

TABLE 49. Median salary of full-time employed recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by sector of employment and major field of degree: October 2006

(Dollars)

Major field	All full-time employed	Sector		
		Educational institution ^a	Government ^b	Private industry and business ^c
All fields	43,000	38,000	42,000	45,000
Science	38,000	36,000	37,000	40,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	34,000	31,000	33,000	35,000
Agricultural/food sciences	38,000	36,000	38,000	38,000
Biological sciences	34,000	31,000	31,000	34,000
Environmental life sciences	36,000	D	29,000	39,000
Computer and information sciences	54,000	47,000	47,000	54,000
Mathematics and statistics	44,000	38,000	49,000	49,000
Physical and related sciences	40,000	37,000	42,000	42,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	40,000	32,000	45,000	41,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences ^d	37,000	36,000	40,000	35,000
Physics/astronomy	45,000	39,000	48,000	46,000
Psychology	32,000	35,000	33,000	30,000
Social and related sciences	36,000	37,000	37,000	36,000
Economics	44,000	D	48,000	44,000
Political and related sciences	35,000	35,000	33,000	35,000
Sociology/anthropology	35,000	35,000	40,000	32,000
Other social sciences	36,000	37,000	37,000	33,000
Engineering	58,000	47,000	59,000	59,000
Chemical	60,000	D	50,000	60,000
Civil/architectural	53,000	D	52,000	53,000
Electrical/computer	60,000	D	62,000	61,000
Industrial	55,000	D	53,000	55,000
Mechanical	58,000	D	59,000	58,000
Other	57,000	50,000	55,000	58,000
Health	50,000	44,000	47,000	50,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

^a Educational institution includes elementary and secondary schools, 2-year and 4-year colleges and universities, medical schools, university-affiliated research organizations, and all other educational institutions.

^b Government includes local, state, and federal government; military; and commissioned corps. However, it does not include those reported as educational institutions.

^c Private industry and business includes all private for-profit and private not-for-profit companies, businesses, and organizations, except those reported as educational institutions. It also includes persons reporting they were self-employed.

^d Other physical sciences is 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. 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.