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(Dollars)

Occupation and age	All degrees			Bachelor's			Master's			Doctorate			Professional		
	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male	Total	Female	Male
All occupations, all ages	70,000	60,000	85,000	63,000	55,000	75,000	75,000	65,000	93,000	97,000	85,000	101,000	125,000	105,000	149,000
29 and younger	48,000	43,000	52,000	45,000	41,000	50,000	52,000	47,000	60,000	65,000	62,000	65,000	64,000	60,000	67,000
30-39	67,000	60,000	75,000	62,000	55,000	69,000	70,000	64,000	86,000	80,000	75,000	85,000	100,000	96,000	117,000
40-49	80,000	65,000	97,000	74,000	58,000	90,000	83,000	70,000	105,000	100,000	90,000	108,000	148,000	120,000	157,000
50-75	82,000	69,000	100,000	74,000	62,000	90,000	86,000	72,000	103,000	103,000	90,000	114,000	160,000	127,000	172,000
S&E occupations	90,000	78,000	95,000	85,000	73,000	90,000	98,000	81,000	105,000	99,000	85,000	103,000	75,000	72,000	83,000
29 and younger	64,000	58,000	66,000	61,000	58,000	64,000	73,000	68,000	75,000	59,000	50,000	65,000	D	D	D
30-39	86,000	75,000	90,000	84,000	74,000	88,000	91,000	80,000	99,000	80,000	75,000	85,000	63,000	57,000	82,000
40-49	100,000	90,000	105,000	99,000	85,000	100,000	109,000	94,000	115,000	100,000	91,000	104,000	99,000	94,000	133,000
50-75	104,000	86,000	110,000	100,000	80,000	103,000	109,000	90,000	118,000	115,000	98,000	120,000	80,000	112,000	62,000
Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	60,000	56,000	61,000	48,000	45,000	52,000	60,000	60,000	64,000	80,000	78,000	83,000	65,000	62,000	65,000
29 and younger	38,000	35,000	43,000	37,000	34,000	44,000	34,000	30,000	39,000	50,000	49,000	50,000	D	D	D
30-39	55,000	55,000	55,000	50,000	49,000	52,000	54,000	55,000	48,000	60,000	59,000	57,000	S	D	S
40-49	88,000	89,000	87,000	72,000	73,000	71,000	84,000	83,000	85,000	91,000	91,000	90,000	66,000	S	121,000
50-75	95,000	85,000	95,000	75,000	87,000	70,000	84,000	72,000	89,000	106,000	96,000	110,000	65,000	100,000	58,000
Computer and mathematical scientists	95,000	82,000	100,000	90,000	79,000	95,000	105,000	90,000	110,000	119,000	102,000	124,000	100,000	S	98,000
29 and younger	73,000	72,000	74,000	70,000	67,000	70,000	83,000	83,000	83,000	114,000	D	115,000	D	D	D
30-39	92,000	80,000	95,000	86,000	75,000	90,000	100,000	90,000	104,000	107,000	100,000	120,000	S	D	S
40-49	104,000	93,000	109,000	98,000	85,000	102,000	115,000	100,000	120,000	116,000	110,000	130,000	S	D	D
50-75	100,000	82,000	109,000	95,000	80,000	101,000	112,000	86,000	119,000	120,000	97,000	126,000	93,000	S	59,000
Physical and related scientists	75,000	62,000	80,000	60,000	58,000	60,000	73,000	60,000	77,000	100,000	80,000	107,000	S	D	S
29 and younger	36,000	41,000	33,000	33,000	33,000	30,000	41,000	46,000	33,000	57,000	S	59,000	D	D	D
30-39	68,000	70,000	67,000	60,000	58,000	60,000	74,000	75,000	71,000	84,000	70,000	86,000	D	D	D
40-49	81,000	76,000	81,000	80,000	63,000	80,000	88,000	91,000	81,000	99,000	80,000	100,000	D	D	D
50-75	100,000	72,000	105,000	76,000	68,000	79,000	85,000	S	94,000	119,000	103,000	119,000	D	D	D
Social and related scientists	70,000	70,000	73,000	40,000	52,000	S	71,000	70,000	79,000	85,000	80,000	91,000	68,000	58,000	71,000
29 and younger	35,000	39,000	S	S	S	S	51,000	51,000	S	59,000	40,000	S	D	D	D
30-39	65,000	61,000	69,000	41,000	53,000	S	69,000	65,000	80,000	72,000	72,000	73,000	57,000	S	D
40-49	81,000	80,000	85,000	74,000	73,000	S	79,000	80,000	74,000	89,000	88,000	88,000	88,000	86,000	S
50-75	92,000	83,000	100,000	66,000	S	103,000	89,000	89,000	89,000	100,000	87,000	106,000	76,000	101,000	S
Engineers	96,000	90,000	97,000	90,000	86,000	91,000	104,000	97,000	105,000	114,000	110,000	117,000	D	D	S
29 and younger	70,000	69,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	74,000	67,000	75,000	91,000	D	78,000	D	D	D
30-39	91,000	94,000	90,000	89,000	90,000	87,000	98,000	98,000	98,000	99,000	103,000	97,000	D	D	D
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50–75	115,000	119,000	115,000	110,000	110,000	109,000	121,000	125,000	120,000	135,000	151,000	134,000	D	D	D
S&E-related occupations	80,000	70,000	95,000	67,000	63,000	80,000	80,000	75,000	95,000	103,000	92,000	120,000	147,000	110,000	189,000
29 and younger	53,000	53,000	55,000	50,000	50,000	49,000	56,000	56,000	60,000	64,000	62,000	67,000	59,000	55,000	68,000
30–39	71,000	70,000	76,000	62,000	62,000	60,000	78,000	70,000	82,000	96,000	85,000	101,000	118,000	110,000	120,000
40–49	90,000	76,000	110,000	80,000	67,000	92,000	90,000	79,000	100,000	104,000	99,000	113,000	183,000	120,000	225,000
50–75	92,000	80,000	115,000	81,000	74,000	95,000	90,000	82,000	105,000	115,000	89,000	142,000	199,000	135,000	207,000
Non-S&E occupations	63,000	56,000	76,000	58,000	50,000	70,000	70,000	62,000	88,000	90,000	81,000	100,000	115,000	97,000	125,000
29 and younger	42,000	40,000	50,000	41,000	40,000	47,000	47,000	43,000	52,000	72,000	71,000	D	70,000	75,000	65,000
30–39	61,000	56,000	68,000	58,000	51,000	63,000	65,000	60,000	77,000	74,000	68,000	82,000	89,000	82,000	104,000
40–49	72,000	60,000	90,000	65,000	53,000	82,000	75,000	64,000	98,000	96,000	80,000	112,000	122,000	132,000	120,000
50–75	75,000	63,000	90,000	69,000	57,000	81,000	80,000	69,000	97,000	93,000	89,000	99,000	144,000	122,000	150,000

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

Note(s):

Median salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. Full-time employed college graduates are individuals working 35 or more hours per week on their principal job.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2017.