

TABLE A-50. Standard errors for median salary of full-time employed recent graduates with master's degrees in science, engineering, or health, by sector of employment and major field of degree: October 2008

(Dollars)

Major field	All full-time employed	Sector		
		Educational institution	Government	Private industry and business
All fields	2,500	1,500	5,500	1,500
Science	1,000	2,000	2,500	500
Biological, agricultural, and environmental life sciences	1,000	2,000	1,000	5,000
Agricultural/food sciences	4,000	D	D	8,000
Biological sciences	3,000	4,500	4,000	6,000
Environmental life sciences	4,500	D	8,000	3,500
Computer and information sciences	1,000	2,000	14,000	8,000
Mathematics and statistics	2,000	2,000	D	4,000
Physical and related sciences	4,500	2,000	7,500	3,000
Chemistry, except biochemistry	2,000	1,500	D	2,000
Earth, atmospheric, and ocean sciences	3,000	2,000	8,000	12,000
Physics	3,500	1,000	D	13,000
Psychology	2,500	1,500	1,500	6,000
Social and related sciences	1,500	1,000	7,000	1,000
Economics	3,000	S	2,000	5,000
Political and related sciences	1,500	4,000	8,500	1,500
Sociology/anthropology	3,000	3,500	1,500	3,500
Other social sciences	5,000	2,500	4,000	2,500
Engineering	500	4,500	5,500	500
Chemical	500	1,500	16,500	500
Civil/architectural	1,500	S	3,500	2,000
Electrical/computer	4,500	8,000	1,000	6,500
Industrial	1,500	D	500	2,500
Mechanical	2,000	5,500	4,500	2,000
Other	6,000	9,000	3,000	1,000
Health	3,500	2,000	2,000	4,000

D = standard error is not computed when value is suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed; data cell not published.

NOTE: Standard errors for salaries are rounded up to nearest \$500.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 2008.