

TABLE 49. Median basic annual salary for doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans for employment in the United States, by field of study and employment sector: 2013

(Dollars)

Field of study	Academe	Industry or business ^a	Government	Nonprofit organization	Other or unknown ^b
All fields	60,000	97,700	82,000	72,500	70,000
Science and engineering	60,000	98,000	82,000	78,000	62,050
Life sciences	61,000	80,000	78,800	75,000	52,000
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	56,000	80,000	70,000	67,000	D
Biological, biomedical sciences	50,200	80,000	65,000	60,000	42,000
Health sciences	70,000	90,000	94,000	98,000	81,500
Physical sciences	56,000	101,000	82,000	96,000	57,500
Chemistry	48,000	85,000	70,000	65,000	55,000
Geosciences	59,000	110,000	75,000	D	D
Mathematics and computer and information sciences	60,000	115,000	95,300	100,000	52,000
Physics and astronomy	55,000	95,500	85,000	90,000	D
Social sciences and psychology	60,000	83,000	77,500	65,000	67,000
Economics	82,000	115,000	112,500	100,000	100,155
Psychology	55,000	71,000	65,000	60,000	61,000
Social sciences ^c	57,000	81,000	78,000	70,000	73,000
Engineering	79,000	98,000	96,500	98,000	62,500
Non-science and engineering	57,000	82,500	81,500	67,000	70,529
Education	60,000	80,000	78,000	75,500	74,000
Humanities	50,000	50,000	77,250	50,000	53,500
Business management and administration	110,001	135,000	96,590	105,000	D
Other non-S&E fields ^d	57,000	78,000	85,000	70,500	62,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.

^b "Other" is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.

^c Excludes economics.

^d Excludes business management and administration.

NOTES: Exact salary values were imputed for respondents who reported a salary range rather than an exact salary. Median salaries in this table are the exact salary values of respondents at the 50th percentile of their frequency distribution; salary values have not been rounded.

SOURCE: NSF, NIH, USED, USDA, NEH, NASA, Survey of Earned Doctorates, 2013.