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(Dollars)

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			American Indian or Alaska Native	Asian	Black or African American	Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	White	More than one race				
Both sexes, all occupations	70,000	60,000	59,000	86,000	56,000	85,000	72,000	64,000	71,000	64,000	70,000	85,000
29 and younger	48,000	45,000	S	57,000	40,000	28,000	48,000	50,000	50,000	34,000	47,000	59,000
30-39	67,000	60,000	66,000	88,000	54,000	92,000	68,000	77,000	68,000	56,000	65,000	91,000
40-49	80,000	72,000	62,000	100,000	62,000	86,000	80,000	60,000	81,000	72,000	80,000	100,000
50-75	82,000	72,000	49,000	90,000	65,000	85,000	85,000	70,000	85,000	73,000	82,000	64,000
S&E occupations	90,000	78,000	79,000	100,000	76,000	83,000	90,000	80,000	90,000	89,000	90,000	95,000
29 and younger	64,000	52,000	S	71,000	52,000	D	65,000	57,000	65,000	S	62,000	72,000
30-39	86,000	75,000	96,000	95,000	68,000	115,000	84,000	85,000	87,000	74,000	82,000	98,000
40-49	100,000	93,000	S	110,000	84,000	83,000	100,000	97,000	100,000	100,000	100,000	105,000
50-75	104,000	95,000	100,000	110,000	90,000	80,000	105,000	112,000	105,000	99,000	104,000	100,000
Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	60,000	48,000	*	56,000	73,000	75,000	61,000	59,000	60,000	59,000	62,000	52,000
29 and younger	38,000	33,000	D	31,000	29,000	D	40,000	38,000	38,000	39,000	39,000	28,000
30-39	55,000	48,000	D	50,000	72,000	S	56,000	73,000	55,000	53,000	59,000	50,000
40-49	88,000	S	D	86,000	76,000	D	89,000	98,000	89,000	S	89,000	73,000
50-75	95,000	85,000	D	80,000	101,000	D	95,000	D	95,000	90,000	95,000	83,000
Computer and mathematical scientists	95,000	80,000	S	102,000	70,000	81,000	95,000	85,000	95,000	93,000	94,000	100,000
29 and younger	73,000	65,000	D	80,000	51,000	S	73,000	58,000	73,000	75,000	71,000	84,000
30-39	92,000	79,000	S	100,000	62,000	D	90,000	79,000	93,000	78,000	84,000	105,000
40-49	104,000	86,000	D	111,000	79,000	D	105,000	93,000	103,000	106,000	102,000	109,000
50-75	100,000	84,000	D	120,000	85,000	D	101,000	117,000	100,000	101,000	101,000	100,000
Physical and related scientists	75,000	74,000	S	64,000	65,000	S	76,000	68,000	75,000	76,000	75,000	65,000
29 and younger	36,000	S	D	28,000	28,000	D	38,000	S	38,000	S	39,000	25,000
30-39	68,000	56,000	D	55,000	64,000	D	70,000	85,000	67,000	77,000	68,000	65,000
40-49	81,000	80,000	D	93,000	S	D	88,000	D	81,000	83,000	81,000	96,000
50-75	100,000	62,000	D	100,000	111,000	D	100,000	S	102,000	87,000	100,000	122,000
Social and related scientists	70,000	S	S	80,000	80,000	S	72,000	72,000	73,000	S	70,000	89,000
29 and younger	35,000	S	D	61,000	54,000	D	38,000	D	43,000	S	38,000	27,000
30-39	65,000	70,000	D	75,000	66,000	D	62,000	67,000	65,000	62,000	63,000	89,000
40-49	81,000	127,000	D	80,000	74,000	D	80,000	*	84,000	66,000	81,000	107,000
50-75	92,000	88,000	*	99,000	103,000	D	90,000	77,000	95,000	86,000	92,000	101,000
Engineers	96,000	90,000	95,000	99,000	90,000	108,000	97,000	86,000	96,000	96,000	97,000	90,000
29 and younger	70,000	71,000	D	65,000	66,000	D	70,000	68,000	70,000	69,000	70,000	69,000
30-39	91,000	94,000	D	99,000	84,000	*	90,000	90,000	92,000	84,000	90,000	98,000

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40–49	109,000	106,000	S	115,000	90,000	109,000	107,000	107,000	109,000	99,000	108,000	114,000	
50–75	115,000	110,000	D	110,000	101,000	D	117,000	112,000	116,000	105,000	115,000	103,000	
S&E-related occupations	80,000	70,000		80,000	92,000	61,000	79,000	79,000	77,000	80,000	73,000	78,000	97,000
29 and younger	53,000	53,000	D	55,000	49,000	S	53,000	62,000	53,000	46,000	53,000	42,000	
30–39	71,000	62,000	S	90,000	55,000	89,000	70,000	83,000	72,000	56,000	70,000	99,000	
40–49	90,000	90,000	D	110,000	71,000	71,000	88,000	95,000	90,000	84,000	88,000	138,000	
50–75	92,000	89,000	S	100,000	85,000	S	92,000	78,000	95,000	79,000	92,000	100,000	
Non-S&E occupations	63,000	55,000		50,000	65,000	50,000	85,000	67,000	58,000	65,000	59,000	63,000	60,000
29 and younger	42,000	43,000	S	50,000	39,000	27,000	42,000	42,000	44,000	34,000	42,000	50,000	
30–39	61,000	55,000		73,000	70,000	48,000	91,000	62,000	76,000	62,000	54,000	60,000	77,000
40–49	72,000	64,000		61,000	89,000	56,000	110,000	75,000	56,000	73,000	62,000	71,000	77,000
50–75	75,000	64,000		47,000	61,000	59,000	100,000	79,000	68,000	75,000	69,000	75,000	49,000
Female	60,000	53,000		50,000	75,000	54,000	85,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	54,000	60,000	69,000
29 and younger	43,000	42,000		52,000	55,000	40,000	25,000	42,000	49,000	45,000	32,000	42,000	55,000
30–39	60,000	55,000		66,000	80,000	50,000	91,000	60,000	69,000	61,000	54,000	60,000	74,000
40–49	65,000	60,000	S	91,000	55,000	84,000	65,000	53,000	67,000	54,000	65,000	71,000	
50–75	69,000	55,000		42,000	75,000	63,000	99,000	70,000	66,000	70,000	61,000	69,000	63,000
S&E occupations	78,000	72,000		96,000	88,000	68,000	74,000	76,000	62,000	78,000	80,000	78,000	80,000
29 and younger	58,000	59,000	D	71,000	40,000	D	58,000	49,000	59,000	39,000	58,000	71,000	
30–39	75,000	71,000	S	89,000	58,000	D	73,000	67,000	75,000	79,000	72,000	84,000	
40–49	90,000	90,000	*	100,000	90,000	S	80,000	99,000	90,000	70,000	90,000	90,000	
50–75	86,000	77,000	D	92,000	S	S	86,000	78,000	85,000	88,000	86,000	76,000	
Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	56,000	48,000	D	55,000	54,000	S	60,000	S	59,000	48,000	60,000	52,000	
29 and younger	35,000	30,000	D	31,000	S	D	35,000	36,000	35,000	S	35,000	30,000	
30–39	55,000	49,000	D	52,000	66,000	S	55,000	S	55,000	55,000	55,000	52,000	
40–49	89,000	44,000	D	94,000	85,000	D	89,000	S	90,000	46,000	89,000	86,000	
50–75	85,000	S	D	75,000	112,000	D	98,000	D	86,000	61,000	86,000	S	
Computer and mathematical scientists	82,000	80,000	S	90,000	66,000	S	80,000	61,000	82,000	86,000	81,000	85,000	
29 and younger	72,000	100,000	D	75,000	51,000	D	63,000	47,000	72,000	S	69,000	79,000	
30–39	80,000	80,000	D	89,000	58,000	D	80,000	51,000	81,000	79,000	80,000	89,000	
40–49	93,000	80,000	D	100,000	92,000	D	77,000	D	92,000	101,000	93,000	84,000	
50–75	82,000	59,000	D	97,000	S	D	82,000	S	80,000	89,000	82,000	66,000	
Physical and related scientists	62,000	53,000	D	62,000	65,000	*	64,000	58,000	64,000	60,000	63,000	57,000	

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29 and younger	41,000	S	D	43,000	D	D	41,000	S	42,000	S	41,000	43,000
30-39	70,000	60,000	D	48,000	56,000	D	70,000	89,000	68,000	S	70,000	49,000
40-49	76,000	60,000	D	79,000	D	D	74,000	D	80,000	45,000	75,000	89,000
50-75	72,000	S	D	84,000	96,000	D	69,000	D	76,000	59,000	72,000	D
Social and related scientists	70,000	70,000	*	79,000	73,000	D	69,000	59,000	70,000	62,000	70,000	68,000
29 and younger	39,000	51,000	D	65,000	44,000	D	38,000	D	39,000	S	39,000	S
30-39	61,000	62,000	D	59,000	65,000	D	60,000	62,000	62,000	53,000	60,000	65,000
40-49	80,000	128,000	D	80,000	69,000	D	78,000	*	80,000	60,000	80,000	79,000
50-75	83,000	94,000	D	75,000	93,000	D	81,000	S	82,000	88,000	84,000	D
Engineers	90,000	86,000	D	99,000	84,000	D	90,000	86,000	90,000	82,000	90,000	90,000
29 and younger	69,000	65,000	D	60,000	64,000	D	73,000	S	70,000	53,000	70,000	S
30-39	94,000	95,000	D	107,000	85,000	D	90,000	86,000	95,000	86,000	91,000	107,000
40-49	101,000	105,000	D	119,000	98,000	D	98,000	D	105,000	S	100,000	115,000
50-75	119,000	164,000	D	101,000	S	D	124,000	D	119,000	103,000	119,000	99,000
S&E-related occupations	70,000	62,000	66,000	86,000	60,000	89,000	68,000	83,000	70,000	65,000	69,000	78,000
29 and younger	53,000	53,000	S	54,000	49,000	D	52,000	60,000	53,000	43,000	53,000	40,000
30-39	70,000	60,000	S	89,000	55,000	D	68,000	88,000	70,000	55,000	68,000	82,000
40-49	76,000	80,000	D	90,000	59,000	S	74,000	97,000	76,000	80,000	75,000	89,000
50-75	80,000	62,000	S	99,000	83,000	S	78,000	62,000	80,000	69,000	80,000	85,000
Non-S&E occupations	56,000	50,000	47,000	65,000	48,000	85,000	57,000	53,000	56,000	50,000	56,000	55,000
29 and younger	40,000	40,000	36,000	50,000	39,000	25,000	39,000	44,000	40,000	30,000	40,000	49,000
30-39	56,000	51,000	81,000	70,000	46,000	91,000	57,000	65,000	57,000	51,000	56,000	55,000
40-49	60,000	56,000	S	83,000	48,000	S	60,000	48,000	60,000	52,000	60,000	50,000
50-75	63,000	55,000	40,000	62,000	60,000	S	65,000	66,000	64,000	60,000	63,000	49,000
Male	85,000	74,000	62,000	95,000	61,000	83,000	85,000	72,000	85,000	78,000	84,000	95,000
29 and younger	52,000	50,000	S	60,000	39,000	S	52,000	50,000	52,000	41,000	52,000	59,000
30-39	75,000	68,000	74,000	91,000	57,000	S	75,000	84,000	76,000	62,000	72,000	100,000
40-49	97,000	89,000	61,000	114,000	74,000	106,000	98,000	90,000	97,000	90,000	96,000	115,000
50-75	100,000	95,000	72,000	100,000	70,000	58,000	100,000	111,000	100,000	88,000	100,000	69,000
S&E occupations	95,000	79,000	75,000	100,000	80,000	84,000	96,000	90,000	95,000	92,000	95,000	99,000
29 and younger	66,000	52,000	S	72,000	54,000	S	68,000	60,000	67,000	S	65,000	74,000
30-39	90,000	80,000	108,000	100,000	77,000	118,000	89,000	90,000	90,000	72,000	85,000	102,000
40-49	105,000	93,000	S	115,000	82,000	83,000	107,000	96,000	105,000	100,000	105,000	110,000
50-75	110,000	99,000	94,000	116,000	95,000	68,000	110,000	114,000	110,000	105,000	110,000	109,000

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Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	61,000	54,000	*	58,000	90,000	*	62,000	56,000	60,000	76,000	65,000	52,000
29 and younger	43,000	32,000	D	33,000	D	D	44,000	S	43,000	S	44,000	28,000
30-39	55,000	47,000	D	48,000	S	D	57,000	64,000	55,000	36,000	60,000	49,000
40-49	87,000	91,000	D	79,000	D	D	88,000	S	88,000	72,000	89,000	72,000
50-75	95,000	100,000	D	88,000	99,000	D	95,000	D	95,000	94,000	95,000	90,000
Computer and mathematical scientists	100,000	79,000	S	107,000	73,000	75,000	100,000	98,000	100,000	100,000	98,000	107,000
29 and younger	74,000	60,000	D	85,000	51,000	D	74,000	68,000	74,000	76,000	72,000	85,000
30-39	95,000	75,000	S	105,000	69,000	D	95,000	98,000	95,000	74,000	88,000	110,000
40-49	109,000	93,000	D	120,000	72,000	D	110,000	92,000	109,000	108,000	108,000	116,000
50-75	109,000	92,000	D	121,000	90,000	D	108,000	123,000	108,000	110,000	109,000	106,000
Physical and related scientists	80,000	80,000	S	64,000	65,000	D	86,000	70,000	80,000	98,000	81,000	73,000
29 and younger	33,000	D	D	24,000	D	D	34,000	D	33,000	S	34,000	24,000
30-39	67,000	51,000	D	61,000	64,000	D	70,000	D	66,000	100,000	66,000	67,000
40-49	81,000	80,000	D	103,000	D	D	92,000	D	81,000	131,000	81,000	96,000
50-75	105,000	63,000	D	100,000	110,000	D	107,000	D	107,000	98,000	104,000	149,000
Social and related scientists	73,000	S	S	104,000	101,000	D	80,000	75,000	85,000	S	71,000	95,000
29 and younger	S	S	D	S	S	D	44,000	D	52,000	S	S	S
30-39	69,000	77,000	D	87,000	S	D	64,000	69,000	70,000	60,000	67,000	90,000
40-49	85,000	81,000	D	115,000	S	D	84,000	D	88,000	73,000	83,000	104,000
50-75	100,000	85,000	D	106,000	134,000	D	99,000	D	101,000	78,000	99,000	150,000
Engineers	97,000	90,000	75,000	99,000	90,000	108,000	99,000	85,000	97,000	96,000	98,000	90,000
29 and younger	70,000	74,000	D	70,000	71,000	D	70,000	67,000	70,000	70,000	70,000	70,000
30-39	90,000	90,000	D	95,000	84,000	*	90,000	90,000	91,000	81,000	90,000	94,000
40-49	109,000	106,000	S	113,000	90,000	109,000	109,000	107,000	110,000	100,000	109,000	114,000
50-75	115,000	109,000	D	110,000	101,000	D	117,000	111,000	116,000	105,000	115,000	106,000
S&E-related occupations	95,000	92,000	163,000	109,000	64,000	70,000	95,000	73,000	95,000	84,000	93,000	107,000
29 and younger	55,000	54,000	D	57,000	39,000	S	55,000	68,000	55,000	45,000	55,000	46,000
30-39	76,000	77,000	S	103,000	54,000	D	74,000	63,000	77,000	70,000	72,000	100,000
40-49	110,000	92,000	D	147,000	93,000	S	107,000	68,000	113,000	100,000	106,000	157,000
50-75	115,000	103,000	S	110,000	98,000	D	118,000	128,000	119,000	95,000	115,000	109,000

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Non-S&E occupations	76,000	69,000	59,000	70,000	56,000	S	80,000	62,000	78,000	71,000	76,000	73,000
29 and younger	50,000	50,000	S	45,000	30,000	S	50,000	42,000	50,000	41,000	49,000	50,000
30–39	68,000	62,000	64,000	69,000	55,000	S	70,000	84,000	69,000	59,000	68,000	98,000
40–49	90,000	76,000	61,000	89,000	70,000	S	91,000	90,000	90,000	87,000	90,000	95,000
50–75	90,000	93,000	54,000	60,000	59,000	56,000	93,000	S	91,000	80,000	90,000	49,000

* = suppressed when population estimate < 500. 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. Hispanic or Latino may be any race; race categories exclude Hispanic origin. The National Survey of College Graduates asks the degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Those respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for an activity were classified as having a disability.

Source(s):

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