

Appendix table 3-17

Employment status and salaries of 1997 and 1998 bachelor's and master's degree recipients, by degree field: 1999

Degree and field	All degree holders	Full-time student	Not full-time student			Median salary for full-time employed ^a
			Employed in S&E	Employed in other occupation	Not employed	
Bachelor's						
All S&E fields	743,400	165,500	161,900	377,300	38,800	\$30,000
Sciences	628,800	150,800	83,100	359,300	35,500	28,000
Computer/information sciences	46,000	S	27,000	15,100	S	44,000
Life/related sciences	164,000	54,300	20,900	79,100	9,800	25,000
Agricultural/food sciences	15,700	3,200	S	10,000	0	27,000
Biological sciences	134,900	48,800	16,200	62,000	7,800	25,000
Environmental life sciences, including forestry	13,500	2,300	3,000	7,100	S	26,000
Mathematics/related sciences	23,700	4,800	3,900	13,900	S	30,000
Physical/related sciences	36,500	12,600	11,100	11,900	1,000	29,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	20,100	7,900	6,300	5,500	S	29,000
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography	8,700	1,900	2,500	4,000	S	26,000
Physics and astronomy	7,200	2,600	2,200	2,200	S	35,000
Other	600	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	146,700	34,400	7,300	95,200	9,800	25,000
Social/related sciences	211,800	42,400	13,000	144,100	12,300	28,000
Economics	32,700	4,900	3,300	22,600	S	35,000
Political/related sciences	71,700	20,500	4,100	42,300	4,700	29,000
Sociology/anthropology	69,500	11,700	S	51,600	S	25,000
Other	37,900	5,300	S	27,600	2,800	26,000
Engineering	114,600	14,600	78,700	18,000	3,300	43,000
Aerospace/related	2,400	500	1,300	500	S	41,000
Chemical	12,400	1,900	8,500	1,600	S	45,000
Civil/architectural	20,200	2,500	14,200	2,800	S	37,000
Electrical, electronic, computer, and communications	34,200	4,000	25,500	4,200	S	46,000
Industrial	6,000	400	3,700	1,500	S	41,000
Mechanical	26,300	2,600	18,500	4,600	S	43,000
Other	13,200	2,700	7,200	2,800	S	40,000
Master's						
All S&E fields	157,000	32,100	71,800	46,300	6,800	\$46,000
Sciences	110,400	24,300	39,400	41,200	5,500	40,000
Computer/information sciences	20,000	1,600	14,200	3,700	S	58,000
Life/related sciences	16,600	4,900	5,000	6,000	S	34,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,300	S	S	S	S	35,000
Biological sciences	11,600	4,300	3,400	3,600	S	34,000
Environmental life sciences, including forestry	2,600	S	S	1,400	S	36,000
Mathematics/related sciences	7,200	1,800	3,200	1,700	S	44,000
Physical and related sciences	9,100	2,900	4,100	1,600	S	42,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,700	1,200	1,700	S	S	43,000
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography	3,000	600	1,600	600	S	37,000
Physics and astronomy	2,300	1,100	800	S	S	40,000
Other	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	30,000	6,900	7,700	13,200	2,200	32,000
Social/related sciences	27,500	6,200	5,100	14,900	1,300	40,000
Economics	4,300	1,300	S	1,600	S	45,000
Political/related sciences	9,400	1,900	1,600	5,600	S	40,000
Sociology/anthropology	4,300	1,400	S	1,700	S	31,000
Other	9,500	1,500	S	6,100	S	38,000
Engineering	46,700	7,900	32,500	5,100	1,300	55,000
Aerospace/related	1,500	400	800	S	S	50,000
Chemical	2,300	500	1,400	S	S	55,000
Civil/architectural	6,600	S	4,700	S	S	45,000
Electrical, electronic, computer, and communications	16,300	2,400	12,500	1,000	S	60,000
Industrial	3,600	S	2,400	S	S	55,000
Mechanical	6,800	1,100	4,900	S	S	51,000
Other	9,600	2,000	5,700	1,600	S	52,000

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^aSalary data for self-employed individuals, full-time students, and people who worked at principal job less than 35 hours per week are not included. Salary data are for principal job only.

NOTE: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1999.