

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
All degree levels and fields <sup>a</sup>	60,000	67,000	46,000	65,000	72,000	56,000
Business/industry	68,000	74,000	49,000	70,000	76,000	60,000
4-year college/university	48,000	46,000	52,000	53,000	50,000	50,000
Other educational institution	44,000	43,000	43,000	46,000	47,000	45,000
Government	60,000	62,000	51,000	63,000	61,000	55,000
S&E fields	59,000	68,000	39,000	60,000	73,000	49,000
Business/industry	65,000	74,000	36,000	65,000	77,000	50,000
4-year college/university	42,000	43,000	50,000	47,000	45,000	39,000
Other educational institution	38,000	40,000	36,000	38,000	42,000	40,000
Government	57,000	62,000	46,000	60,000	59,000	50,000
Sciences	50,000	60,000	38,000	53,000	70,000	45,000
Business/industry	55,000	68,000	34,000	55,000	75,000	45,000
4-year college/university	42,000	42,000	50,000	46,000	45,000	38,000
Other educational institution	38,000	40,000	36,000	38,000	41,000	40,000
Government	52,000	56,000	43,000	56,000	57,000	47,000
Biological/agricultural/environmental life sciences	49,000	50,000	43,000	50,000	53,000	45,000
Business/industry	50,000	60,000	42,000	50,000	58,000	45,000
4-year college/university	42,000	41,000	52,000	48,000	35,000	40,000
Other educational institution	40,000	38,000	40,000	42,000	S	33,000
Government	52,000	54,000	48,000	58,000	49,000	47,000
Agricultural/food sciences	43,000	53,000	35,000	46,000	52,000	36,000
Business/industry	42,000	57,000	30,000	45,000	53,000	33,000
4-year college/university	43,000	47,000	55,000	44,000	S	36,000
Other educational institution	29,000	S	29,000	42,000	S	S
Government	51,000	54,000	S	60,000	S	43,000
Biological sciences	50,000	50,000	45,000	53,000	54,000	47,000
Business/industry	51,000	60,000	43,000	56,000	59,000	48,000
4-year college/university	42,000	41,000	51,000	50,000	31,000	40,000
Other educational institution	40,000	39,000	40,000	42,000	S	32,000
Government	51,000	54,000	47,000	59,000	50,000	49,000
Environmental life sciences	48,000	50,000	42,000	50,000	46,000	47,000
Business/industry	48,000	58,000	34,000	50,000	53,000	45,000
4-year college/university	35,000	31,000	41,000	40,000	S	32,000
Other educational institution	38,000	S	40,000	S	S	S
Government	54,000	48,000	S	55,000	47,000	53,000
Computer/mathematical sciences	69,000	73,000	40,000	70,000	75,000	57,000
Business/industry	75,000	78,000	35,000	75,000	77,000	60,000
4-year college/university	48,000	50,000	49,000	58,000	47,000	52,000
Other educational institution	39,000	40,000	38,000	39,000	40,000	32,000
Government	62,000	64,000	48,000	64,000	65,000	47,000
Computer/information sciences	72,000	75,000	40,000	75,000	75,000	58,000
Business/industry	75,000	76,000	42,000	78,000	77,000	65,000
4-year college/university	49,000	50,000	54,000	54,000	49,000	53,000
Other educational institution	40,000	58,000	39,000	42,000	39,000	32,000
Government	61,000	64,000	S	65,000	64,000	47,000
Mathematical sciences	60,000	70,000	40,000	60,000	75,000	52,000
Business/industry	70,000	80,000	17,000	65,000	80,000	59,000
4-year college/university	48,000	50,000	47,000	61,000	44,000	51,000
Other educational institution	38,000	40,000	38,000	36,000	45,000	30,000

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Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Government	64,000	64,000	S	59,000	69,000	46,000
Physical/related sciences	61,000	70,000	48,000	70,000	73,000	52,000
Business/industry	71,000	78,000	48,000	75,000	77,000	55,000
4-year college/university	45,000	45,000	58,000	58,000	50,000	40,000
Other educational institution	39,000	37,000	39,000	46,000	S	30,000
Government	63,000	68,000	49,000	70,000	68,000	55,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	60,000	70,000	50,000	67,000	65,000	52,000
Business/industry	70,000	78,000	50,000	72,000	71,000	55,000
4-year college/university	38,000	35,000	52,000	52,000	50,000	38,000
Other educational institution	44,000	37,000	46,000	45,000	S	30,000
Government	66,000	60,000	S	72,000	S	62,000
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	59,000	60,000	42,000	67,000	64,000	49,000
Business/industry	60,000	63,000	15,000	71,000	75,000	50,000
4-year college/university	50,000	54,000	59,000	52,000	45,000	42,000
Other educational institution	39,000	34,000	38,000	48,000	S	S
Government	59,000	72,000	S	61,000	57,000	50,000
Physics/astronomy	75,000	80,000	49,000	93,000	84,000	64,000
Business/industry	92,000	97,000	68,000	99,000	90,000	79,000
4-year college/university	52,000	54,000	64,000	64,000	50,000	57,000
Other educational institution	36,000	39,000	36,000	54,000	S	S
Government	92,000	100,000	S	98,000	102,000	48,000
Other physical sciences	48,000	46,000	31,000	60,000	48,000	46,000
Business/industry	49,000	49,000	S	58,000	S	45,000
4-year college/university	47,000	43,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	62,000	40,000	S	64,000	S	S
Social/related sciences	45,000	49,000	35,000	49,000	60,000	40,000
Business/industry	46,000	51,000	30,000	50,000	64,000	40,000
4-year college/university	39,000	40,000	46,000	40,000	44,000	36,000
Other educational institution	36,000	40,000	35,000	35,000	40,000	41,000
Government	50,000	52,000	38,000	53,000	52,000	46,000
Economics	62,000	65,000	47,000	65,000	75,000	55,000
Business/industry	65,000	65,000	22,000	65,000	74,000	59,000
4-year college/university	49,000	70,000	63,000	45,000	S	37,000
Other educational institution	41,000	S	41,000	39,000	S	S
Government	64,000	68,000	S	70,000	77,000	48,000
Political/related sciences	52,000	49,000	38,000	56,000	60,000	51,000
Business/industry	54,000	49,000	38,000	58,000	61,000	54,000
4-year college/university	46,000	40,000	48,000	49,000	S	45,000
Other educational institution	34,000	33,000	35,000	30,000	S	21,000
Government	56,000	59,000	S	59,000	55,000	52,000
Psychology	40,000	45,000	34,000	42,000	53,000	39,000
Business/industry	40,000	51,000	33,000	41,000	58,000	37,000
4-year college/university	35,000	36,000	42,000	38,000	39,000	33,000
Other educational institution	38,000	40,000	34,000	36,000	S	43,000
Government	45,000	42,000	29,000	50,000	36,000	42,000
Sociology/anthropology	40,000	43,000	30,000	41,000	50,000	36,000
Business/industry	37,000	42,000	20,000	40,000	49,000	32,000

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		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
4-year college/university	37,000	38,000	45,000	37,000	S	35,000
Other educational institution	29,000	30,000	27,000	32,000	S	26,000
Government	51,000	53,000	42,000	52,000	50,000	48,000
Other social sciences	42,000	48,000	38,000	44,000	55,000	40,000
Business/industry	40,000	49,000	32,000	41,000	63,000	36,000
4-year college/university	45,000	46,000	46,000	45,000	27,000	40,000
Other educational institution	40,000	40,000	39,000	40,000	S	42,000
Government	49,000	49,000	32,000	52,000	47,000	43,000
Engineering	80,000	80,000	54,000	84,000	80,000	71,000
Business/industry	81,000	80,000	72,000	85,000	84,000	73,000
4-year college/university	50,000	45,000	60,000	70,000	43,000	45,000
Other educational institution	40,000	41,000	37,000	41,000	S	34,000
Government	75,000	74,000	69,000	79,000	68,000	68,000
Aerospace/related engineering	80,000	80,000	39,000	87,000	82,000	75,000
Business/industry	85,000	80,000	S	93,000	83,000	80,000
4-year college/university	58,000	49,000	50,000	69,000	24,000	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	70,000	81,000	S	70,000	80,000	64,000
Chemical engineering	84,000	80,000	41,000	91,000	85,000	75,000
Business/industry	88,000	84,000	44,000	95,000	86,000	76,000
4-year college/university	41,000	37,000	41,000	109,000	S	41,000
Other educational institution	40,000	S	40,000	S	S	S
Government	77,000	74,000	S	84,000	S	89,000
Civil/architectural engineering	75,000	70,000	55,000	80,000	64,000	75,000
Business/industry	76,000	72,000	65,000	80,000	67,000	74,000
4-year college/university	63,000	59,000	63,000	69,000	S	45,000
Other educational institution	34,000	S	31,000	S	S	S
Government	73,000	69,000	S	75,000	61,000	71,000
Electrical/computer engineering	85,000	88,000	57,000	90,000	85,000	70,000
Business/industry	88,000	90,000	82,000	90,000	87,000	71,000
4-year college/university	50,000	50,000	57,000	62,000	47,000	58,000
Other educational institution	36,000	S	34,000	S	S	S
Government	75,000	79,000	S	81,000	69,000	56,000
Industrial engineering	72,000	70,000	43,000	75,000	81,000	63,000
Business/industry	75,000	72,000	62,000	79,000	84,000	64,000
4-year college/university	50,000	32,000	57,000	69,000	24,000	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	60,000	55,000	S	60,000	S	55,000
Mechanical engineering	80,000	77,000	59,000	84,000	75,000	73,000
Business/industry	80,000	78,000	80,000	84,000	77,000	74,000
4-year college/university	55,000	54,000	59,000	83,000	47,000	51,000
Other educational institution	36,000	S	14,000	S	S	S
Government	84,000	81,000	S	86,000	70,000	70,000
Other engineering	75,000	75,000	51,000	80,000	75,000	70,000
Business/industry	78,000	77,000	65,000	79,000	79,000	72,000
4-year college/university	40,000	40,000	68,000	68,000	40,000	34,000
Other educational institution	42,000	S	41,000	S	S	S
Government	70,000	69,000	S	78,000	53,000	70,000

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		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
S&E-related fields	60,000	60,000	50,000	68,000	68,000	62,000
Business/industry	67,000	68,000	53,000	72,000	70,000	68,000
4-year college/university	57,000	51,000	58,000	61,000	65,000	58,000
Other educational institution	45,000	44,000	45,000	50,000	42,000	44,000
Government	60,000	64,000	60,000	62,000	72,000	60,000
Health	62,000	60,000	52,000	70,000	60,000	64,000
Business/industry	67,000	65,000	53,000	75,000	61,000	70,000
4-year college/university	58,000	51,000	60,000	65,000	69,000	58,000
Other educational institution	41,000	39,000	41,000	45,000	S	42,000
Government	60,000	62,000	59,000	60,000	61,000	60,000
Science/mathematics teacher education	45,000	45,000	46,000	45,000	59,000	43,000
Business/industry	34,000	38,000	23,000	35,000	61,000	28,000
4-year college/university	40,000	35,000	46,000	47,000	S	S
Other educational institution	48,000	45,000	48,000	50,000	52,000	54,000
Government	47,000	S	S	49,000	S	S
Technology/technical fields	69,000	75,000	47,000	69,000	75,000	59,000
Business/industry	69,000	75,000	S	70,000	75,000	59,000
4-year college/university	49,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	43,000	S	36,000	S	S	S
Government	65,000	82,000	S	61,000	75,000	62,000
Other S&E-related fields	70,000	65,000	49,000	72,000	72,000	65,000
Business/industry	70,000	65,000	S	74,000	74,000	64,000
4-year college/university	57,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	71,000	67,000	S	78,000	S	70,000
Non-S&E fields	65,000	69,000	48,000	73,000	74,000	60,000
Business/industry	75,000	79,000	50,000	81,000	79,000	65,000
4-year college/university	50,000	48,000	48,000	53,000	53,000	50,000
Other educational institution	49,000	47,000	48,000	51,000	54,000	52,000
Government	66,000	62,000	48,000	72,000	68,000	64,000
Arts/humanities	55,000	59,000	48,000	57,000	70,000	45,000
Business/industry	62,000	71,000	42,000	63,000	73,000	45,000
4-year college/university	49,000	48,000	48,000	48,000	51,000	53,000
Other educational institution	49,000	55,000	49,000	48,000	S	S
Government	55,000	43,000	S	57,000	69,000	46,000
Education, except science/mathematics teacher education	50,000	48,000	48,000	51,000	59,000	50,000
Business/industry	50,000	59,000	36,000	50,000	67,000	42,000
4-year college/university	47,000	47,000	46,000	50,000	S	39,000
Other educational institution	50,000	46,000	48,000	51,000	55,000	52,000
Government	57,000	S	44,000	60,000	65,000	57,000
Management/administration	82,000	85,000	50,000	88,000	80,000	70,000
Business/industry	86,000	87,000	57,000	90,000	83,000	71,000
4-year college/university	60,000	70,000	50,000	64,000	53,000	51,000
Other educational institution	41,000	38,000	40,000	49,000	S	42,000
Government	72,000	75,000	S	75,000	70,000	67,000
Sales/marketing	81,000	82,000	59,000	88,000	59,000	59,000
Business/industry	86,000	84,000	S	89,000	59,000	66,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S

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		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Social services/related	47,000	46,000	43,000	50,000	57,000	46,000
Business/industry	44,000	48,000	42,000	48,000	64,000	40,000
4-year college/university	47,000	42,000	47,000	45,000	S	52,000
Other educational institution	47,000	S	41,000	55,000	S	54,000
Government	55,000	51,000	S	60,000	S	52,000
Other non-S&E fields	75,000	64,000	50,000	81,000	65,000	80,000
Business/industry	80,000	72,000	50,000	86,000	74,000	89,000
4-year college/university	52,000	49,000	50,000	54,000	S	54,000
Other educational institution	49,000	48,000	49,000	46,000	S	52,000
Government	73,000	59,000	53,000	80,000	59,000	74,000
Bachelor's degrees, all fields	53,000	61,000	38,000	58,000	70,000	49,000
Business/industry	60,000	68,000	41,000	60,000	73,000	50,000
4-year college/university	38,000	30,000	38,000	43,000	50,000	42,000
Other educational institution	36,000	38,000	35,000	37,000	40,000	33,000
Government	53,000	56,000	48,000	57,000	57,000	48,000
S&E fields	53,000	62,000	32,000	57,000	70,000	45,000
Business/industry	60,000	69,000	33,000	60,000	74,000	49,000
4-year college/university	30,000	25,000	20,000	37,000	44,000	31,000
Other educational institution	32,000	36,000	32,000	34,000	38,000	27,000
Government	52,000	55,000	46,000	56,000	56,000	47,000
Sciences	47,000	50,000	32,000	50,000	66,000	40,000
Business/industry	50,000	61,000	30,000	50,000	70,000	42,000
4-year college/university	30,000	25,000	20,000	37,000	44,000	31,000
Other educational institution	32,000	36,000	32,000	34,000	38,000	27,000
Government	50,000	50,000	43,000	52,000	56,000	45,000
Biological/agricultural/environmental life sciences	45,000	42,000	38,000	50,000	51,000	42,000
Business/industry	48,000	50,000	38,000	50,000	55,000	42,000
4-year college/university	30,000	27,000	25,000	40,000	S	33,000
Other educational institution	36,000	32,000	37,000	40,000	S	28,000
Government	50,000	49,000	50,000	55,000	48,000	46,000
Agricultural/food sciences	39,000	49,000	25,000	43,000	52,000	34,000
Business/industry	39,000	50,000	S	41,000	52,000	32,000
4-year college/university	31,000	34,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	23,000	S	S	S	S	S
Government	48,000	54,000	S	59,000	S	40,000
Biological sciences	45,000	40,000	40,000	50,000	53,000	45,000
Business/industry	50,000	50,000	42,000	52,000	56,000	45,000
4-year college/university	30,000	26,000	25,000	41,000	S	35,000
Other educational institution	38,000	34,000	38,000	40,000	S	S
Government	48,000	46,000	49,000	52,000	49,000	46,000
Environmental life sciences	48,000	50,000	40,000	49,000	46,000	46,000
Business/industry	48,000	56,000	30,000	48,000	S	45,000
4-year college/university	31,000	23,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	33,000	S	37,000	S	S	S
Government	54,000	47,000	S	55,000	S	50,000
Computer/mathematical sciences	63,000	70,000	34,000	65,000	72,000	54,000
Business/industry	70,000	72,000	33,000	70,000	75,000	59,000

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4-year college/university	42,000	43,000	16,000	50,000	46,000	38,000
Other educational institution	37,000	40,000	34,000	38,000	38,000	33,000
Government	56,000	62,000	S	58,000	61,000	47,000
Computer/information sciences	67,000	70,000	34,000	70,000	70,000	57,000
Business/industry	71,000	72,000	37,000	74,000	75,000	60,000
4-year college/university	44,000	48,000	S	47,000	46,000	S
Other educational institution	38,000	S	32,000	42,000	38,000	S
Government	56,000	62,000	S	59,000	59,000	47,000
Mathematical sciences	52,000	63,000	34,000	51,000	75,000	48,000
Business/industry	62,000	71,000	17,000	58,000	78,000	52,000
4-year college/university	31,000	30,000	14,000	64,000	46,000	34,000
Other educational institution	36,000	40,000	36,000	34,000	S	30,000
Government	59,000	62,000	S	53,000	69,000	47,000
Physical/related sciences	55,000	56,000	36,000	60,000	70,000	50,000
Business/industry	60,000	65,000	43,000	65,000	72,000	50,000
4-year college/university	27,000	22,000	20,000	42,000	33,000	33,000
Other educational institution	35,000	32,000	35,000	43,000	S	S
Government	55,000	50,000	S	60,000	57,000	51,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	55,000	57,000	38,000	60,000	58,000	50,000
Business/industry	60,000	65,000	47,000	60,000	65,000	50,000
4-year college/university	23,000	21,000	21,000	37,000	S	35,000
Other educational institution	37,000	S	40,000	40,000	S	S
Government	63,000	51,000	S	71,000	S	60,000
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	55,000	50,000	32,000	59,000	64,000	48,000
Business/industry	59,000	58,000	S	64,000	80,000	45,000
4-year college/university	32,000	19,000	17,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	32,000	S	32,000	S	S	S
Government	49,000	53,000	S	50,000	S	49,000
Physics/astronomy	58,000	75,000	25,000	75,000	80,000	56,000
Business/industry	76,000	88,000	S	89,000	79,000	68,000
4-year college/university	24,000	24,000	16,000	39,000	33,000	43,000
Other educational institution	28,000	S	28,000	47,000	S	S
Government	48,000	71,000	S	47,000	S	48,000
Other physical sciences	48,000	44,000	S	60,000	S	46,000
Business/industry	48,000	46,000	S	60,000	S	45,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	49,000	S	S	63,000	S	S
Social/related sciences	41,000	44,000	29,000	45,000	56,000	38,000
Business/industry	44,000	49,000	28,000	48,000	61,000	38,000
4-year college/university	28,000	19,000	15,000	31,000	43,000	30,000
Other educational institution	30,000	35,000	30,000	31,000	31,000	26,000
Government	48,000	47,000	34,000	51,000	50,000	44,000
Economics	60,000	63,000	28,000	60,000	74,000	52,000
Business/industry	61,000	64,000	19,000	62,000	72,000	55,000
4-year college/university	30,000	S	S	32,000	S	S
Other educational institution	34,000	S	34,000	S	S	S
Government	54,000	59,000	S	61,000	S	48,000

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Political/related sciences	50,000	41,000	35,000	53,000	59,000	49,000
Business/industry	53,000	46,000	30,000	56,000	60,000	53,000
4-year college/university	31,000	8,000	13,000	43,000	S	37,000
Other educational institution	32,000	S	34,000	30,000	S	S
Government	52,000	42,000	S	53,000	S	48,000
Psychology	35,000	40,000	26,000	38,000	50,000	31,000
Business/industry	37,000	49,000	29,000	39,000	56,000	31,000
4-year college/university	23,000	22,000	15,000	28,000	S	21,000
Other educational institution	27,000	39,000	26,000	29,000	S	25,000
Government	40,000	37,000	24,000	45,000	26,000	35,000
Sociology/anthropology	38,000	40,000	26,000	40,000	48,000	35,000
Business/industry	36,000	39,000	19,000	40,000	49,000	32,000
4-year college/university	30,000	15,000	S	31,000	S	33,000
Other educational institution	27,000	29,000	26,000	30,000	S	25,000
Government	51,000	49,000	43,000	52,000	49,000	47,000
Other social sciences	40,000	44,000	34,000	40,000	52,000	38,000
Business/industry	40,000	47,000	31,000	40,000	62,000	36,000
4-year college/university	25,000	S	S	34,000	S	22,000
Other educational institution	36,000	35,000	35,000	39,000	S	39,000
Government	43,000	49,000	S	43,000	S	41,000
Engineering	75,000	75,000	43,000	80,000	78,000	67,000
Business/industry	78,000	75,000	63,000	80,000	80,000	69,000
4-year college/university	34,000	25,000	25,000	61,000	42,000	41,000
Other educational institution	37,000	38,000	35,000	40,000	S	S
Government	70,000	70,000	69,000	75,000	63,000	61,000
Aerospace/related engineering	75,000	75,000	38,000	83,000	78,000	74,000
Business/industry	80,000	75,000	S	93,000	83,000	80,000
4-year college/university	60,000	20,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	59,000	75,000	S	60,000	S	50,000
Chemical engineering	79,000	75,000	41,000	89,000	79,000	70,000
Business/industry	82,000	79,000	S	90,000	81,000	71,000
4-year college/university	41,000	25,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	70,000	73,000	S	73,000	S	70,000
Civil/architectural engineering	73,000	67,000	40,000	79,000	62,000	71,000
Business/industry	75,000	69,000	S	80,000	63,000	71,000
4-year college/university	33,000	18,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	71,000	66,000	S	74,000	62,000	70,000
Electrical/computer engineering	80,000	82,000	49,000	85,000	80,000	64,000
Business/industry	82,000	85,000	86,000	86,000	83,000	65,000
4-year college/university	40,000	36,000	17,000	46,000	48,000	S
Other educational institution	39,000	S	36,000	S	S	S
Government	70,000	74,000	S	77,000	68,000	54,000
Industrial engineering	69,000	68,000	40,000	72,000	76,000	60,000
Business/industry	72,000	69,000	S	75,000	80,000	62,000
4-year college/university	21,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Government	50,000	S	S	50,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering	76,000	75,000	58,000	81,000	75,000	70,000
Business/industry	78,000	75,000	S	82,000	75,000	72,000
4-year college/university	42,000	26,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	79,000	78,000	S	84,000	S	64,000
Other engineering	70,000	69,000	47,000	71,000	71,000	62,000
Business/industry	70,000	71,000	S	72,000	75,000	64,000
4-year college/university	25,000	23,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	64,000	59,000	S	68,000	S	62,000
S&E-related fields	52,000	56,000	45,000	58,000	67,000	50,000
Business/industry	55,000	60,000	49,000	60,000	69,000	50,000
4-year college/university	50,000	43,000	51,000	55,000	69,000	50,000
Other educational institution	38,000	39,000	38,000	40,000	S	36,000
Government	54,000	62,000	51,000	56,000	71,000	52,000
Health	50,000	49,000	46,000	56,000	55,000	50,000
Business/industry	50,000	50,000	48,000	57,000	55,000	50,000
4-year college/university	50,000	42,000	55,000	55,000	S	50,000
Other educational institution	33,000	34,000	34,000	36,000	S	34,000
Government	52,000	56,000	51,000	53,000	S	52,000
Science/mathematics teacher education	40,000	44,000	41,000	40,000	43,000	38,000
Business/industry	37,000	S	S	38,000	S	34,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	43,000	44,000	42,000	43,000	S	S
Government	46,000	S	S	S	S	S
Technology/technical fields	65,000	71,000	41,000	68,000	73,000	55,000
Business/industry	68,000	71,000	S	69,000	74,000	55,000
4-year college/university	56,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	38,000	S	S	S	S	S
Government	60,000	75,000	S	59,000	70,000	60,000
Other S&E-related fields	67,000	63,000	S	70,000	72,000	63,000
Business/industry	69,000	64,000	S	70,000	73,000	62,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	71,000	S	S	79,000	S	S
Non-S&E fields	56,000	65,000	42,000	60,000	72,000	49,000
Business/industry	64,000	71,000	45,000	66,000	75,000	48,000
4-year college/university	48,000	48,000	S	47,000	53,000	49,000
Other educational institution	41,000	40,000	41,000	40,000	49,000	48,000
Government	58,000	59,000	41,000	60,000	67,000	50,000
Arts/humanities	58,000	65,000	43,000	59,000	70,000	45,000
Business/industry	65,000	74,000	S	70,000	73,000	49,000
4-year college/university	46,000	S	S	38,000	S	S
Other educational institution	43,000	S	43,000	39,000	S	S
Government	54,000	43,000	S	56,000	67,000	33,000
Education, except science/mathematics teacher education	42,000	44,000	40,000	42,000	58,000	50,000
Business/industry	49,000	57,000	S	51,000	59,000	38,000

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	40,000	42,000	40,000	40,000	S	50,000
Government	55,000	S	S	57,000	S	S
Management/administration	68,000	72,000	40,000	70,000	75,000	53,000
Business/industry	70,000	75,000	50,000	72,000	80,000	54,000
4-year college/university	52,000	S	S	50,000	52,000	S
Other educational institution	31,000	S	31,000	45,000	S	S
Government	63,000	69,000	S	66,000	66,000	50,000
Sales/marketing	65,000	63,000	S	72,000	75,000	44,000
Business/industry	65,000	59,000	S	69,000	76,000	48,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Social services/related	47,000	50,000	S	47,000	64,000	43,000
Business/industry	46,000	50,000	S	42,000	66,000	39,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other non-S&E fields	50,000	59,000	45,000	52,000	68,000	45,000
Business/industry	50,000	64,000	S	50,000	70,000	44,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	46,000	S	46,000	S	S	S
Government	58,000	60,000	S	60,000	S	46,000
Master's degrees, all fields	64,000	70,000	49,000	72,000	80,000	55,000
Business/industry	75,000	81,000	50,000	82,000	85,000	59,000
4-year college/university	44,000	36,000	41,000	53,000	49,000	49,000
Other educational institution	50,000	48,000	50,000	53,000	55,000	50,000
Government	66,000	67,000	52,000	72,000	71,000	60,000
S&E fields	69,000	75,000	45,000	75,000	82,000	54,000
Business/industry	80,000	82,000	46,000	82,000	85,000	56,000
4-year college/university	36,000	30,000	30,000	48,000	42,000	41,000
Other educational institution	50,000	50,000	50,000	52,000	60,000	50,000
Government	68,000	70,000	39,000	75,000	75,000	59,000
Sciences	60,000	65,000	45,000	66,000	80,000	49,000
Business/industry	70,000	76,000	43,000	74,000	84,000	48,000
4-year college/university	37,000	30,000	29,000	47,000	42,000	40,000
Other educational institution	50,000	50,000	50,000	52,000	60,000	50,000
Government	63,000	63,000	39,000	70,000	74,000	54,000
Biological/agricultural/environmental life sciences	51,000	54,000	46,000	54,000	55,000	48,000
Business/industry	55,000	60,000	45,000	58,000	59,000	48,000
4-year college/university	39,000	36,000	40,000	42,000	S	36,000
Other educational institution	50,000	59,000	50,000	51,000	S	S
Government	55,000	53,000	S	59,000	S	51,000
Agricultural/food sciences	54,000	57,000	53,000	51,000	S	44,000
Business/industry	60,000	58,000	S	50,000	S	48,000
4-year college/university	43,000	46,000	S	52,000	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	53,000	S	S	S	S	S

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006  
(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Biological sciences	51,000	54,000	46,000	55,000	57,000	50,000
Business/industry	58,000	60,000	46,000	60,000	59,000	49,000
4-year college/university	37,000	35,000	37,000	41,000	S	37,000
Other educational institution	50,000	61,000	50,000	49,000	S	S
Government	57,000	55,000	S	61,000	S	51,000
Environmental life sciences	48,000	43,000	41,000	52,000	S	47,000
Business/industry	49,000	57,000	S	52,000	S	43,000
4-year college/university	39,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	45,000	38,000	S	53,000	S	S
Computer/mathematical sciences	80,000	82,000	43,000	87,000	83,000	65,000
Business/industry	87,000	86,000	68,000	94,000	85,000	78,000
4-year college/university	40,000	26,000	30,000	58,000	45,000	52,000
Other educational institution	48,000	64,000	49,000	45,000	49,000	27,000
Government	72,000	66,000	S	76,000	76,000	43,000
Computer/information sciences	82,000	82,000	50,000	89,000	84,000	66,000
Business/industry	87,000	85,000	99,000	93,000	85,000	76,000
4-year college/university	46,000	30,000	23,000	59,000	53,000	S
Other educational institution	49,000	S	50,000	S	S	S
Government	75,000	72,000	S	77,000	80,000	41,000
Mathematical sciences	65,000	82,000	40,000	80,000	80,000	63,000
Business/industry	90,000	90,000	S	97,000	86,000	90,000
4-year college/university	36,000	23,000	30,000	48,000	22,000	S
Other educational institution	45,000	38,000	48,000	43,000	S	S
Government	64,000	63,000	S	64,000	64,000	S
Physical/related sciences	66,000	72,000	45,000	77,000	78,000	59,000
Business/industry	75,000	74,000	S	81,000	85,000	60,000
4-year college/university	28,000	24,000	29,000	46,000	43,000	25,000
Other educational institution	50,000	54,000	50,000	59,000	S	S
Government	77,000	78,000	S	80,000	S	65,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	63,000	71,000	54,000	66,000	64,000	64,000
Business/industry	74,000	75,000	S	83,000	S	74,000
4-year college/university	22,000	25,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	55,000	S	55,000	S	S	S
Government	56,000	S	S	S	S	S
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	66,000	72,000	44,000	79,000	61,000	56,000
Business/industry	66,000	70,000	S	78,000	S	51,000
4-year college/university	30,000	25,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	66,000	S	59,000	S	S	S
Government	80,000	79,000	S	80,000	S	S
Physics/astronomy	73,000	70,000	37,000	89,000	86,000	59,000
Business/industry	90,000	80,000	S	103,000	90,000	60,000
4-year college/university	28,000	23,000	37,000	S	35,000	S
Other educational institution	36,000	S	36,000	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other physical sciences	40,000	S	S	41,000	S	S
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Social/related sciences	50,000	50,000	43,000	60,000	65,000	46,000
Business/industry	50,000	60,000	42,000	60,000	73,000	40,000
4-year college/university	37,000	25,000	20,000	47,000	S	43,000
Other educational institution	51,000	48,000	49,000	52,000	S	50,000
Government	62,000	69,000	39,000	70,000	75,000	54,000
Economics	90,000	65,000	45,000	95,000	89,000	88,000
Business/industry	94,000	70,000	S	99,000	90,000	90,000
4-year college/university	37,000	38,000	18,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	91,000	88,000	S	91,000	S	S
Political/related sciences	65,000	69,000	40,000	72,000	63,000	64,000
Business/industry	64,000	70,000	S	63,000	61,000	59,000
4-year college/university	38,000	18,000	19,000	50,000	S	S
Other educational institution	44,000	S	40,000	S	S	S
Government	98,000	99,000	S	99,000	S	79,000
Psychology	46,000	44,000	43,000	50,000	60,000	43,000
Business/industry	42,000	48,000	40,000	49,000	59,000	39,000
4-year college/university	33,000	22,000	17,000	40,000	S	39,000
Other educational institution	52,000	48,000	50,000	54,000	S	50,000
Government	52,000	52,000	S	60,000	S	47,000
Sociology/anthropology	46,000	47,000	34,000	53,000	S	40,000
Business/industry	49,000	57,000	S	54,000	S	35,000
4-year college/university	37,000	29,000	24,000	48,000	S	S
Other educational institution	34,000	S	34,000	S	S	S
Government	56,000	69,000	S	52,000	S	48,000
Other social sciences	51,000	50,000	48,000	52,000	61,000	45,000
Business/industry	48,000	59,000	33,000	42,000	S	27,000
4-year college/university	45,000	25,000	26,000	46,000	S	S
Other educational institution	52,000	49,000	54,000	49,000	S	S
Government	68,000	50,000	S	67,000	S	81,000
Engineering	86,000	84,000	50,000	93,000	87,000	84,000
Business/industry	90,000	90,000	84,000	95,000	90,000	85,000
4-year college/university	29,000	25,000	36,000	65,000	32,000	55,000
Other educational institution	40,000	S	40,000	42,000	S	S
Government	82,000	78,000	S	87,000	75,000	81,000
Aerospace/related engineering	86,000	90,000	S	89,000	83,000	87,000
Business/industry	90,000	97,000	S	90,000	72,000	S
4-year college/university	21,000	20,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	82,000	81,000	S	S	S	S
Chemical engineering	91,000	90,000	S	97,000	89,000	89,000
Business/industry	95,000	92,000	S	100,000	S	86,000
4-year college/university	22,000	22,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Civil/architectural engineering	78,000	74,000	42,000	82,000	70,000	80,000
Business/industry	80,000	75,000	S	85,000	77,000	83,000

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(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
4-year college/university	30,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	78,000	75,000	S	78,000	S	75,000
Electrical/computer engineering	95,000	95,000	49,000	100,000	93,000	83,000
Business/industry	97,000	97,000	S	100,000	95,000	84,000
4-year college/university	28,000	25,000	22,000	S	26,000	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	94,000	93,000	S	97,000	94,000	81,000
Industrial engineering	80,000	79,000	S	84,000	82,000	75,000
Business/industry	84,000	80,000	S	84,000	89,000	84,000
4-year college/university	26,000	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	85,000	S	S	89,000	S	S
Mechanical engineering	85,000	84,000	57,000	94,000	77,000	86,000
Business/industry	85,000	84,000	S	94,000	79,000	82,000
4-year college/university	54,000	43,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	91,000	84,000	S	96,000	S	S
Other engineering	80,000	76,000	46,000	90,000	74,000	84,000
Business/industry	86,000	80,000	S	93,000	77,000	92,000
4-year college/university	25,000	25,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	75,000	76,000	S	79,000	S	76,000
S&E-related fields	59,000	60,000	50,000	65,000	69,000	59,000
Business/industry	65,000	69,000	52,000	70,000	83,000	60,000
4-year college/university	54,000	44,000	50,000	62,000	S	63,000
Other educational institution	50,000	50,000	50,000	53,000	53,000	49,000
Government	63,000	63,000	60,000	64,000	S	63,000
Health	60,000	54,000	52,000	66,000	54,000	60,000
Business/industry	65,000	65,000	53,000	70,000	58,000	60,000
4-year college/university	59,000	45,000	55,000	65,000	S	66,000
Other educational institution	49,000	50,000	48,000	52,000	S	47,000
Government	61,000	59,000	59,000	62,000	S	63,000
Science/mathematics teacher education	49,000	44,000	50,000	49,000	59,000	46,000
Business/industry	20,000	S	S	21,000	S	20,000
4-year college/university	37,000	S	37,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	51,000	50,000	51,000	52,000	S	52,000
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Technology/technical fields	81,000	90,000	S	89,000	90,000	76,000
Business/industry	90,000	91,000	S	96,000	90,000	81,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other S&E-related fields	70,000	66,000	S	75,000	S	68,000
Business/industry	74,000	66,000	S	79,000	S	72,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	70,000	S	S	69,000	S	S

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Non-S&E fields	63,000	70,000	49,000	75,000	77,000	53,000
Business/industry	80,000	84,000	50,000	86,000	84,000	54,000
4-year college/university	47,000	42,000	41,000	53,000	54,000	47,000
Other educational institution	50,000	48,000	49,000	54,000	53,000	52,000
Government	66,000	62,000	52,000	72,000	66,000	60,000
Arts/humanities	49,000	50,000	48,000	51,000	71,000	40,000
Business/industry	47,000	43,000	S	47,000	86,000	39,000
4-year college/university	47,000	S	44,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	54,000	55,000	54,000	57,000	S	S
Government	61,000	S	S	S	S	S
Education, except science/mathematics teacher education	50,000	47,000	48,000	52,000	61,000	50,000
Business/industry	46,000	54,000	36,000	50,000	80,000	41,000
4-year college/university	42,000	41,000	39,000	47,000	S	38,000
Other educational institution	50,000	46,000	49,000	55,000	56,000	52,000
Government	59,000	S	S	61,000	S	52,000
Management/administration	90,000	90,000	50,000	91,000	84,000	78,000
Business/industry	91,000	90,000	70,000	95,000	87,000	80,000
4-year college/university	56,000	48,000	44,000	75,000	56,000	48,000
Other educational institution	49,000	53,000	48,000	50,000	S	S
Government	79,000	80,000	S	82,000	80,000	73,000
Sales/marketing	93,000	94,000	S	95,000	49,000	93,000
Business/industry	96,000	94,000	S	97,000	S	99,000
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Social services/related	48,000	42,000	45,000	51,000	45,000	46,000
Business/industry	44,000	44,000	43,000	48,000	S	40,000
4-year college/university	43,000	S	43,000	S	S	53,000
Other educational institution	49,000	S	44,000	56,000	S	53,000
Government	57,000	51,000	S	60,000	S	52,000
Other non-S&E fields	59,000	54,000	51,000	64,000	58,000	52,000
Business/industry	59,000	59,000	S	60,000	83,000	44,000
4-year college/university	45,000	39,000	44,000	50,000	S	52,000
Other educational institution	50,000	S	55,000	S	S	S
Government	72,000	55,000	S	79,000	S	78,000
Doctorate degrees, all fields	79,000	83,000	65,000	90,000	87,000	70,000
Business/industry	95,000	100,000	61,000	100,000	95,000	73,000
4-year college/university	68,000	69,000	67,000	75,000	57,000	65,000
Other educational institution	61,000	63,000	55,000	74,000	42,000	61,000
Government	88,000	90,000	77,000	90,000	90,000	80,000
S&E fields	81,000	85,000	67,000	94,000	89,000	75,000
Business/industry	100,000	100,000	68,000	105,000	96,000	80,000
4-year college/university	68,000	70,000	69,000	77,000	59,000	65,000
Other educational institution	54,000	62,000	51,000	67,000	47,000	57,000
Government	90,000	91,000	77,000	92,000	89,000	80,000
Sciences	78,000	80,000	65,000	90,000	84,000	73,000
Business/industry	95,000	100,000	67,000	100,000	94,000	79,000
4-year college/university	66,000	67,000	66,000	74,000	56,000	65,000
Other educational institution	54,000	62,000	51,000	66,000	S	57,000

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006  
(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Government	87,000	90,000	77,000	90,000	84,000	77,000
Biological/agricultural/environmental life sciences	76,000	75,000	66,000	88,000	73,000	82,000
Business/industry	98,000	98,000	70,000	103,000	79,000	99,000
4-year college/university	64,000	64,000	68,000	72,000	42,000	65,000
Other educational institution	53,000	68,000	50,000	62,000	S	64,000
Government	85,000	83,000	59,000	90,000	73,000	84,000
Agricultural/food sciences	74,000	75,000	67,000	76,000	79,000	74,000
Business/industry	79,000	85,000	S	76,000	S	77,000
4-year college/university	68,000	67,000	69,000	76,000	S	69,000
Other educational institution	61,000	S	S	S	S	S
Government	80,000	80,000	S	77,000	S	S
Biological sciences	76,000	76,000	66,000	90,000	73,000	84,000
Business/industry	100,000	100,000	71,000	109,000	78,000	102,000
4-year college/university	63,000	64,000	68,000	72,000	39,000	65,000
Other educational institution	53,000	60,000	50,000	64,000	S	51,000
Government	86,000	84,000	59,000	90,000	69,000	86,000
Environmental life sciences	75,000	71,000	64,000	82,000	S	74,000
Business/industry	89,000	93,000	S	90,000	S	71,000
4-year college/university	60,000	59,000	65,000	73,000	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	80,000	79,000	S	82,000	S	S
Computer/mathematical sciences	85,000	87,000	71,000	107,000	93,000	72,000
Business/industry	107,000	114,000	S	125,000	100,000	73,000
4-year college/university	74,000	75,000	72,000	84,000	65,000	68,000
Other educational institution	54,000	S	50,000	S	S	S
Government	96,000	97,000	S	108,000	87,000	S
Computer/information sciences	94,000	95,000	79,000	109,000	104,000	70,000
Business/industry	114,000	119,000	S	124,000	110,000	46,000
4-year college/university	80,000	81,000	79,000	89,000	65,000	81,000
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	98,000	S	S	S	S	S
Mathematical sciences	79,000	81,000	66,000	105,000	84,000	73,000
Business/industry	100,000	106,000	S	125,000	90,000	87,000
4-year college/university	70,000	70,000	67,000	82,000	63,000	57,000
Other educational institution	50,000	S	50,000	S	S	S
Government	90,000	91,000	S	109,000	80,000	S
Physical/related sciences	90,000	91,000	65,000	100,000	84,000	87,000
Business/industry	100,000	100,000	49,000	109,000	92,000	100,000
4-year college/university	66,000	67,000	68,000	77,000	59,000	60,000
Other educational institution	52,000	51,000	51,000	58,000	S	51,000
Government	100,000	104,000	S	105,000	98,000	80,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	90,000	93,000	60,000	100,000	84,000	84,000
Business/industry	100,000	100,000	51,000	107,000	89,000	93,000
4-year college/university	62,000	64,000	63,000	70,000	63,000	60,000
Other educational institution	55,000	S	53,000	57,000	S	S
Government	95,000	97,000	S	100,000	S	75,000
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences	75,000	77,000	65,000	85,000	78,000	76,000
Business/industry	91,000	91,000	S	99,000	81,000	78,000

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
4-year college/university	67,000	66,000	67,000	69,000	52,000	67,000
Other educational institution	47,000	S	45,000	S	S	S
Government	89,000	99,000	S	92,000	77,000	S
Physics/astronomy	94,000	95,000	69,000	110,000	89,000	99,000
Business/industry	107,000	108,000	S	120,000	96,000	119,000
4-year college/university	70,000	69,000	70,000	88,000	60,000	63,000
Other educational institution	50,000	S	50,000	S	S	S
Government	114,000	115,000	S	125,000	105,000	S
Other physical sciences	60,000	60,000	63,000	49,000	S	S
Business/industry	50,000	S	S	S	S	S
4-year college/university	60,000	60,000	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	86,000	S	S	S	S	S
Social/related sciences	70,000	73,000	63,000	79,000	84,000	67,000
Business/industry	75,000	85,000	67,000	80,000	93,000	67,000
4-year college/university	66,000	69,000	64,000	74,000	53,000	64,000
Other educational institution	58,000	60,000	52,000	69,000	S	56,000
Government	80,000	85,000	80,000	85,000	79,000	75,000
Economics	94,000	95,000	80,000	112,000	94,000	99,000
Business/industry	124,000	124,000	S	130,000	99,000	129,000
4-year college/university	88,000	89,000	83,000	109,000	S	74,000
Other educational institution	57,000	S	52,000	S	S	S
Government	103,000	100,000	S	108,000	S	97,000
Political/related sciences	66,000	65,000	62,000	79,000	S	57,000
Business/industry	75,000	78,000	S	87,000	S	53,000
4-year college/university	64,000	63,000	62,000	74,000	S	60,000
Other educational institution	55,000	S	55,000	S	S	S
Government	79,000	73,000	S	85,000	S	S
Psychology	68,000	70,000	62,000	74,000	85,000	66,000
Business/industry	72,000	80,000	71,000	75,000	98,000	67,000
4-year college/university	64,000	66,000	61,000	68,000	43,000	62,000
Other educational institution	59,000	62,000	53,000	67,000	S	57,000
Government	77,000	79,000	80,000	80,000	S	74,000
Sociology/anthropology	63,000	64,000	58,000	76,000	62,000	56,000
Business/industry	69,000	78,000	S	80,000	S	49,000
4-year college/university	62,000	60,000	60,000	73,000	S	60,000
Other educational institution	47,000	S	41,000	S	S	S
Government	79,000	81,000	S	86,000	S	80,000
Other social sciences	67,000	69,000	61,000	77,000	81,000	65,000
Business/industry	72,000	78,000	S	71,000	S	59,000
4-year college/university	65,000	67,000	62,000	77,000	S	66,000
Other educational institution	60,000	S	60,000	S	S	S
Government	75,000	68,000	S	83,000	S	S
Engineering	100,000	99,000	81,000	112,000	95,000	90,000
Business/industry	102,000	100,000	76,000	120,000	100,000	96,000
4-year college/university	81,000	80,000	83,000	95,000	63,000	77,000
Other educational institution	48,000	S	44,000	S	S	S
Government	100,000	100,000	S	101,000	100,000	90,000

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006

(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
Aerospace/related engineering	96,000	92,000	79,000	115,000	92,000	109,000
Business/industry	100,000	94,000	S	119,000	101,000	103,000
4-year college/university	69,000	68,000	75,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	116,000	118,000	S	S	S	S
Chemical engineering	99,000	97,000	78,000	119,000	90,000	89,000
Business/industry	103,000	100,000	S	120,000	89,000	90,000
4-year college/university	78,000	73,000	81,000	110,000	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	94,000	100,000	S	S	S	S
Civil/architectural engineering	89,000	84,000	84,000	96,000	74,000	90,000
Business/industry	91,000	89,000	S	98,000	87,000	97,000
4-year college/university	81,000	81,000	84,000	91,000	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	86,000	72,000	S	90,000	S	S
Electrical/computer engineering	103,000	105,000	84,000	119,000	100,000	99,000
Business/industry	115,000	111,000	S	129,000	109,000	109,000
4-year college/university	83,000	85,000	85,000	87,000	64,000	85,000
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	100,000	101,000	S	97,000	S	S
Industrial engineering	88,000	90,000	73,000	106,000	S	S
Business/industry	105,000	109,000	S	108,000	S	S
4-year college/university	74,000	75,000	74,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering	95,000	95,000	85,000	102,000	90,000	90,000
Business/industry	98,000	97,000	S	102,000	89,000	94,000
4-year college/university	85,000	85,000	89,000	96,000	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	109,000	106,000	S	S	S	S
Other engineering	95,000	95,000	80,000	109,000	90,000	90,000
Business/industry	100,000	100,000	S	116,000	96,000	94,000
4-year college/university	80,000	80,000	82,000	98,000	S	76,000
Other educational institution	41,000	S	34,000	S	S	S
Government	96,000	99,000	S	100,000	S	S
S&E-related fields	72,000	75,000	62,000	89,000	56,000	68,000
Business/industry	90,000	110,000	61,000	109,000	S	62,000
4-year college/university	65,000	63,000	62,000	79,000	43,000	66,000
Other educational institution	63,000	S	59,000	77,000	S	S
Government	90,000	84,000	S	84,000	S	134,000
Health	74,000	75,000	64,000	87,000	54,000	69,000
Business/industry	83,000	99,000	60,000	99,000	S	65,000
4-year college/university	70,000	68,000	66,000	77,000	S	68,000
Other educational institution	45,000	S	51,000	S	S	S
Government	90,000	84,000	S	83,000	S	134,000
Science/mathematics teacher education	55,000	S	53,000	S	S	S
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S
4-year college/university	54,000	S	53,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006  
(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity					Other
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications		
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Technology/technical fields	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other S&E-related fields	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Non-S&E fields	65,000	70,000	61,000	70,000	57,000	60,000	
Business/industry	65,000	72,000	S	71,000	S	58,000	
4-year college/university	64,000	68,000	62,000	65,000	S	58,000	
Other educational institution	64,000	S	60,000	90,000	S	61,000	
Government	55,000	S	S	S	S	S	
Arts/humanities	57,000	56,000	58,000	59,000	S	S	
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S	
4-year college/university	58,000	48,000	58,000	79,000	S	S	
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Education, except science/mathematics teacher education	65,000	65,000	61,000	70,000	S	59,000	
Business/industry	55,000	S	S	S	S	S	
4-year college/university	62,000	60,000	61,000	63,000	S	S	
Other educational institution	71,000	S	62,000	94,000	S	S	
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Management/administration	99,000	101,000	97,000	S	S	S	
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S	
4-year college/university	101,000	107,000	98,000	S	S	S	
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Sales/marketing	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Business/industry	S	S	S	S	S	S	
4-year college/university	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Social services/related	52,000	49,000	49,000	61,000	S	60,000	
Business/industry	60,000	S	S	S	S	S	
4-year college/university	49,000	S	49,000	S	S	S	
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S	
Other non-S&E fields	63,000	63,000	54,000	78,000	S	S	
Business/industry	75,000	S	S	S	S	S	

TABLE 22. Median annual salaries of U.S. scientists and engineers, by level and field of highest degree, employment sector, and primary/secondary work activity: 2006  
(Dollars)

Level and field of highest degree and employment sector	Employed scientists and engineers	Primary/secondary work activity				
		Research and development	Teaching	Management, sales, administration	Computer applications	Other
4-year college/university	55,000	S	53,000	S	S	S
Other educational institution	S	S	S	S	S	S
Government	S	S	S	S	S	S

S = suppressed for reliability or confidentiality.

S&E = science and engineering.

<sup>a</sup> Total includes professional degrees not broken out separately.

NOTES: Scientists and engineers include any person who has ever received a bachelor's or higher degree in a science or engineering (S&E) or S&E-related field through 2005, plus any person holding a non-S&E bachelor's or higher degree who was employed in a S&E or S&E-related occupation in 2003. See <http://sestat.nsf.gov/docs/ed03maj.html> for a detailed description of the educational field classification, and <http://sestat.nsf.gov/docs/occ03maj.html> for a detailed description of the occupational classification. Business/industry includes self-employed individuals, nonprofit organizations, and other unspecified. Four-year college/university includes medical schools and university-affiliated research institutes. Other educational institution includes 2-year colleges, precollege institutions, and other educational institutions. Government includes federal, state, and local employers. Salaries are for principal job and rounded to the nearest thousand. Respondents may have provided multiple responses for work activity.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT): 2006.