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Median annual salary of scientists and engineers employed full time, by broad occupation, age, and disability status: 2017  
(Dollars)

Occupation and age (years)	Total	Without disability	With disability
All occupations	80,000	80,000	74,000
29 and younger	51,000	52,000	40,000
30–39	75,000	75,000	60,000
40–49	90,000	91,000	86,000
50–75	91,000	94,000	82,000
S&E occupations <sup>a</sup>	90,000	90,000	89,000
29 and younger	64,000	65,000	S
30–39	86,000	87,000	74,000
40–49	100,000	100,000	100,000
50–75	104,000	105,000	99,000
Science occupations	88,000	89,000	85,000
29 and younger	60,000	60,000	S
30–39	82,000	84,000	72,000
40–49	100,000	100,000	99,000
50–75	100,000	100,000	96,000
Biological/life scientist	60,000	60,000	59,000
29 and younger	38,000	38,000	39,000
30–39	55,000	55,000	53,000
40–49	88,000	89,000	S
50–75	95,000	95,000	90,000
Computer and information scientist	96,000	96,000	93,000
29 and younger	75,000	75,000	76,000
30–39	95,000	95,000	78,000
40–49	105,000	105,000	106,000
50–75	100,000	100,000	101,000
Mathematical scientist	73,000	72,000	89,000
29 and younger	58,000	58,000	S
30–39	71,000	71,000	94,000
40–49	93,000	93,000	89,000
50–75	98,000	98,000	108,000
Physical scientist	75,000	75,000	76,000
29 and younger	36,000	38,000	S
30–39	68,000	67,000	77,000
40–49	81,000	81,000	83,000
50–75	100,000	102,000	87,000
Psychologist	72,000	73,000	61,000
29 and younger	39,000	39,000	D
30–39	70,000	70,000	61,000
40–49	80,000	84,000	58,000
50–75	89,000	90,000	86,000
Social scientist	69,000	73,000	S
29 and younger	S	44,000	S
30–39	59,000	60,000	54,000
40–49	84,000	85,000	79,000
50–75	96,000	99,000	86,000
Engineering occupations	96,000	96,000	96,000
29 and younger	70,000	70,000	69,000
30–39	91,000	92,000	84,000
40–49	109,000	109,000	99,000
50–75	115,000	116,000	105,000
S&E-related occupations <sup>b</sup>	80,000	80,000	73,000

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29 and younger	53,000	53,000	46,000
30–39	71,000	72,000	56,000
40–49	90,000	90,000	84,000
50–75	92,000	95,000	79,000
Non-S&E occupations	70,000	70,000	60,000
29 and younger	43,000	43,000	41,000
30–39	66,000	67,000	48,000
40–49	81,000	81,000	75,000
50–75	80,000	83,000	70,000

D = suppressed for data confidentiality reasons. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

<sup>a</sup> S&E occupations include S&E postsecondary teachers.

<sup>b</sup> S&E-related occupations include health occupations.

**Note(s)**

Salaries are rounded to nearest \$1,000. 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. Respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Scientists and engineers are individuals under the age of 76 who have a bachelor's or higher degree, are living in the United States, and have an S&E or S&E-related degree or occupation.

**Source(s)**

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