

**Table 785. Profile of Employed College Graduates by Employment Sector and Occupation Group: 2003**

[In thousands (32,575 represents \$32,575,000,000), except as noted. S&E stands for science and engineering. Includes individuals with degrees at the bachelor's level or higher]

| Characteristic   | All employed graduates (1,000) | Occupation (percent) |             |         | Median annual salary (dollars) |        |             |         |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------|-------------|---------|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
|  |                                | S&E                  | S&E-related | Non-S&E | All employed graduates         | S&E    | S&E-related | Non-S&E |
| <b>HIGHEST LEVEL OF DEGREE ATTAINMENT</b>  |                                |                      |             |         |                                |        |             |         |
| All degree levels . . . . .  | 32,575                         | 14                   | 15          | 70      | 50,000                         | 69,000 | 55,000      | 47,000  |
| Bachelor's . . . . .   | 20,359                         | 12                   | 14          | 74      | 47,000                         | 67,000 | 48,000      | 43,000  |
| Master's . . . . .   | 8,675                          | 17                   | 14          | 70      | 54,000                         | 70,000 | 55,000      | 50,000  |
| Doctorate . . . . .  | 1,271                          | 50                   | 7           | 43      | 70,000                         | 71,000 | 77,000      | 65,000  |
| Professional . . . . .   | 2,270                          | 4                    | 44          | 52      | 95,000                         | 80,000 | 112,000     | 80,000  |
| <b>EMPLOYMENT SECTOR</b>   |                                |                      |             |         |                                |        |             |         |
| Educational institutions . . . . .   | 7,156                          | 11                   | 17          | 71      | 42,000                         | 49,000 | 44,000      | 40,000  |
| 4-year colleges, medical schools,<br>university-affiliated research institutes . . | 2,003                          | 32                   | 22          | 46      | 47,000                         | 50,000 | 50,000      | 44,000  |
| 2-year colleges . . . . .  | 295                            | 31                   | 2           | 67      | 40,000                         | 40,000 | 40,000      | 40,000  |
| Precollege and other institutions . . . . .  | 4,857                          | 1                    | 16          | 82      | 41,000                         | 50,000 | 42,000      | 40,000  |
| Government . . . . .   | 3,527                          | 16                   | 13          | 71      | 53,000                         | 64,000 | 56,000      | 50,000  |
| Federal . . . . .  | 1,232                          | 23                   | 13          | 65      | 66,000                         | 75,000 | 65,000      | 62,000  |
| State . . . . .  | 1,044                          | 16                   | 13          | 71      | 43,000                         | 50,000 | 45,000      | 42,000  |
| Local . . . . .  | 1,251                          | 10                   | 13          | 77      | 45,000                         | 54,000 | 44,000      | 44,000  |
| Business/industry . . . . .  | 21,893                         | 15                   | 15          | 70      | 56,000                         | 73,000 | 60,000      | 50,000  |
| For-profit . . . . .   | 13,771                         | 19                   | 13          | 68      | 61,000                         | 75,000 | 67,000      | 55,000  |
| Self-employed, incorporated . . . . .  | 3,403                          | 11                   | 18          | 71      | 60,000                         | 72,000 | 85,000      | 50,000  |
| Self-employed, not incorporated . . . . .  | 2,583                          | 7                    | 14          | 78      | 40,000                         | 50,000 | 65,000      | 35,000  |
| Nonprofit . . . . .  | 2,534                          | 7                    | 28          | 65      | 42,000                         | 53,000 | 50,000      | 35,000  |

Source: U.S. National Science Foundation, National Survey of College Graduates: 2003.