



Table 3-14 Labor market indicators for recent S&E degree recipients up to 5 years after receiving degree, by level and field of highest degree: 2013

Indicator and highest degree level	All S&E fields	Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	Computer and mathematical sciences	Physical sciences	Social sciences	Engineering
Unemployment rate (%)						
All degree levels	5.7	5.6	4.2	3.7	7.9	2.4
Bachelor's	6.5	6.4	3.3	4.7	9.0	3.1
Master's	4.2	3.8	6.7	S	5.1	0.8
Doctorate	2.3	2.6	S	5.0	3.1	S
Involuntarily out-of-field (IOF) rate (%)						
All degree levels	11.7	9.5	6.1	6.7	18.5	3.7
Bachelor's	14.4	10.8	8.2	9.8	22.2	3.9
Master's	6.0	8.0	S	S	9.1	4.8
Doctorate	1.6	2.7	S	5.3	3.2	S
Median annual salary (\$)						
All degree levels	40,000	34,000	57,000	34,000	34,000	65,000
Bachelor's	35,000	30,000	52,000	30,000	31,000	60,000
Master's	57,000	43,000	77,000	33,000	45,000	75,000
Doctorate	62,000	49,000	76,000	60,000	60,000	88,000

NOTES: S = suppressed for reasons of confidentiality and/or reliability. Median annual salaries are rounded to the nearest \$1,000. All degree levels includes professional degrees not broken out separately. Data include degrees earned from February 2008 to February 2012. The IOF rate is the proportion of all employed individuals who report that their job is not related to their field of highest degree because a job in their highest degree field was not available.

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