

TABLE 46. Median salary of full-time employed recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by sex, race/ethnicity, and major field of degree: October 2008

(Dollars)

Major field	Race/ethnicity								
	All full-time employed	Sex		American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Hispanic	White	Other
		Male	Female						
All fields	62,000	70,000	56,000	55,000	70,000	58,000	60,000	60,000	55,000
Science	54,000	65,000	47,000	45,000	64,000	52,000	50,000	50,000	49,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	48,000	48,000	48,000	D	49,000	53,000	36,000	47,000	64,000
Agricultural/food sciences	44,000	55,000	37,000	D	D	D	37,000	44,000	D
Biological sciences	47,000	46,000	48,000	D	47,000	52,000	39,000	47,000	D
Environmental life sciences	50,000	48,000	52,000	D	D	D	D	49,000	D
Computer and information sciences	74,000	78,000	60,000	D	70,000	70,000	58,000	87,000	S
Mathematics and statistics	65,000	68,000	64,000	D	69,000	79,000	54,000	54,000	D
Physical and related sciences	54,000	56,000	52,000	D	56,000	61,000	51,000	53,000	56,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	58,000	59,000	53,000	D	56,000	54,000	41,000	57,000	D
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^a	48,000	48,000	51,000	D	D	D	66,000	48,000	D
Physics	51,000	51,000	50,000	D	42,000	D	D	52,000	D
Psychology	43,000	45,000	42,000	D	44,000	40,000	37,000	43,000	38,000
Social and related sciences	55,000	64,000	48,000	41,000	56,000	50,000	69,000	52,000	63,000
Economics	64,000	72,000	59,000	D	66,000	35,000	79,000	60,000	D
Political and related sciences	58,000	65,000	50,000	D	45,000	56,000	67,000	58,000	58,000
Sociology/anthropology	43,000	45,000	42,000	D	D	50,000	42,000	42,000	D
Other social sciences	48,000	55,000	45,000	D	39,000	44,000	D	47,000	64,000
Engineering	72,000	74,000	69,000	73,000	72,000	71,000	67,000	73,000	72,000
Chemical	70,000	70,000	70,000	D	68,000	64,000	76,000	71,000	D
Civil/architectural	61,000	64,000	58,000	D	60,000	D	57,000	62,000	58,000
Electrical/computer	76,000	80,000	70,000	D	75,000	83,000	79,000	77,000	D
Industrial	72,000	75,000	70,000	D	72,000	69,000	66,000	72,000	D
Mechanical	71,000	70,000	76,000	D	70,000	64,000	74,000	72,000	69,000
Other	73,000	75,000	65,000	D	70,000	71,000	63,000	76,000	66,000
Health	64,000	75,000	60,000	D	67,000	59,000	63,000	64,000	54,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

^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.