

TABLE 2. Primary education and employment status, and median salary of 2001 and 2002 S&E master's degree recipients, by major field of degree: October 2003

Major field	Primary education and employment status						Median salary for full-time employed ^c
	All recipients	Full-time student	Not full-time student			Not employed	
			Employed in S&E ^a occupation	Employed in S&E-related ^b occupation	Employed in non-S&E occupation		
All fields	246,700	40,900	75,800	58,900	51,600	19,400	\$52,000
Sciences	117,000	27,900	42,000	2,000	36,200	9,000	45,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	4,500	7,300	1,300	2,800	S	40,000
Agricultural/food sciences	2,900	S	1,700	S	S	S	39,000
Biological sciences	12,100	3,600	4,800	1,200	1,900	S	40,000
Environmental life sciences	1,800	S	S	S	S	S	41,000
Computer and information sciences	27,200	4,800	13,600	S	4,900	4,000	60,000
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	1,800	2,700	S	1,000	S	54,000
Physical and related sciences	9,600	3,100	4,800	S	1,300	S	49,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	3,800	1,000	2,300	S	S	S	53,000
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	2,600	S	1,700	S	S	S	44,000
Physics/astronomy	2,700	1,600	700	S	S	S	58,000
Other physical sciences	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology	32,000	6,800	9,200	S	14,400	S	38,000
Social and related sciences	25,500	6,800	4,400	S	11,700	2,400	42,000
Economics	3,900	1,300	900	S	1,300	S	49,000
Political and related sciences	7,500	S	1,500	S	4,300	S	46,000
Sociology/anthropology	5,500	2,300	S	S	2,200	S	34,000
Other social sciences	8,700	2,200	S	S	3,900	S	40,000
Engineering	47,000	10,800	29,900	S	3,600	2,600	65,000
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	1,100	S	800	S	S	S	60,000
Chemical engineering	1,900	700	900	S	S	S	63,000
Civil/architectural engineering	6,000	900	4,700	S	S	S	54,000
Electrical/computer engineering	16,100	4,400	9,900	S	S	S	70,000
Industrial engineering	3,700	S	2,300	S	S	S	71,000
Materials/metallurgical engineering	1,900	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	6,000	1,200	4,000	S	S	S	59,000
Other engineering	10,300	2,300	6,200	S	1,200	S	65,000
Health	82,700	S	S	56,800	11,800	S	53,000

S = data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

S&E = science and engineering.

^a S&E occupations include postsecondary educators. For details, see technical notes.

^b S&E-related occupations include diagnosing/treating practitioners, registered nurses, pharmacists, dieticians, therapists, physician assistants, health technologists and technicians, health and related sciences postsecondary educators and other health occupations. For details, see technical notes.

^c Salary data are for principal jobs only. Full-time employed are those working at least 35 hours per week at their principal job. Self-employed persons and full-time students are excluded from salary data.

NOTES: Detail may not add to total because of rounding. Estimates are from a sample survey of college graduates who received bachelor's or master's degrees in science or engineering fields in 2000 or 2001; estimates may differ from degree counts presented in other Science Resources Statistics publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2003.