

**Table F-1. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers,
by field and level of highest degree attained: 1997**

Field of highest degree	Employed S&Es, total	Level of highest degree		
		Bachelor's	Master's	Doctorate
All degree fields, total	\$50,000	\$45,000	\$53,000	\$63,000
S&E degree fields, total	48,000	44,000	54,000	65,000
Sciences, total	42,000	40,000	50,000	61,000
Computer/math sciences, total	53,100	50,000	60,000	65,000
Computer/information sciences	55,000	52,000	64,000	72,100
Mathematical sciences	50,000	48,000	54,000	62,000
Life/related sciences, total	40,000	36,000	44,000	60,000
Agricultural/food sciences	40,000	37,500	42,000	60,000
Biological sciences	40,000	36,000	43,000	60,000
Environmental life sciences	40,000	36,000	55,000	60,000
Physical/related sciences, total	51,300	45,500	55,000	70,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	51,000	45,000	51,000	70,000
Earth science, geology and oceanography ...	48,000	45,000	51,000	60,000
Physics/astronomy	60,000	52,000	60,000	71,000
Other physical sciences	46,000	42,100	50,000	60,000
Social/related sciences, total	38,500	36,000	44,000	57,000
Economics	49,000	45,000	58,000	66,400
Political/related sciences	40,000	39,400	50,000	58,000
Psychology	36,400	32,000	42,000	57,000
Sociology/anthropology	35,000	33,000	39,000	51,300
Other social sciences	37,000	35,000	42,000	52,000
Engineering, total	60,000	56,000	65,000	75,000
Aerospace/related engineering	60,000	55,000	65,000	73,000
Chemical engineering	63,900	61,000	68,000	78,000
Civil/architectural engineering	55,000	52,100	60,000	67,000
Electrical/related engineering	60,200	59,600	70,000	76,200
Industrial engineering	55,000	51,000	60,000	65,000
Mechanical engineering	58,300	56,000	62,000	73,000
Other engineering	60,000	55,000	63,000	75,000
Non-S&E degrees, total	58,100	50,000	52,000	58,000
Business/management	64,000	51,000	69,500	67,000
Education	45,000	45,000	44,900	58,000
Health	89,000	47,000	46,000	S
Other non-S&E	54,000	50,000	46,000	53,000

NOTES: The term "Scientists and Engineers" (S&Es) includes all persons who have ever received a bachelor's degree or higher in a science or engineering (S&E) field, plus persons holding a non-S&E bachelor's or higher degree who were employed in a S&E occupation during either the 1993, 1995 or 1997 SESTAT surveys. Figures are rounded to nearest hundred. Details may not add to total because of rounding.

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