

TABLE 3-11

Labor market indicators for recent S&E degree recipients up to 5 years after receiving degree, by level and field of highest degree: 2017

(Percent and dollars)

Indicator and highest degree level	All S&E fields	Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	Computer and mathematical sciences	Physical sciences	Social sciences	Engineering
Unemployment rate (%)						
All degree levels	4.5	5.1	3.9	1.7	5.1	4.3
Bachelor's	5.0	6.3	2.6	s	5.6	5.4
Master's	3.2	s	s	s	3.8	s
Doctorate	2.8	s	s	s	s	s
Involuntarily out-of-field rate (%)						
All degree levels	9.9	10.4	3.1	10.5	16.7	1.9
Bachelor's	12.8	13.2	s	15.3	19.6	2.5
Master's	4.0	4.1	1.2	s	8.7	1.2
Doctorate	0.6	s	s	s	s	s
Median annual salary (\$)						
All degree levels	43,000	34,000	70,000	37,000	36,000	68,000
Bachelor's	37,000	32,000	55,000	32,000	33,000	63,000
Master's	62,000	41,000	80,000	39,000	42,000	79,000
Doctorate	70,000	55,000	108,000	64,000	70,000	90,000

s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

Note(s)

Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All degree levels includes professional degrees not broken out separately. Data include degrees earned from February 2012 to February 2016. The 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.

Source(s)

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