

TABLE 45. Median salary of full-time employed recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by sex, race/ethnicity, and major field of degree: October 2008

(Dollars)

Major field	All			Race/ethnicity					
	full-time employed	Sex		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African			
		Male	Female			American	Hispanic	White	Other
All fields	43,000	50,000	40,000	44,000	50,000	40,000	43,000	43,000	42,000
Science	38,000	42,000	35,000	D	44,000	36,000	40,000	37,000	37,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	34,000	34,000	34,000	D	34,000	34,000	34,000	34,000	38,000
Agricultural/food sciences	38,000	36,000	38,000	D	D	36,000	34,000	38,000	15,000
Biological sciences	34,000	34,000	34,000	D	32,000	34,000	34,000	33,000	34,000
Environmental life sciences	36,000	38,000	34,000	D	D	36,000	38,000	33,000	D
Computer and information sciences	54,000	54,000	50,000	D	59,000	52,000	49,000	53,000	60,000
Mathematics and statistics	44,000	49,000	42,000	D	55,000	37,000	43,000	42,000	41,000
Physical and related sciences	40,000	40,000	41,000	D	44,000	35,000	43,000	40,000	44,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	40,000	38,000	44,000	D	43,000	32,000	44,000	40,000	D
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	37,000	38,000	34,000	D	39,000	37,000	33,000	37,000	38,000
Physics	45,000	44,000	52,000	D	43,000	49,000	43,000	44,000	56,000
Psychology	32,000	31,000	32,000	D	33,000	32,000	37,000	31,000	32,000
Social and related sciences	36,000	39,000	35,000	D	41,000	36,000	39,000	35,000	37,000
Economics	44,000	44,000	43,000	D	43,000	40,000	41,000	46,000	38,000
Political and related sciences	35,000	35,000	35,000	D	43,000	39,000	37,000	34,000	41,000
Sociology/anthropology	35,000	39,000	33,000	D	38,000	34,000	36,000	32,000	37,000
Other social sciences	36,000	37,000	34,000	D	34,000	32,000	36,000	37,000	31,000
Engineering	58,000	58,000	57,000	D	60,000	55,000	56,000	58,000	64,000
Chemical	60,000	60,000	60,000	D	60,000	61,000	60,000	60,000	D
Civil/architectural	53,000	53,000	52,000	D	55,000	D	53,000	51,000	59,000
Electrical/computer	60,000	60,000	64,000	D	64,000	58,000	58,000	60,000	65,000
Industrial	55,000	55,000	56,000	D	55,000	53,000	45,000	60,000	44,000
Mechanical	58,000	58,000	57,000	D	59,000	49,000	56,000	58,000	68,000
Other	57,000	57,000	55,000	D	55,000	56,000	55,000	58,000	56,000
Health	50,000	52,000	48,000	D	53,000	47,000	48,000	48,000	52,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Other physical sciences are included in earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences.

NOTES: Salaries are rounded to nearest \$1,000. Salary data are for principal job only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal jobs. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data. 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.

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