

TABLE 6. 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 race/ethnicity: October 2008 (corrected July 2013)

Major field and race/ethnicity	Education and employment status					Median salary for full-time employed (\$) <sup>b</sup>
	All graduates	Not full-time student			Not employed	
		Full-time student	Employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation <sup>a</sup>	Employed in non-S&E occupation		
All fields	309,000	53,000	178,000	63,000	15,000	62,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,000	*	1,000	*	D	55,000
Asian	76,000	18,000	45,000	7,000	5,000	70,000
Black or African American	21,000	4,000	9,000	6,000	1,000	58,000
Hispanic	18,000	3,000	10,000	4,000	1,000	60,000
White	181,000	25,000	107,000	41,000	7,000	60,000
Other	13,000	2,000	7,000	4,000	*	55,000
Science	146,000	35,000	61,000	40,000	10,000	54,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	D	*	*	D	45,000
Asian	38,000	10,000	20,000	5,000	3,000	64,000
Black or African American	10,000	3,000	2,000	4,000	1,000	52,000
Hispanic	9,000	2,000	3,000	3,000	1,000	50,000
White	82,000	19,000	34,000	25,000	5,000	50,000
Other	6,000	1,000	2,000	3,000	*	49,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	22,000	7,000	11,000	3,000	1,000	48,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	6,000	2,000	3,000	D	D	49,000
Black or African American	1,000	*	*	*	*	53,000
Hispanic	1,000	*	*	D	*	36,000
White	13,000	4,000	7,000	2,000	1,000	47,000
Other	1,000	D	*	D	D	64,000
Computer and information sciences	30,000	3,000	23,000	2,000	1,000	74,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	15,000	D	13,000	D	D	70,000
Black or African American	2,000	1,000	1,000	*	*	70,000
Hispanic	1,000	D	1,000	*	D	58,000
White	11,000	1,000	8,000	1,000	D	87,000
Other	1,000	D	*	D	D	S
Mathematics and statistics	9,000	3,000	5,000	1,000	*	65,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	4,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	D	69,000
Black or African American	*	*	*	*	D	79,000
Hispanic	1,000	*	*	*	D	54,000
White	4,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	*	54,000
Other	*	*	*	D	D	D
Physical and related sciences	11,000	5,000	5,000	1,000	*	54,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	3,000	1,000	1,000	D	D	56,000
Black or African American	1,000	1,000	*	*	D	61,000
Hispanic	*	*	*	D	D	51,000
White	7,000	3,000	3,000	*	*	53,000
Other	*	*	*	D	D	56,000
Psychology	41,000	8,000	11,000	18,000	4,000	43,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	4,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	44,000
Black or African American	4,000	1,000	*	2,000	D	40,000
Hispanic	3,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	*	37,000
White	28,000	5,000	8,000	12,000	2,000	43,000
Other	3,000	D	D	2,000	D	38,000

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Major field and race/ethnicity	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	
Social and related sciences	34,000	9,000	6,000	15,000	3,000	55,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	D	D	*	D	41,000
Asian	7,000	3,000	1,000	2,000	1,000	56,000
Black or African American	2,000	*	*	1,000	*	50,000
Hispanic	3,000	1,000	*	1,000	*	69,000
White	20,000	5,000	5,000	9,000	1,000	52,000
Other	2,000	*	*	1,000	D	63,000
Engineering	58,000	12,000	40,000	4,000	2,000	72,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	D	*	D	D	73,000
Asian	28,000	6,000	19,000	2,000	1,000	72,000
Black or African American	2,000	1,000	1,000	*	*	71,000
Hispanic	3,000	1,000	2,000	*	*	67,000
White	23,000	4,000	17,000	2,000	*	73,000
Other	1,000	1,000	1,000	*	D	72,000
Health	105,000	6,000	77,000	18,000	4,000	64,000
American Indian or Alaska Native	D	D	D	D	D	D
Asian	10,000	2,000	6,000	D	D	67,000
Black or African American	8,000	1,000	5,000	2,000	D	59,000
Hispanic	6,000	D	5,000	1,000	D	63,000
White	75,000	3,000	56,000	14,000	2,000	64,000
Other	5,000	D	4,000	1,000	D	54,000

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

S&E = science and engineering.

<sup>a</sup> S&E occupations include 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.

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. American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, black or African American, and white are single race; Hispanic can be of any race. Other race/ethnicity category includes non-Hispanic Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander and non-Hispanic individuals reporting two or more races. Estimates are from 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.