

Median annual salaries of U.S. individuals in S&E and S&E-related occupations, by highest degree, occupation, and years since degree: 2003

(Dollars)

Degree and occupation	Employed individuals	Years since highest degree							
		<5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35+
All degree levels^a									
S&E occupations.....	69,500	52,000	65,000	72,000	78,000	80,000	76,800	80,000	82,000
Scientists	65,000	50,000	64,000	70,000	75,000	75,000	72,000	75,000	80,000
Computer and mathematical scientists.....	70,000	59,000	70,000	73,000	80,000	80,000	72,100	76,000	80,000
Computer and information scientists.....	70,000	60,000	70,000	74,000	80,000	80,000	72,000	78,600	80,000
Mathematical scientists	73,000	60,000	59,900	75,000	85,000	82,000	100,000	90,000	75,000
Postsecondary teachers	51,200	43,400	45,000	52,000	58,000	61,600	62,100	50,000	78,000
Life and related scientists.....	52,000	38,000	50,000	60,000	60,300	65,000	67,000	72,000	80,000
Agricultural and food scientists	48,000	42,000	39,000	56,000	54,000	62,000	54,000	50,000	50,000
Biological scientists.....	50,000	36,000	52,000	60,000	64,000	71,600	63,600	62,000	80,000
Environmental life scientists.....	48,000	32,000	42,000	53,000	53,000	46,100	66,200	63,000	61,000
Postsecondary teachers	60,000	42,000	51,500	65,000	70,000	70,000	80,000	100,000	98,000
Physical and related scientists.....	60,000	42,300	55,000	66,000	71,000	67,000	77,000	66,000	78,000
Chemists, except biochemists	60,000	45,000	58,200	65,000	75,000	70,000	70,000	66,000	70,000
Earth scientists, geologists, and oceanographers.....	63,500	41,600	57,300	70,200	67,000	65,000	87,000	70,000	90,000
Physicists and astronomers.....	80,000	45,000	65,000	86,000	90,000	95,000	127,000	100,000	100,000
Other	48,000	41,000	45,000	52,000	70,000	45,700	68,000	55,000	74,000
Postsecondary teachers	54,500	38,000	50,000	57,000	63,000	71,000	70,000	75,000	78,000
Social and related scientists.....	57,000	43,000	51,000	61,000	70,000	65,000	75,000	80,000	80,000
Economists	88,500	70,000	100,000	89,000	90,000	61,800	90,000	90,000	100,000
Political scientists.....	43,000	40,100	43,000	75,000	95,000	9,500	80,000	S	S
Psychologists.....	54,000	41,200	50,000	60,000	64,400	63,500	63,000	65,000	69,200
Sociologists and anthropologists	50,000	36,000	45,000	50,000	61,000	80,000	75,000	78,200	S
Other	55,800	41,000	51,000	63,000	80,000	72,000	84,000	95,000	85,000
Postsecondary teachers	56,000	44,200	48,000	57,400	65,000	68,500	72,000	73,400	85,000
Engineers	74,000	59,500	70,000	77,000	80,000	85,000	83,600	85,000	85,000
Aerospace and related.....	82,400	64,000	80,000	88,000	80,000	91,000	95,000	100,000	100,000
Chemical.....	78,000	61,000	70,000	90,000	80,000	94,000	97,700	110,000	100,000
Civil and architectural.....	68,000	49,500	62,000	70,000	70,000	80,000	80,000	82,000	80,000
Electrical and related.....	80,000	65,000	78,000	82,000	88,000	89,000	85,600	89,500	90,000
Industrial.....	65,000	55,000	62,000	67,000	70,000	89,000	63,000	74,000	85,000
Mechanical	72,000	60,000	67,000	77,000	80,000	82,000	85,000	80,000	80,000
Other.....	72,000	55,000	69,000	71,000	80,000	80,000	82,000	79,400	83,000
Postsecondary teachers	72,000	57,500	65,000	76,000	80,000	90,000	88,000	90,000	69,000
S&E-related occupations	57,000	45,000	55,000	60,000	65,000	67,000	65,000	63,000	72,800
Health-related occupations.....	60,000	47,000	58,000	60,000	70,000	69,000	68,000	72,000	80,000
S&E managers.....	92,000	78,000	83,000	96,000	95,000	92,000	100,000	108,000	100,000
S&E precollege teachers.....	42,000	38,000	41,000	41,500	46,000	45,000	50,000	50,000	40,000
S&E technicians and technologists	57,000	41,600	58,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	62,000	60,000	71,400
Other	60,000	42,200	52,000	60,000	69,000	85,000	76,500	68,000	70,000

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		<5	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	25-29	30-34	35+
Bachelor's									
S&E occupations	65,000	48,000	62,000	69,100	75,000	77,300	72,000	75,000	80,000
Scientists	62,000	45,000	60,000	66,500	75,000	70,000	67,000	70,000	72,400
Computer and mathematical scientists.....	68,000	52,000	65,000	70,000	79,000	76,800	70,000	75,000	79,100
Computer and information scientists.....	68,700	52,000	65,000	70,000	78,100	77,400	70,000	76,000	80,000
Mathematical scientists	60,000	47,100	42,000	55,000	87,000	71,900	100,000	75,000	S
Postsecondary teachers.....	38,000	38,000	35,000	S	S	41,000	42,000	S	S
Life and related scientists	42,000	30,000	40,000	48,000	46,000	52,000	56,000	53,000	50,000
Agricultural and food scientists	45,500	38,000	36,800	50,000	48,000	42,000	55,000	35,000	50,000
Biological scientists	40,000	29,000	44,000	48,000	46,000	58,000	51,000	49,500	70,000
Environmental life scientists.....	50,000	31,500	40,000	53,000	50,000	51,000	66,200	63,000	S
Postsecondary teachers	38,700	21,000	40,000	38,000	38,700	47,000	56,000	54,200	S
Physical and related scientists	47,000	38,000	45,600	52,000	65,000	55,000	58,700	55,000	60,000
Chemists, except biochemists.....	50,000	40,000	50,000	50,000	72,000	52,000	52,000	62,500	65,000
Earth scientists, geologists, and oceanographers	54,000	35,500	50,000	56,000	55,000	60,000	77,500	47,000	65,700
Physicists and astronomers	50,000	25,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other	40,000	40,000	40,000	52,000	65,000	44,500	68,000	S	S
Postsecondary teachers.....	25,000	19,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Social and related scientists.....	45,000	36,000	46,000	58,000	69,800	52,000	73,800	49,000	78,600
Economists	60,000	42,000	60,000	63,500	S	S	93,000	S	S
Political scientists	40,100	40,100	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychologists	30,500	30,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Sociologists and anthropologists	32,000	30,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other	50,000	38,500	50,000	58,000	70,000	72,000	84,000	39,000	78,600
Postsecondary teachers.....	35,800	35,800	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Engineers.....	70,000	53,000	65,000	71,200	76,900	83,600	80,000	80,000	84,000
Aerospace and related	81,000	55,000	72,000	80,000	83,000	90,000	87,000	98,000	100,000
Chemical.....	72,000	57,000	65,000	89,700	77,000	91,200	100,000	112,000	96,000
Civil and architectural	65,000	46,800	60,000	70,000	69,000	75,000	80,000	82,100	84,000
Electrical and related	75,000	60,000	74,000	75,000	85,000	87,000	80,000	84,000	87,000
Industrial.....	62,000	52,000	60,000	63,300	70,000	94,000	62,500	65,000	85,000
Mechanical	70,000	54,200	63,000	74,000	76,900	85,000	85,000	79,400	77,000
Other	70,000	48,000	62,400	68,000	75,000	80,000	80,000	74,700	82,000
Postsecondary teachers	38,000	31,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
S&E-related occupations	50,000	40,000	48,000	50,000	55,000	57,000	56,000	53,000	55,000
Health-related occupations	49,900	43,000	48,000	50,000	50,000	55,000	53,000	50,000	52,000
S&E managers	87,000	65,000	69,000	85,000	93,000	88,000	90,000	107,000	98,000
S&E precollege teachers	38,000	33,000	35,000	39,000	42,000	40,000	45,000	49,000	36,000
S&E technicians and technologists.....	55,000	38,600	55,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	60,000	59,000	67,000
Other	60,000	43,500	51,000	53,000	67,000	92,000	76,000	55,000	70,000

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Master's									
S&E occupations	72,100	60,000	75,000	78,000	83,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	80,000
Scientists	69,000	56,000	73,000	74,000	79,000	75,000	75,000	67,800	71,600
Computer and mathematical scientists.....	77,000	66,000	80,000	80,000	85,000	85,000	80,000	80,000	84,000
Computer and information scientists.....	80,000	68,000	82,800	82,000	88,000	86,500	81,000	80,000	97,000
Mathematical scientists	72,000	60,000	72,000	82,000	76,500	80,000	70,000	108,000	S
Postsecondary teachers	45,000	40,000	40,000	43,000	54,100	55,000	66,000	40,000	43,000
Life and related scientists	50,000	41,000	51,500	55,000	54,000	54,500	51,000	50,000	70,000
Agricultural and food scientists	47,000	43,000	39,000	56,000	54,000	59,500	37,000	S	S
Biological scientists	54,000	42,000	56,000	58,000	60,000	70,000	80,600	48,000	70,000
Environmental life scientists.....	42,100	38,000	42,000	S	48,000	24,000	S	S	S
Postsecondary teachers	46,800	40,000	51,500	53,000	55,000	44,000	50,000	59,800	39,300
Physical and related scientists	65,500	46,000	60,000	66,300	85,000	84,000	84,000	65,000	84,900
Chemists, except biochemists.....	66,000	57,000	65,000	66,000	90,000	85,000	89,000	66,000	S
Earth scientists, geologists, and oceanographers	75,000	46,000	60,000	75,000	91,000	82,000	84,000	99,000	S
Physicists and astronomers	65,000	32,000	54,000	S	S	95,000	S	S	S
Other	65,000	51,000	73,000	66,300	70,000	S	60,000	S	S
Postsecondary teachers	45,000	30,600	S	45,000	S	S	52,000	42,600	S
Social and related scientists.....	53,000	41,200	50,000	57,000	70,000	60,000	68,000	80,000	71,000
Economists	89,000	70,000	150,000	89,000	98,000	266,000	83,400	60,000	S
Political scientists	40,000	43,000	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychologists	48,000	40,000	47,900	50,600	60,000	55,000	60,000	60,000	58,000
Sociologists and anthropologists.....	50,000	40,000	S	S	43,500	S	S	S	S
Other	65,000	48,500	58,000	75,000	100,000	70,000	85,000	140,000	S
Postsecondary teachers	43,800	24,000	37,500	44,000	45,000	52,000	65,000	55,000	50,000
Engineers.....	80,000	68,000	78,000	85,000	89,000	86,000	90,000	90,000	88,000
Aerospace and related	82,400	69,500	88,000	94,000	70,000	98,000	95,000	104,000	120,000
Chemical.....	82,000	70,000	75,000	89,400	86,500	105,000	89,000	91,500	S
Civil and architectural	72,000	55,000	66,500	80,000	85,000	82,000	80,000	77,000	75,000
Electrical and related	86,000	75,000	82,000	95,000	100,000	89,000	94,000	105,000	96,000
Industrial.....	72,000	62,000	78,000	76,000	82,000	80,000	73,000	74,000	S
Mechanical	78,000	70,000	78,000	82,000	87,000	66,000	86,000	89,500	90,000
Other	80,000	65,000	75,000	80,000	90,000	83,500	90,000	87,000	93,400
Postsecondary teachers	65,000	50,000	S	S	54,000	S	S	S	S
S&E-related occupations	56,000	50,000	60,000	63,000	60,000	62,000	65,000	60,000	65,000
Health-related occupations.....	56,500	53,000	61,000	61,900	63,700	55,000	65,000	50,000	55,000
S&E managers	95,000	86,100	89,600	98,500	93,500	105,000	120,000	100,000	186,000
S&E precollege teachers	48,000	40,000	48,000	49,000	50,000	52,800	56,000	55,000	51,000
S&E technicians and technologists.....	63,000	57,000	65,000	72,000	63,000	65,000	70,000	61,500	S
Other.....	62,000	41,000	56,500	71,100	69,000	80,000	106,000	120,000	62,000

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Doctoral									
S&E occupations	75,000	53,000	70,000	78,000	82,000	87,000	91,000	95,000	100,000
Scientists	71,400	50,000	65,600	73,500	80,000	84,500	88,000	90,000	98,000
Computer and mathematical scientists.....	79,000	65,000	80,000	80,000	80,000	90,000	90,000	80,000	104,000
Computer and information scientists.....	87,000	75,000	90,000	96,000	90,000	100,000	96,000	93,800	145,000
Mathematical scientists	88,000	72,000	88,500	90,000	105,000	95,000	108,300	105,000	158,000
Postsecondary teachers	62,000	49,000	60,000	60,000	64,500	83,000	81,000	70,000	100,300
Life and related scientists	67,900	42,700	60,000	73,000	80,000	84,200	90,000	96,000	98,000
Agricultural and food scientists	72,000	50,000	68,000	70,000	83,500	90,000	90,000	74,000	93,000
Biological scientists	67,000	40,000	65,700	80,000	84,000	95,000	103,000	108,000	93,400
Environmental life scientists.....	63,000	22,600	64,000	57,000	83,000	S	S	S	S
Postsecondary teachers	67,000	51,500	55,000	67,000	75,000	78,400	82,000	90,000	100,000
Physical and related scientists	79,000	55,600	73,000	81,500	85,000	90,000	96,000	95,000	95,000
Chemists, except biochemists.....	85,000	70,000	84,000	93,000	96,000	100,000	100,000	96,000	90,200
Earth scientists, geologists, and oceanographers	80,000	60,000	74,000	75,000	82,000	100,000	110,000	111,000	100,000
Physicists and astronomers	90,000	51,300	83,000	90,000	100,000	104,000	107,000	121,700	120,000
Other	80,000	63,000	80,000	74,000	90,000	100,000	120,000	S	S
Postsecondary teachers.....	63,500	49,000	54,000	62,500	64,000	73,000	78,000	85,000	90,000
Social and related scientists.....	67,300	51,400	60,000	68,000	75,000	80,000	84,000	87,100	100,000
Economists	105,000	84,000	103,000	103,000	128,000	130,000	130,000	125,000	S
Political scientists	75,000	72,000	75,000	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychologists	70,100	55,000	67,000	72,000	80,000	85,000	87,300	89,000	97,000
Sociologists and anthropologists	64,000	62,400	62,000	72,000	68,000	85,000	90,000	S	S
Other	70,000	60,000	68,000	70,000	77,300	82,000	120,000	97,000	S
Postsecondary teachers.....	61,000	48,000	53,000	61,000	66,300	71,000	75,000	85,000	97,000
Engineers.....	90,000	73,200	85,000	95,000	100,000	100,000	105,000	112,000	106,500
Aerospace and related	95,500	85,000	88,000	100,000	98,000	100,000	110,000	119,500	136,500
Chemical	90,000	78,000	86,500	100,300	100,000	112,500	100,000	114,000	100,000
Civil and architectural	78,000	60,000	78,000	88,000	90,000	75,000	104,000	101,500	S
Electrical and related	102,000	85,000	102,000	110,000	126,400	112,000	106,000	120,000	110,000
Industrial.....	72,800	45,000	100,000	80,000	75,000	S	S	S	S
Mechanical	90,000	75,000	86,400	95,000	103,000	100,000	110,000	120,000	117,900
Other	85,000	75,000	83,000	95,000	89,600	100,000	110,000	124,000	90,000
Postsecondary teachers.....	81,000	64,000	68,000	81,000	87,000	100,000	95,200	100,000	100,000
S&E-related occupations	85,000	50,000	70,000	90,000	113,000	90,000	110,000	120,000	140,000
Health-related occupations.....	72,500	50,000	77,000	80,000	98,800	120,000	125,000	120,000	140,000
S&E managers	120,000	82,000	105,000	117,000	120,000	130,000	130,000	130,000	150,000
S&E precollege teachers	52,000	60,000	55,000	50,000	48,000	42,000	54,000	59,000	S
S&E technicians and technologists	62,300	36,000	75,000	70,000	50,000	64,000	59,000	85,000	100,000
Other.....	90,000	87,400	S	S	S	S	S	S	S

S = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or data reliability

*Includes professional degrees.

NOTES: Includes only full-time employed with salary > 0. Very large or very small values may reflect very small sample sizes and should be interpreted with caution.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT), preliminary estimates (2003), <http://sestat.nsf.gov>.