

TABLE 2. Education and employment status and median salary of recent graduates with master'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 (\$) ^b
	All graduates	Full-time student	Not full-time student			
			Employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation ^a	Employed in non-S&E occupation	Not employed	
All fields	309,000	53,000	178,000	63,000	15,000	62,000
Science	146,000	35,000	61,000	40,000	10,000	54,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	7,000	11,000	3,000	1,000	48,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,000	1,000	1,000	D	D	44,000
Biological sciences	18,000	6,000	9,000	2,000	1,000	47,000
Environmental life sciences	2,000	*	1,000	*	D	50,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	3,000	23,000	2,000	1,000	74,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	3,000	5,000	1,000	*	65,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	5,000	5,000	1,000	*	54,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	4,000	2,000	2,000	D	D	58,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^c	4,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	*	48,000
Physics/astronomy	3,000	2,000	1,000	*	D	51,000
Psychology	41,000	8,000	11,000	18,000	4,000	43,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	9,000	6,000	15,000	3,000	55,000
Economics	5,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	*	64,000
Political and related sciences	12,000	3,000	2,000	6,000	1,000	58,000
Sociology/anthropology	6,000	2,000	1,000	2,000	*	43,000
Other social sciences	10,000	2,000	2,000	5,000	1,000	48,000
Engineering	58,000	12,000	40,000	4,000	2,000	72,000
Chemical	2,000	1,000	1,000	*	*	70,000
Civil/architectural	7,000	1,000	6,000	*	*	61,000
Electrical/computer	22,000	4,000	16,000	1,000	1,000	76,000
Industrial	4,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	*	72,000
Mechanical	8,000	2,000	5,000	*	*	71,000
Other	16,000	4,000	10,000	2,000	1,000	73,000
Health	105,000	6,000	77,000	18,000	4,000	64,000

* = value < 500; D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a S&E occupations include S&E postsecondary teachers. S&E-related occupations include health occupations. For detail, see technical notes.

^b 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.

^c 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.