

TABLE 4-1

Median annual salary of full-time employed college graduates, by major occupation, age, level of highest degree, and sex: 2023

(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 | 85,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 78,000 | 66,000 | 90,000 | 93,000 | 80,000 | 118,000 | 110,000 | 98,000 | 121,000 | 150,000 | 130,000 | 178,000 |
| 29 and younger | 61,000 | 58,000 | 70,000 | 60,000 | 55,000 | 66,000 | 65,000 | 63,000 | 77,000 | 81,000 | 81,000 | 78,000 | 75,000 | 75,000 | 84,000 |
| 30-39 | 85,000 | 75,000 | 98,000 | 80,000 | 66,000 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 | 110,000 | 100,000 | 90,000 | 109,000 | 138,000 | 135,000 | 140,000 |
| 40-49 | 99,000 | 84,000 | 112,000 | 90,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 86,000 | 125,000 | 116,000 | 111,000 | 120,000 | 179,000 | 150,000 | 199,000 |
| 50-75 | 98,000 | 81,000 | 118,000 | 88,000 | 75,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 88,000 | 125,000 | 125,000 | 99,000 | 140,000 | 179,000 | 149,000 | 198,000 |
| S&E occupations | 110,000 | 98,000 | 116,000 | 102,000 | 91,000 | 106,000 | 122,000 | 105,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 103,000 | 127,000 | 129,000 | 124,000 | 130,000 |
| 29 and younger | 84,000 | 76,000 | 86,000 | 84,000 | 78,000 | 85,000 | 87,000 | 75,000 | 95,000 | 93,000 | 79,000 | 110,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 112,000 | 100,000 | 119,000 | 105,000 | 95,000 | 110,000 | 125,000 | 110,000 | 134,000 | 106,000 | 95,000 | 117,000 | 99,000 | S | 129,000 |
| 40-49 | 122,000 | 110,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 105,000 | 120,000 | 132,000 | 117,000 | 140,000 | 119,000 | 116,000 | 127,000 | 148,000 | 131,000 | 192,000 |
| 50-75 | 125,000 | 111,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 105,000 | 123,000 | 135,000 | 116,000 | 144,000 | 132,000 | 113,000 | 143,000 | 139,000 | 139,000 | 162,000 |
| Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists | 80,000 | 79,000 | 82,000 | 62,000 | 60,000 | 62,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 107,000 | 97,000 | 111,000 | 192,000 | 213,000 | 170,000 |
| 29 and younger | 50,000 | 44,000 | 54,000 | 53,000 | 48,000 | 55,000 | 36,000 | S | 39,000 | 61,000 | 58,000 | 68,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 77,000 | 77,000 | 78,000 | 63,000 | 64,000 | 61,000 | 74,000 | 72,000 | 78,000 | 94,000 | 93,000 | 95,000 | D | D | D |
| 40-49 | 95,000 | 98,000 | 95,000 | 85,000 | 92,000 | 76,000 | 77,000 | 78,000 | 77,000 | 114,000 | 107,000 | 115,000 | S | S | S |
| 50-75 | 110,000 | 100,000 | 113,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 86,000 | 92,000 | 100,000 | 80,000 | 130,000 | 116,000 | 135,000 | 198,000 | S | 163,000 |
| Computer and mathematical scientists | 120,000 | 109,000 | 120,000 | 110,000 | 100,000 | 113,000 | 133,000 | 120,000 | 140,000 | 146,000 | 134,000 | 150,000 | 129,000 | S | 119,000 |
| 29 and younger | 95,000 | 92,000 | 95,000 | 91,000 | 84,000 | 94,000 | 110,000 | 112,000 | 109,000 | 136,000 | 114,000 | 150,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 120,000 | 110,000 | 125,000 | 113,000 | 100,000 | 118,000 | 139,000 | 120,000 | 150,000 | 159,000 | 150,000 | 160,000 | D | D | D |
| 40-49 | 128,000 | 113,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 105,000 | 125,000 | 134,000 | 118,000 | 140,000 | 132,000 | 126,000 | 144,000 | D | D | D |
| 50-75 | 125,000 | 119,000 | 130,000 | 117,000 | 105,000 | 119,000 | 139,000 | 127,000 | 144,000 | 148,000 | 135,000 | 151,000 | 120,000 | S | D |
| Physical and related scientists | 83,000 | 77,000 | 88,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 80,000 | 76,000 | 83,000 | 119,000 | 106,000 | 124,000 | D | D | D |
| 29 and younger | 52,000 | 59,000 | 45,000 | 49,000 | 54,000 | 39,000 | 43,000 | 53,000 | 34,000 | 75,000 | 84,000 | 72,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 82,000 | 82,000 | 82,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 80,000 | 74,000 | 81,000 | 69,000 | 105,000 | 104,000 | 101,000 | D | D | D |
| 40-49 | 105,000 | 106,000 | 105,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 | 100,000 | 105,000 | 117,000 | 102,000 | 116,000 | 122,000 | 112,000 | D | D | D |
| 50-75 | 120,000 | 97,000 | 128,000 | 98,000 | 87,000 | 105,000 | 100,000 | 98,000 | 104,000 | 135,000 | 112,000 | 142,000 | D | D | D |
| Social and related scientists | 86,000 | 84,000 | 90,000 | 87,000 | 85,000 | 87,000 | 83,000 | 76,000 | 92,000 | 90,000 | 87,000 | 96,000 | 100,000 | 99,000 | 120,000 |
| 29 and younger | 55,000 | 54,000 | 56,000 | 49,000 | 51,000 | 42,000 | 59,000 | 56,000 | 61,000 | 80,000 | 76,000 | 96,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 90,000 | 90,000 | 92,000 | 94,000 | 94,000 | S | 90,000 | 95,000 | 85,000 | 81,000 | 73,000 | 99,000 | S | S | D |
| 40-49 | 90,000 | 107,000 | 86,000 | 87,000 | 172,000 | S | 84,000 | 84,000 | 91,000 | 99,000 | 108,000 | 84,000 | 108,000 | D | S |
| 50-75 | 103,000 | 89,000 | 113,000 | 117,000 | 117,000 | 101,000 | 85,000 | 70,000 | 112,000 | 99,000 | 98,000 | 106,000 | 139,000 | S | S |
| Engineers | 115,000 | 105,000 | 116,000 | 104,000 | 99,000 | 105,000 | 130,000 | 116,000 | 134,000 | 130,000 | 120,000 | 136,000 | S | D | D |
| 29 and younger | 87,000 | 87,000 | 87,000 | 85,000 | 85,000 | 84,000 | 100,000 | 90,000 | 100,000 | 123,000 | 102,000 | 124,000 | D | D | D |
| 30-39 | 115,000 | 110,000 | 115,000 | 106,000 | 110,000 | 105,000 | 125,000 | 110,000 | 127,000 | 117,000 | 109,000 | 117,000 | D | D | D |
| 40-49 | 132,000 | 120,000 | 133,000 | 119,000 | 106,000 | 120,000 | 146,000 | 146,000 | 145,000 | 145,000 | 115,000 | 148,000 | D | D | D |
| 50-75 | 140,000 | 130,000 | 141,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 130,000 | 150,000 | 124,000 | 149,000 | 150,000 | 132,000 | 152,000 | D | D | D |

TABLE 4-1

Median annual salary of full-time employed college graduates, by major occupation, age, level of highest degree, and sex: 2023

(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 |
| S&E-related occupations | 90,000 | 84,000 | 106,000 | 80,000 | 72,000 | 90,000 | 98,000 | 92,000 | 110,000 | 112,000 | 105,000 | 125,000 | 160,000 | 138,000 | 192,000 |
| 29 and younger | 65,000 | 64,000 | 65,000 | 60,000 | 60,000 | 65,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 70,000 | 78,000 | 81,000 | 69,000 | 72,000 | 74,000 | 70,000 |
| 30–39 | 89,000 | 85,000 | 98,000 | 80,000 | 72,000 | 88,000 | 91,000 | 88,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 100,000 | 99,000 | 141,000 | 144,000 | 137,000 |
| 40–49 | 108,000 | 96,000 | 135,000 | 90,000 | 84,000 | 109,000 | 104,000 | 97,000 | 130,000 | 145,000 | 147,000 | 136,000 | 221,000 | 175,000 | 275,000 |
| 50–75 | 104,000 | 92,000 | 125,000 | 90,000 | 83,000 | 109,000 | 103,000 | 100,000 | 113,000 | 138,000 | 122,000 | 157,000 | 210,000 | 155,000 | 249,000 |
| Non-S&E occupations | 77,000 | 69,000 | 90,000 | 70,000 | 62,000 | 80,000 | 83,000 | 75,000 | 106,000 | 97,000 | 85,000 | 108,000 | 144,000 | 125,000 | 161,000 |
| 29 and younger | 55,000 | 55,000 | 58,000 | 53,000 | 53,000 | 55,000 | 59,000 | 59,000 | 65,000 | 85,000 | 82,000 | 112,000 | 97,000 | 83,000 | 119,000 |
| 30–39 | 76,000 | 69,000 | 88,000 | 72,000 | 63,000 | 81,000 | 78,000 | 73,000 | 99,000 | 83,000 | 68,000 | 101,000 | 136,000 | 130,000 | 150,000 |
| 40–49 | 87,000 | 77,000 | 100,000 | 80,000 | 70,000 | 95,000 | 90,000 | 80,000 | 115,000 | 98,000 | 94,000 | 100,000 | 140,000 | 139,000 | 140,000 |
| 50–75 | 89,000 | 75,000 | 102,000 | 80,000 | 70,000 | 90,000 | 93,000 | 80,000 | 124,000 | 100,000 | 90,000 | 129,000 | 170,000 | 125,000 | 179,000 |

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 at least 35 hours in a typical week. Estimates by sex were based on responses to the question, "What sex were you assigned at birth, on your original birth certificate? 1. Male, 2. Female," which was a change from prior survey cycles. In 2021, the question was "What is your sex? 1. Male, 2. Female," and in 2019 and earlier years, the question was "Are you ... 1. Male, 2. Female."

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2023.