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(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, all ages	77,000	66,000	90,000	70,000	60,000	80,000	84,000	73,000	100,000	100,000	92,000	113,000	135,000	110,000	150,000
29 and younger	55,000	51,000	60,000	52,000	48,000	60,000	60,000	58,000	69,000	75,000	73,000	79,000	64,000	58,000	81,000
30–39	75,000	66,000	85,000	69,000	60,000	79,000	79,000	70,000	92,000	90,000	81,000	100,000	119,000	115,000	131,000
40–49	85,000	75,000	100,000	80,000	65,000	95,000	88,000	76,000	105,000	106,000	96,000	118,000	144,000	117,000	185,000
50–75	89,000	75,000	101,000	80,000	66,000	94,000	94,000	83,000	115,000	113,000	100,000	120,000	165,000	139,000	174,000
S&E occupations	99,000	86,000	102,000	93,000	81,000	97,000	106,000	90,000	114,000	107,000	92,000	115,000	90,000	84,000	98,000
29 and younger	73,000	68,000	75,000	72,000	66,000	73,000	80,000	72,000	82,000	64,000	56,000	70,000	D	S	D
30–39	96,000	86,000	100,000	93,000	84,000	95,000	102,000	94,000	110,000	90,000	80,000	100,000	83,000	77,000	87,000
40–49	110,000	95,000	115,000	107,000	92,000	110,000	115,000	92,000	125,000	110,000	100,000	116,000	132,000	98,000	206,000
50–75	115,000	100,000	120,000	110,000	92,000	113,000	120,000	107,000	126,000	125,000	111,000	130,000	100,000	100,000	100,000
Biological, agricultural, and other life scientists	72,000	72,000	71,000	55,000	59,000	52,000	68,000	69,000	65,000	96,000	90,000	100,000	136,000	85,000	172,000
29 and younger	39,000	42,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	39,000	36,000	39,000	36,000	55,000	54,000	S	S	D	D
30–39	64,000	67,000	62,000	58,000	63,000	54,000	62,000	66,000	56,000	70,000	74,000	70,000	S	S	63,000
40–49	90,000	92,000	89,000	80,000	94,000	70,000	80,000	79,000	80,000	108,000	105,000	109,000	213,000	S	217,000
50–75	105,000	102,000	107,000	85,000	84,000	85,000	96,000	93,000	96,000	125,000	125,000	125,000	144,000	70,000	172,000
Computer and mathematical scientists	104,000	92,000	109,000	98,000	88,000	100,000	114,000	100,000	120,000	139,000	120,000	145,000	96,000	S	90,000
29 and younger	81,000	80,000	81,000	77,000	75,000	78,000	92,000	91,000	96,000	S	S	S	D	D	D
30–39	102,000	95,000	105,000	97,000	89,000	100,000	110,000	104,000	119,000	143,000	106,000	147,000	D	D	D
40–49	114,000	98,000	120,000	110,000	96,000	113,000	120,000	99,000	130,000	138,000	126,000	146,000	S	D	D
50–75	112,000	97,000	120,000	106,000	90,000	110,000	120,000	108,000	130,000	139,000	131,000	140,000	98,000	D	S
Physical and related scientists	78,000	72,000	80,000	63,000	60,000	65,000	78,000	77,000	79,000	100,000	83,000	102,000	S	D	*
29 and younger	43,000	44,000	40,000	41,000	43,000	37,000	34,000	43,000	33,000	69,000	83,000	55,000	D	D	D
30–39	72,000	71,000	72,000	64,000	56,000	69,000	75,000	74,000	78,000	80,000	79,000	82,000	D	D	D
40–49	92,000	91,000	92,000	79,000	74,000	80,000	98,000	106,000	92,000	105,000	102,000	104,000	D	D	D
50–75	105,000	88,000	110,000	90,000	85,000	100,000	99,000	82,000	102,000	118,000	101,000	119,000	D	D	D
Social and related scientists	78,000	75,000	87,000	71,000	64,000	79,000	72,000	72,000	72,000	91,000	87,000	98,000	79,000	78,000	85,000
29 and younger	55,000	52,000	64,000	50,000	42,000	71,000	54,000	54,000	53,000	68,000	65,000	71,000	D	D	D
30–39	78,000	77,000	84,000	78,000	75,000	103,000	70,000	72,000	70,000	86,000	77,000	92,000	77,000	S	D
40–49	80,000	75,000	98,000	74,000	72,000	100,000	78,000	77,000	92,000	85,000	83,000	93,000	94,000	95,000	*
50–75	100,000	93,000	100,000	S	134,000	77,000	91,000	82,000	98,000	100,000	92,000	107,000	108,000	94,000	130,000
Engineers	101,000	93,000	104,000	95,000	85,000	96,000	112,000	105,000	115,000	132,000	110,000	134,000	S	D	S
29 and younger	77,000	74,000	77,000	75,000	72,000	75,000	84,000	79,000	84,000	96,000	D	100,000	D	D	D
30–39	100,000	100,000	100,000	95,000	99,000	95,000	106,000	102,000	110,000	114,000	101,000	119,000	D	D	D
40–49	120,000	119,000	120,000	110,000	106,000	111,000	123,000	126,000	122,000	137,000	113,000	147,000	D	D	D
50–75	125,000	121,000	126,000	119,000	112,000	119,000	133,000	131,000	133,000	154,000	147,000	156,000	D	D	D

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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	83,000	75,000	100,000	70,000	66,000	80,000	88,000	81,000	100,000	100,000	94,000	115,000	150,000	127,000	194,000
29 and younger	58,000	58,000	60,000	56,000	55,000	56,000	63,000	62,000	65,000	75,000	72,000	79,000	64,000	58,000	74,000
30–39	79,000	74,000	88,000	67,000	65,000	74,000	85,000	80,000	96,000	90,000	89,000	95,000	139,000	135,000	150,000
40–49	92,000	84,000	116,000	82,000	75,000	94,000	90,000	83,000	100,000	126,000	104,000	155,000	214,000	147,000	243,000
50–75	99,000	85,000	120,000	89,000	76,000	100,000	95,000	90,000	110,000	119,000	100,000	127,000	198,000	149,000	218,000
Non-S&E occupations	70,000	62,000	80,000	64,000	55,000	75,000	75,000	69,000	92,000	95,000	90,000	100,000	119,000	100,000	143,000
29 and younger	50,000	47,000	52,000	47,000	45,000	52,000	55,000	55,000	59,000	S	S	S	65,000	55,000	86,000
30–39	67,000	61,000	75,000	63,000	56,000	70,000	70,000	65,000	82,000	91,000	85,000	102,000	106,000	100,000	119,000
40–49	79,000	70,000	94,000	72,000	60,000	85,000	80,000	73,000	99,000	91,000	86,000	100,000	120,000	108,000	143,000
50–75	80,000	68,000	94,000	72,000	60,000	80,000	88,000	79,000	110,000	96,000	95,000	103,000	149,000	116,000	150,000

* = 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 annual salaries are rounded to the nearest $1,000. Full-time employed college graduates are individuals working at least 35 hours in a typical week.

Source(s):
National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2021.