

Labor market indicators for recent S&E degree recipients up to 5 years after receiving degree, by degree level: 2010

Indicator and degree level	All scientists and engineers	Recent S&E degree recipients		
		Received degree between 2005 and 2009 ^a	Received degree between 2005 and 2007 ^b	Received degree between 2008 and 2009 ^c
Unemployment rate (%)				
All degree levels	4.3	6.6	6.0	7.4
Bachelor's	4.9	7.7	7.2	8.5
Master's	4.1	4.0	2.6	5.4
Doctorate	2.6	1.6	1.5	1.9
Involuntarily out-of-field rate (%)				
All degree levels	6.4	10.8	9.5	12.6
Bachelor's	8.8	13.5	11.5	15.8
Master's	4.0	4.7	4.2	5.1
Doctorate	2.9	1.7	1.5	1.9
Median annual salary (\$)				
All degree levels	65,000	40,000	45,000	35,000
Bachelor's	57,000	35,000	41,000	30,000
Master's	68,000	55,000	59,000	50,000
Doctorate	85,000	60,000	65,000	56,000

^a Includes degrees earned from October 2005 to October 2009.

^b Includes degrees earned from October 2005 to December 2007.

^c Includes degrees earned from January 2008 to October 2009.

NOTES: Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All degree levels include professional degrees not broken out separately. Involuntarily out-of-field rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that their job is not related to their field of highest degree because a job in their highest degree field was not available.

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