

TABLE 4. Education and employment status and median salary of recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by major field of degree and sex: October 2008 (corrected July 2013)

Major field and sex	Education and employment status					Median salary for full-time employed (\$) ^b
	All graduates	Full-time student	Not full-time student		Not employed	
			Employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation ^a	Employed in non-S&E occupation		
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
Male	66,000	18,000	34,000	13,000	2,000	65,000
Female	80,000	17,000	27,000	27,000	8,000	47,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	7,000	11,000	3,000	1,000	48,000
Male	10,000	3,000	5,000	1,000	*	48,000
Female	12,000	4,000	6,000	1,000	1,000	48,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	3,000	23,000	2,000	1,000	74,000
Male	22,000	2,000	17,000	2,000	D	78,000
Female	8,000	1,000	6,000	1,000	1,000	60,000
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	3,000	5,000	1,000	*	65,000
Male	5,000	2,000	2,000	1,000	D	68,000
Female	4,000	1,000	3,000	*	*	64,000
Physical and related sciences	11,000	5,000	5,000	1,000	*	54,000
Male	7,000	4,000	3,000	*	D	56,000
Female	4,000	1,000	2,000	*	*	52,000
Psychology	41,000	8,000	11,000	18,000	4,000	43,000
Male	8,000	2,000	3,000	2,000	D	45,000
Female	33,000	6,000	8,000	16,000	3,000	42,000
Social and related sciences	34,000	9,000	6,000	15,000	3,000	55,000
Male	15,000	5,000	3,000	6,000	1,000	64,000
Female	19,000	5,000	3,000	9,000	2,000	48,000
Engineering	58,000	12,000	40,000	4,000	2,000	72,000
Male	45,000	9,000	31,000	3,000	1,000	74,000
Female	14,000	2,000	9,000	1,000	1,000	69,000
Health	105,000	6,000	77,000	18,000	4,000	64,000
Male	21,000	2,000	14,000	4,000	D	75,000
Female	84,000	4,000	63,000	14,000	3,000	60,000

* = 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.

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.