

TABLE 9-18. Median annual salary of scientists and engineers employed full time, by broad occupation, age, and disability status: 2015

(Dollars)

Occupation and age (years)	Total	Without disability	With disability
All occupations	75,000	75,000	66,000
29 and younger	50,000	50,000	42,000
30-39	70,000	70,000	59,000
40-49	86,000	88,000	74,000
50-75	90,000	90,000	74,000
S&E occupations	88,000	88,000	88,000
29 and younger	62,000	62,000	60,000
30-39	80,000	80,000	75,000
40-49	100,000	100,000	90,000
50-75	100,000	102,000	98,000
Science occupations	85,000	85,000	84,000
29 and younger	56,000	56,000	50,000
30-39	76,000	77,000	75,000
40-49	98,000	100,000	89,000
50-75	97,000	98,000	91,000
Biological/life scientist	62,000	62,000	70,000
29 and younger	32,000	32,000	24,000
30-39	52,000	52,000	59,000
40-49	75,000	75,000	77,000
50-75	90,000	89,000	91,000
Computer and information scientist	93,000	93,000	88,000
29 and younger	69,000	70,000	64,000
30-39	86,000	87,000	75,000
40-49	103,000	105,000	89,000
50-75	100,000	100,000	95,000
Mathematical scientist	70,000	70,000	89,000
29 and younger	41,000	41,000	D
30-39	79,000	78,000	117,000
40-49	85,000	85,000	78,000
50-75	93,000	93,000	89,000
Physical scientist	78,000	78,000	74,000
29 and younger	35,000	39,000	S
30-39	64,000	64,000	62,000
40-49	91,000	91,000	103,000
50-75	103,000	105,000	83,000
Psychologist	65,000	65,000	58,000
29 and younger	39,000	39,000	S
30-39	60,000	60,000	56,000
40-49	68,000	68,000	S
50-75	84,000	86,000	67,000
Social scientist	74,000	74,000	78,000
29 and younger	45,000	46,000	S
30-39	70,000	70,000	69,000
40-49	84,000	80,000	87,000
50-75	87,000	89,000	83,000

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Engineering occupations	93,000	93,000	91,000
29 and younger	68,000	68,000	72,000
30–39	86,000	87,000	80,000
40–49	100,000	100,000	99,000
50–75	110,000	110,000	105,000
S&E-related occupations	74,000	75,000	65,000
29 and younger	52,000	52,000	47,000
30–39	66,000	68,000	65,000
40–49	85,000	86,000	61,000
50–75	85,000	88,000	65,000
Non-S&E occupations	65,000	68,000	60,000
29 and younger	42,000	42,000	37,000
30–39	60,000	60,000	46,000
40–49	77,000	78,000	64,000
50–75	80,000	81,000	63,000

S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

S&E = science and engineering.

NOTES: Salaries rounded to nearest \$1,000. The National Survey of College Graduates asks the degree of difficulty—none, slight, moderate, severe, or unable to do—an individual has in seeing (with glasses), hearing (with hearing aid), walking without assistance, lifting 10 pounds, or concentrating, remembering, or making decisions. Respondents who answered "moderate," "severe," or "unable to do" for any activity were classified as having a disability. Scientists and engineers are individuals who have a bachelor's or higher degree, are living in the United States, and have an S&E or S&E-related degree or occupation.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation, National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of College Graduates, 2015.