S	1,000	D	D	70,000
Without disability	28,000	6,000	13,000	6,000	S	67,000
With disability	1,000	D	1,000	D	D	64,000
Physical and related sciences	28,000	5,000	17,000	S	5,000	59,000
Female	12,000	1,000	6,000	D	S	48,000
Male	16,000	3,000	11,000	*	1,000	64,000
White	20,000	3,000	11,000	S	S	64,000
Asian	6,000	1,000	4,000	D	D	38,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	2,000	S	1,000	D	D	52,000
Without disability	27,000	4,000	16,000	S	5,000	59,000
With disability	1,000	1,000	S	D	D	*

TABLE 9-14. Employment status and median salary of recent science, engineering, and health master's degree recipients, by field of master's degree, sex, race, ethnicity, and disability status: 2015

Field, sex, race, ethnicity, and disability status	All master's degree recipients	Full-time student	Employed in S&E		Not employed	Median salary for full-time employed ^b (\$)
			or S&E-related occupation ^a	Employed in non-S&E occupation		
Psychology	123,000	17,000	42,000	56,000	8,000	52,000
Female	98,000	12,000	32,000	49,000	6,000	59,000
Male	25,000	5,000	10,000	7,000	D	39,000
White	69,000	11,000	19,000	37,000	S	56,000
Asian	6,000	1,000	1,000	S	D	56,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	42,000	4,000	S	14,000	3,000	48,000
Without disability	113,000	15,000	41,000	52,000	5,000	53,000
With disability	10,000	S	1,000	4,000	S	45,000
Social and related sciences	105,000	17,000	29,000	52,000	8,000	56,000
Female	52,000	8,000	9,000	32,000	3,000	54,000
Male	54,000	9,000	20,000	20,000	D	60,000
White	66,000	9,000	21,000	29,000	S	50,000
Asian	10,000	4,000	3,000	3,000	D	84,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	28,000	3,000	4,000	20,000	D	74,000
Without disability	103,000	17,000	28,000	51,000	7,000	56,000
With disability	3,000	D	1,000	1,000	D	D
Engineering	148,000	18,000	106,000	17,000	7,000	83,000
Female	32,000	2,000	26,000	2,000	3,000	80,000
Male	115,000	16,000	81,000	15,000	4,000	85,000
White	67,000	6,000	49,000	10,000	3,000	84,000
Asian	58,000	12,000	41,000	2,000	3,000	80,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	20,000	D	15,000	4,000	D	90,000
Without disability	137,000	18,000	97,000	17,000	6,000	83,000
With disability	11,000	*	9,000	D	D	77,000
Health	280,000	9,000	191,000	54,000	25,000	71,000
Female	222,000	7,000	151,000	42,000	22,000	68,000
Male	58,000	3,000	40,000	13,000	S	89,000
White	187,000	4,000	135,000	39,000	9,000	66,000
Asian	29,000	2,000	20,000	3,000	5,000	94,000
Underrepresented minority ^c	59,000	2,000	34,000	12,000	11,000	72,000
Without disability	254,000	9,000	183,000	48,000	14,000	73,000
With disability	25,000	D	8,000	6,000	11,000	58,000

* = estimated population < 500. D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a S&E occupations include S&E postsecondary teachers. S&E-related occupations include health occupations.

^b Salary data are for principal jobs only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal jobs. Full-time students are excluded from salary data.

^c Includes black, Hispanic, and American Indian or Alaska Native. Persons of Hispanic or Latino ethnicity may be of one or more races.

NOTES: Recent master's degree recipients include those who received a master's degree in 2010, 2011, 2012, or 2013. Numbers and median salaries rounded to nearest 1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding and suppression. Part-time students are included within the employment categories. Totals include Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and more than one race, which are not shown separately. The National Survey of College Graduates asks the degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Estimates before 2013 are not directly comparable to those for later years due to differences in survey methodologies. Before 2013, estimates were derived from the National Survey of Recent College Graduates and were based on a sample of individuals recently receiving bachelor's or master's degrees in an S&E degree field.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2015.