

TABLE 51. Median salary of full-time employed recent graduates with bachelor's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by sector of employment and occupation: October 2008

(Dollars)

Occupation	All full-time employed	Sector		
		Educational institution ^a	Government ^b	Private industry and business ^c
All occupations	43,000	38,000	42,000	45,000
Science occupations	50,000	37,000	47,000	52,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life scientist	38,000	29,000	28,000	41,000
Computer and information scientist	55,000	48,000	49,000	55,000
Mathematical scientist	49,000	D	D	48,000
Physical scientist	40,000	D	46,000	40,000
Psychologist	27,000	D	D	D
Social scientist	44,000	D	49,000	41,000
Engineering occupations	59,000	43,000	56,000	59,000
S&E-related occupations	45,000	40,000	44,000	48,000
Health occupation, except manager	48,000	44,000	44,000	49,000
S&E manager, including health	60,000	D	52,000	62,000
S&E precollege teacher	38,000	38,000	D	D
S&E technician/technologist	39,000	30,000	36,000	42,000
Other S&E-related occupation	59,000	D	D	58,000
Non-S&E occupations	35,000	37,000	36,000	35,000
Arts/humanities-related occupation	30,000	D	D	31,000
Management-related occupation	47,000	43,000	42,000	49,000
Non-S&E manager	57,000	45,000	63,000	53,000
Postsecondary teacher	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E precollege/other teacher	34,000	35,000	D	28,000
Sales/marketing occupation	35,000	D	D	35,000
Social service-related occupation	30,000	38,000	31,000	28,000
Other non-S&E occupation	32,000	35,000	36,000	30,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

S&E = science and engineering.

^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.

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 job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data. S&E occupations include S&E postsecondary teachers. For more details, see technical notes. 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.