

TABLE 3-14

Labor market indicators for recent S&E degree recipients up to 5 years after receiving degree, by level and field of highest degree: 2015

(Percent and dollars)

Indicator and highest degree level	All S&E fields	Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	Computer and mathematical sciences	Physical sciences	Social sciences	Engineering
Unemployment rate (%)						
All degree levels	5.6	9.2	2.3	4.7	5.3	5.4
Bachelor's	6.8	12.1	2.9	s	5.7	s
Master's	2.8	1.9	s	s	4.6	2.5
Doctorate	2.5	s	s	s	2.4	s
Involuntarily out-of-field (IOF) rate (%)						
All degree levels	10.4	11.3	3.3	11.9	16.2	3.2
Bachelor's	13.3	15.0	4.1	15.1	19.4	3.9
Master's	4.9	s	2.9	s	7.7	2.5
Doctorate	0.6	s	s	s	s	s
Median annual salary (\$)						
All degree levels	43,000	31,000	61,000	39,000	35,000	66,000
Bachelor's	37,000	30,000	50,000	30,000	32,000	62,000
Master's	58,000	30,000	79,000	50,000	46,000	75,000
Doctorate	66,000	46,000	100,000	50,000	66,000	98,000

s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

Note(s)

Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All degree levels includes professional degrees not broken out separately. Data include degrees earned from February 2010 to February 2014. The IOF rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that their job is not related to their field of highest degree because a job in their highest degree field was not available.

Source(s)

National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG) (2015), <https://www.nsf.gov/statistics/srvygrads/>.

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