

TABLE 1. Education and employment status and median salary of recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree: October 2008 (corrected July 2013)

Major field	Education and employment status					Median salary for full-time employed (\$) <sup>b</sup>
	All graduates	Full-time student	Not full-time student			
			Employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation <sup>a</sup>	Employed in non-S&E occupation	Not employed	
All fields	1,128,000	268,000	415,000	371,000	75,000	43,000
Science	808,000	219,000	191,000	336,000	62,000	38,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	173,000	74,000	50,000	33,000	15,000	34,000
Agricultural/food sciences	14,000	4,000	3,000	6,000	1,000	38,000
Biological sciences	147,000	68,000	42,000	24,000	13,000	34,000
Environmental life sciences	12,000	3,000	5,000	3,000	1,000	36,000
Computer and information sciences	85,000	7,000	61,000	13,000	4,000	54,000
Mathematics and statistics	33,000	8,000	14,000	8,000	2,000	44,000
Physical and related sciences	41,000	18,000	16,000	5,000	2,000	40,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	22,000	11,000	9,000	2,000	1,000	40,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences <sup>c</sup>	9,000	3,000	4,000	2,000	1,000	37,000
Physics/astronomy	10,000	5,000	3,000	2,000	*	45,000
Psychology	184,000	54,000	17,000	96,000	16,000	32,000
Social and related sciences	292,000	58,000	32,000	180,000	22,000	36,000
Economics	48,000	8,000	7,000	31,000	2,000	44,000
Political and related sciences	98,000	23,000	7,000	61,000	7,000	35,000
Sociology/anthropology	87,000	15,000	6,000	59,000	7,000	35,000
Other social sciences	59,000	12,000	12,000	30,000	6,000	36,000
Engineering	126,000	21,000	86,000	14,000	5,000	58,000
Chemical	8,000	2,000	5,000	1,000	*	60,000
Civil/architectural	19,000	3,000	14,000	2,000	1,000	53,000
Electrical/computer	37,000	5,000	26,000	4,000	2,000	60,000
Industrial	6,000	1,000	4,000	1,000	*	55,000
Mechanical	30,000	4,000	24,000	2,000	*	58,000
Other	26,000	7,000	13,000	4,000	2,000	57,000
Health	194,000	27,000	138,000	21,000	8,000	50,000

\* = value < 500.

S&E = science and engineering.

<sup>a</sup> S&E occupations include S&E postsecondary teachers. S&E-related occupations include health occupations. For detail, see technical notes.

<sup>b</sup> Salary data are for principal job only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data.

<sup>c</sup> Other physical sciences are included in earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.

NOTES: Numbers are rounded to nearest 1,000, and salaries are rounded to nearest \$1,000. Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Estimates are from sample survey of college graduates who received bachelor's or master's degrees in science, engineering, or health fields in 2006 and 2007 academic years; estimates may differ from degree counts published elsewhere.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2008.