

TABLE 10. Median annual salaries of full-time employed doctoral scientists and engineers, by field of doctorate and sector of employment: 2008 (Dollars)

Field	All full-time employed	4-year educational institution <sup>a</sup>	Other educational institution <sup>b</sup>	Private, for-profit <sup>c</sup>	Private, nonprofit	Federal government	State/local government	Self-employed <sup>d</sup>	Other <sup>e</sup>
All fields	98,000	80,000	68,000	117,000	100,000	107,000	82,000	99,000	177,000
Science	92,000	80,000	67,000	115,000	95,000	105,000	81,000	93,000	178,000
Biological/agricultural/environmental life sciences	91,000	78,000	60,000	115,000	90,000	100,000	82,000	99,000	D
Agricultural/food sciences	89,000	80,000	53,000	100,000	90,000	98,000	81,000	43,000	D
Biochemistry/biophysics	98,000	85,000	54,000	118,000	109,000	101,000	89,000	100,000	D
Cell/molecular biology	85,000	65,000	60,000	117,000	79,000	93,000	D	S	D
Environmental life sciences	81,000	70,000	D	93,000	92,000	95,000	79,000	D	D
Microbiology	99,000	75,000	60,000	129,000	128,000	102,000	81,000	D	D
Zoology	87,000	81,000	51,000	107,000	85,000	107,000	69,000	D	D
Other biological sciences	91,000	78,000	65,000	119,000	85,000	104,000	83,000	102,000	D
Computer/information sciences	107,000	87,000	83,000	130,000	112,000	121,000	D	D	D
Mathematics/statistics	95,000	80,000	63,000	120,000	119,000	119,000	D	83,000	D
Physical sciences	100,000	80,000	63,000	115,000	113,000	110,000	75,000	89,000	D
Astronomy/astrophysics	90,000	79,000	D	120,000	106,000	107,000	D	D	D
Chemistry, except biochemistry	100,000	74,000	61,000	110,000	114,000	103,000	74,000	104,000	D
Earth/atmospheric/ocean sciences <sup>f</sup>	89,000	78,000	58,000	109,000	93,000	111,000	75,000	65,000	D
Physics	108,000	85,000	70,000	120,000	113,000	130,000	78,000	108,000	D
Psychology	84,000	75,000	74,000	100,000	81,000	101,000	82,000	92,000	D
Social sciences	88,000	80,000	69,000	124,000	104,000	113,000	81,000	88,000	179,000
Economics	112,000	102,000	65,000	147,000	113,000	119,000	101,000	86,000	188,000
Political sciences	84,000	76,000	74,000	119,000	95,000	130,000	89,000	118,000	D
Sociology	79,000	75,000	62,000	94,000	100,000	116,000	75,000	49,000	D
Other social sciences	77,000	70,000	68,000	109,000	90,000	97,000	74,000	89,000	D
Engineering	110,000	100,000	66,000	119,000	120,000	117,000	87,000	116,000	D
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering	112,000	98,000	D	119,000	D	120,000	D	D	D
Chemical engineering	119,000	95,000	D	119,000	159,000	114,000	D	151,000	D
Civil engineering	100,000	96,000	D	100,000	D	103,000	77,000	D	D
Electrical/computer engineering	119,000	100,000	D	122,000	119,000	118,000	D	137,000	D
Materials/metallurgical engineering	110,000	92,000	D	114,000	81,000	114,000	D	D	D
Mechanical engineering	105,000	99,000	D	109,000	128,000	114,000	D	75,000	D
Other engineering	110,000	100,000	D	115,000	119,000	111,000	90,000	80,000	D
Health	90,000	82,000	76,000	119,000	101,000	104,000	79,000	95,000	D

D = suppressed for confidentiality. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards for this survey.

<sup>a</sup> Includes 4-year colleges or universities, medical schools (including university-affiliated hospitals or medical centers), and university-affiliated research institutes.

<sup>b</sup> Includes 2-year colleges, community colleges, or technical institutes, and other precollege institutions.

<sup>c</sup> Includes those self-employed in an incorporated business.

<sup>d</sup> Self-employed or business owner in a nonincorporated business.

<sup>e</sup> Includes employers not broken out separately.

<sup>f</sup> Includes other physical sciences.

NOTE: Median annual salaries are for principal job and are rounded to nearest \$1,000.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Survey of Doctorate Recipients: 2008.