

Table 4. Median earnings of full-time, year-round workers, by educational attainment and occupational group: 2024

(Dollars)

Education level	All occupations	STEM occupations	S&E occupations	S&E-related occupations	Middle-skill occupations	Non-STEM occupations
All education levels	65,000	80,000	104,000	85,000	60,000	60,000
Without a bachelor's degree	50,000	60,000	80,000	64,000	60,000	48,000
Up to a high school diploma or an equivalent degree	45,000	55,000	77,000	55,000	54,000	43,400
Some college	55,000	65,000	82,000	60,000	63,600	51,000
Associate's degree	60,000	70,000	84,000	70,000	69,000	52,000
With a bachelor's or an advanced degree	90,000	100,000	110,000	100,000	72,000	80,000
Bachelor's degree	80,000	93,000	104,000	88,000	70,000	75,000
Master's or professional degree	100,000	120,000	120,000	120,000	80,000	90,000
Doctoral degree	119,100	130,000	131,000	125,000	92,000	103,000

Note(s):

STEM is science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. Data include the civilian, noninstitutionalized population ages 25–75 not currently in primary or secondary school. Missing occupations and those who have not worked in the past 5 years or have never worked are not included in the workforce data. STEM includes S&E, S&E-related, and middle-skill occupations.

Source(s):

Census Bureau, ACS, 2024.

Indicators 2026: State of U.S. S&E