

**Table 6-7****Median basic annual salary for research doctorate recipients with definite postgraduation plans for employment in the United States, by broad field of doctorate and employment sector: 2021**

(Dollars)

Field of doctorate	Total with definite plan <sup>a</sup>	Academe	Industry or business <sup>b</sup>	Government	Nonprofit organization	Other or unknown <sup>c</sup>
Doctorate recipients reporting annual salary	90,000	68,000	115,000	88,473	80,000	73,000
Science and engineering	100,000	70,000	117,000	88,000	90,000	66,400
Agricultural sciences and natural resources	80,000	68,000	90,000	74,000	67,000	60,500
Biological and biomedical sciences	90,000	60,000	105,250	80,000	80,000	50,000
Computer and information sciences	145,000	95,000	160,000	115,000	120,000	120,000
Engineering	110,000	87,000	118,000	95,000	100,104	102,500
Geosciences, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	77,000	55,000	105,000	75,000	75,000	55,500
Health sciences	90,000	80,000	108,000	91,000	100,000	74,000
Mathematics and statistics	110,000	65,000	133,000	103,803	109,000	50,000
Multidisciplinary/ interdisciplinary sciences	113,000	83,000	134,500	85,000	97,000	40,000
Physical sciences	100,000	60,000	110,000	87,000	90,500	61,634
Psychology	70,000	63,000	90,000	70,000	70,500	70,000
Social sciences	80,000	68,500	120,000	95,087	84,300	62,775
Non-science and engineering	69,000	64,000	85,000	90,000	70,000	75,000
Business	125,000	123,000	130,000	155,000	77,500	70,000
Education	70,000	65,000	82,500	89,000	79,000	80,000
Humanities	55,000	52,259	57,500	81,000	60,000	57,375
Visual and performing arts	50,000	50,000	42,500	49,950	45,000	56,750
Other non-science and engineering <sup>d</sup>	70,000	65,000	100,000	89,000	75,000	60,000

<sup>a</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who did not report employment sector.<sup>b</sup> Includes doctorate recipients who indicated self-employment.<sup>c</sup> Other is mainly composed of elementary and secondary schools.<sup>d</sup> Includes other non-science and engineering fields not shown separately.**Note(s):**

Basic annual salary is based on the job expected to hold in the next year. Median salaries in this table are the exact salary values of respondents at the 50th percentile of their frequency distribution; salary values are rounded to the nearest dollar. Beginning in 2021, a modified version of the 2020 Classification of Instructional Programs (CIP) codes was used in the survey data collection, and the new broad, major, and detailed fields were used in tables reporting only the most recent data year. Therefore, the field of doctorate data in 2021 may not be comparable to prior years; see the "Technical Notes" for more information, table A-4 for a summary of SED-CIP codes in the new SED field taxonomy, table A-5 for a full list of SED-CIP codes in the new field taxonomy, and table A-6 for the SED-CIP code crosswalk to the historical field taxonomy.

**Source(s):**

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