

Table SLBR-9

Labor market indicators for recent S&E degree recipients up to 5 years after receiving degree, by level and field of highest degree: 2019

(Percent and dollars)

Indicator and highest degree level	All S&E fields	Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	Computer and mathematical sciences	Physical sciences	Social sciences	Engineering
Unemployment rate (%)						
All degree levels	4.2	5.9	7.2	1.7	3.6	1.9
Bachelor's	5.6	7.9	10.1	1.4	4.5	2.5
Master's	1.3	s	1.5	s	1.2	1.0
Doctorate	1.1	s	s	s	s	s
Involuntarily out-of-field rate (%)						
All degree levels	7.1	8.7	2.8	s	10.3	2.3
Bachelor's	9.5	11.2	3.7	s	13.4	3.1
Master's	2.1	4.6	1.0	s	2.7	0.9
Doctorate	1.6	s	s	s	s	s
Median annual salary (\$)						
All degree levels	53,000	43,000	75,000	46,000	40,000	75,000
Bachelor's	45,000	38,000	65,000	39,000	36,000	71,000
Master's	70,000	48,000	91,000	46,000	49,000	87,000
Doctorate	80,000	64,000	109,000	66,000	78,000	101,000

s = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability.

Note(s):

Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All degree levels includes professional degrees not broken out separately. Data include degrees earned from February 2012 to February 2016. The involuntarily out-of-field rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that their job is not related to their field of highest degree because a job in their highest degree field was not available.

Source(s):

National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates (NSCG), 2019.

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