

TABLE 4. Primary education and employment status, and median salary of 2001 and 2002 S&E master's degree recipients, by major field of degree and sex: October 2003

Major field and sex	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
Male	54,200	13,500	23,000	S	14,200	3,100	49,000
Female	62,800	14,400	18,900	1,600	22,000	5,900	40,000
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	16,800	4,500	7,300	1,300	2,800	S	40,000
Male	7,400	2,200	3,800	S	1,200	S	41,000
Female	9,400	2,400	3,600	1,200	1,600	S	38,000
Computer and information sciences	27,200	4,800	13,600	S	4,900	4,000	60,000
Male	17,000	S	9,100	S	3,400	S	66,000
Female	10,200	S	4,400	S	1,500	S	56,000
Mathematics and statistics	5,900	1,800	2,700	S	1,000	S	54,000
Male	3,600	1,300	1,700	S	S	S	56,000
Female	2,300	500	1,000	S	500	S	51,000
Physical and related sciences	9,600	3,100	4,800	S	1,300	S	49,000
Male	6,200	2,400	3,000	S	S	S	52,000
Female	3,400	700	1,800	S	600	S	45,000
Psychology	32,000	6,800	9,200	S	14,400	S	38,000
Male	8,400	2,300	2,700	S	3,200	S	36,000
Female	23,500	4,500	6,500	S	11,300	S	38,000
Social sciences	25,500	6,800	4,400	S	11,700	2,400	42,000
Male	11,600	2,700	2,700	S	5,200	S	43,000
Female	14,000	4,100	1,600	S	6,500	1,600	41,000
Engineering	47,000	10,800	29,900	S	3,600	2,600	65,000
Male	37,800	8,800	24,700	S	2,800	1,600	65,000
Female	9,200	2,000	5,200	S	900	1,000	60,000
Health	82,700	S	S	56,800	11,800	S	53,000
Male	18,400	S	S	11,300	S	S	55,000
Female	64,300	S	S	45,500	7,300	S	50,000

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.