

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector:  
2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/ industry	4-year college/ university	Other educational institution	
All degree levels and occupations <sup>a</sup>	67,000	74,000	53,000	49,000	66,000
U.S. citizen	66,000	73,000	54,000	49,000	66,000
Native-born	65,000	72,000	52,000	49,000	66,000
Naturalized	75,000	80,000	70,000	47,000	70,000
Non-U.S. citizen	75,000	83,000	46,000	40,000	62,000
Permanent resident	80,000	85,000	58,000	38,000	61,000
Temporary resident	69,000	79,000	26,000	53,000	69,000
S&E occupations	80,000	85,000	50,000	50,000	75,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	85,000	51,000	50,000	75,000
Native-born	78,000	83,000	49,000	50,000	73,000
Naturalized	88,000	91,000	70,000	64,000	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	85,000	45,000	48,000	69,000
Permanent resident	85,000	92,000	58,000	48,000	69,000
Temporary resident	69,000	77,000	26,000	48,000	62,000
Science occupations	75,000	83,000	50,000	50,000	70,000
U.S. citizen	75,000	82,000	50,000	50,000	70,000
Native-born	72,000	80,000	48,000	49,000	70,000
Naturalized	85,000	90,000	65,000	63,000	75,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	88,000	46,000	48,000	70,000
Permanent resident	85,000	92,000	56,000	47,000	71,000
Temporary resident	67,000	80,000	26,000	48,000	61,000
Biological/agricultural/other life scientists	56,000	70,000	43,000	44,000	60,000
U.S. citizen	58,000	70,000	43,000	44,000	60,000
Native-born	55,000	65,000	41,000	44,000	60,000
Naturalized	74,000	81,000	59,000	59,000	70,000
Non-U.S. citizen	50,000	76,000	45,000	17,000	63,000
Permanent resident	56,000	80,000	47,000	17,000	64,000
Temporary resident	43,000	61,000	38,000	D	47,000
Agricultural/food scientists	50,000	54,000	42,000	D	54,000
U.S. citizen	50,000	52,000	43,000	D	54,000
Native-born	48,000	49,000	42,000	D	54,000
Naturalized	80,000	78,000	75,000	D	65,000
Non-U.S. citizen	48,000	67,000	S	D	D
Permanent resident	51,000	71,000	S	D	D
Temporary resident	40,000	59,000	25,000	D	D
Biological/medical scientists	60,000	75,000	40,000	D	65,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	73,000	40,000	D	65,000
Native-born	56,000	70,000	37,000	D	64,000
Naturalized	75,000	80,000	58,000	D	74,000
Non-U.S. citizen	50,000	79,000	45,000	D	63,000
Permanent resident	56,000	82,000	46,000	D	65,000
Temporary resident	43,000	62,000	39,000	D	47,000
Environmental life scientists	55,000	50,000	S	D	57,000
U.S. citizen	56,000	54,000	56,000	D	57,000
Native-born	57,000	53,000	56,000	D	57,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

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		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-life/related sciences	55,000	D	58,000	44,000	53,000
U.S. citizen	53,000	58,000	57,000	44,000	53,000
Native-born	52,000	53,000	55,000	43,000	53,000
Naturalized	60,000	D	60,000	53,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	65,000	D	65,000	17,000	D
Permanent resident	65,000	D	65,000	17,000	D
Temporary resident	55,000	D	55,000	D	D
Computer/mathematical scientists	82,000	86,000	56,000	45,000	74,000
U.S. citizen	81,000	86,000	56,000	45,000	74,000
Native-born	80,000	84,000	55,000	44,000	74,000
Naturalized	90,000	93,000	76,000	64,000	76,000
Non-U.S. citizen	87,000	90,000	54,000	48,000	72,000
Permanent resident	92,000	96,000	70,000	37,000	72,000
Temporary resident	75,000	82,000	29,000	D	72,000
Computer/information scientists	83,000	86,000	56,000	45,000	74,000
U.S. citizen	82,000	86,000	57,000	45,000	74,000
Native-born	80,000	84,000	55,000	45,000	74,000
Naturalized	91,000	93,000	77,000	69,000	76,000
Non-U.S. citizen	89,000	90,000	50,000	D	73,000
Permanent resident	94,000	96,000	69,000	D	72,000
Temporary resident	80,000	82,000	43,000	D	74,000
Mathematical scientists	81,000	86,000	40,000	93,000	79,000
U.S. citizen	81,000	86,000	43,000	94,000	79,000
Native-born	80,000	85,000	38,000	D	78,000
Naturalized	90,000	91,000	80,000	D	84,000
Non-U.S. citizen	81,000	87,000	35,000	D	60,000
Permanent resident	89,000	90,000	91,000	D	D
Temporary resident	70,000	79,000	27,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-computer/mathematical sciences	50,000	S	55,000	40,000	28,000
U.S. citizen	48,000	S	55,000	40,000	28,000
Native-born	45,000	S	50,000	39,000	28,000
Naturalized	64,000	D	69,000	48,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	55,000	D	55,000	58,000	D
Permanent resident	70,000	D	71,000	48,000	D
Temporary resident	23,000	D	23,000	D	D
Physical/related scientists	68,000	75,000	49,000	47,000	69,000
U.S. citizen	69,000	75,000	50,000	47,000	69,000
Native-born	67,000	75,000	45,000	48,000	69,000
Naturalized	75,000	79,000	71,000	S	70,000
Non-U.S. citizen	61,000	80,000	45,000	48,000	56,000
Permanent resident	75,000	80,000	65,000	D	52,000
Temporary resident	38,000	80,000	24,000	D	58,000
Chemists, except biochemists	70,000	73,000	28,000	D	63,000
U.S. citizen	70,000	73,000	27,000	D	63,000
Native-born	67,000	70,000	25,000	D	62,000
Naturalized	73,000	76,000	41,000	D	65,000
Non-U.S. citizen	62,000	75,000	30,000	D	47,000
Permanent resident	73,000	75,000	37,000	D	D
Temporary resident	39,000	78,000	28,000	D	D

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		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Earth/atmospheric/ocean scientists	70,000	80,000	50,000	D	70,000
U.S. citizen	71,000	80,000	50,000	D	70,000
Native-born	70,000	79,000	50,000	D	70,000
Naturalized	80,000	88,000	49,000	D	71,000
Non-U.S. citizen	66,000	78,000	49,000	D	51,000
Permanent resident	68,000	80,000	52,000	D	D
Temporary resident	63,000	72,000	S	D	D
Physicists/astronomers	81,000	103,000	38,000	D	100,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	102,000	41,000	D	102,000
Native-born	90,000	105,000	36,000	D	101,000
Naturalized	89,000	83,000	76,000	D	110,000
Non-U.S. citizen	50,000	102,000	S	D	69,000
Permanent resident	94,000	105,000	62,000	D	D
Temporary resident	24,000	D	24,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-physical/related sciences	54,000	D	57,000	47,000	D
U.S. citizen	54,000	D	56,000	47,000	D
Native-born	51,000	D	52,000	48,000	D
Naturalized	78,000	D	82,000	9,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	58,000	D	58,000	48,000	D
Permanent resident	68,000	D	69,000	D	D
Temporary resident	18,000	D	18,000	D	D
Other physical/related scientists	65,000	69,000	50,000	D	63,000
U.S. citizen	65,000	69,000	49,000	D	63,000
Native-born	65,000	69,000	49,000	D	63,000
Naturalized	59,000	D	D	D	61,000
Non-U.S. citizen	78,000	81,000	57,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	76,000	79,000	D	D	D
Social/related scientists	60,000	69,000	50,000	54,000	72,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	67,000	50,000	54,000	72,000
Native-born	60,000	66,000	50,000	54,000	72,000
Naturalized	68,000	73,000	59,000	63,000	78,000
Non-U.S. citizen	52,000	75,000	24,000	48,000	90,000
Permanent resident	71,000	75,000	64,000	67,000	90,000
Temporary resident	22,000	74,000	18,000	D	D
Economists	91,000	110,000	S	D	98,000
U.S. citizen	91,000	107,000	S	D	98,000
Native-born	94,000	109,000	S	D	96,000
Naturalized	88,000	89,000	S	D	109,000
Non-U.S. citizen	89,000	118,000	S	D	D
Permanent resident	115,000	115,000	119,000	D	D
Temporary resident	64,000	120,000	13,000	D	D
Political/related scientists	70,000	70,000	23,000	D	97,000
U.S. citizen	70,000	70,000	S	D	97,000
Native-born	65,000	67,000	S	D	97,000
Naturalized	61,000	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	17,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	16,000	D	D

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		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-social/related sciences	54,000	37,000	57,000	37,000	86,000
U.S. citizen	55,000	38,000	58,000	37,000	86,000
Native-born	53,000	D	55,000	37,000	89,000
Naturalized	69,000	D	69,000	61,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	49,000	D	49,000	S	D
Permanent resident	69,000	D	70,000	D	D
Temporary resident	18,000	D	17,000	D	D
Psychologists	58,000	59,000	33,000	57,000	79,000
U.S. citizen	58,000	59,000	35,000	57,000	80,000
Native-born	58,000	59,000	37,000	56,000	79,000
Naturalized	54,000	55,000	28,000	64,000	77,000
Non-U.S. citizen	45,000	49,000	S	D	D
Permanent resident	47,000	45,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	D	D	D	D
Sociologists/anthropologists	40,000	56,000	18,000	S	49,000
U.S. citizen	40,000	S	18,000	S	49,000
Native-born	40,000	53,000	18,000	S	49,000
Naturalized	S	D	72,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	35,000	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	S	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	36,000	D	D
Other social/related scientists	73,000	83,000	40,000	45,000	67,000
U.S. citizen	73,000	83,000	42,000	45,000	67,000
Native-born	73,000	82,000	42,000	52,000	67,000
Naturalized	86,000	91,000	61,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	64,000	74,000	22,000	D	D
Permanent resident	73,000	83,000	58,000	D	D
Temporary resident	23,000	60,000	18,000	D	D
Engineering occupations	85,000	87,000	59,000	61,000	85,000
U.S. citizen	86,000	88,000	67,000	61,000	85,000
Native-born	85,000	86,000	59,000	58,000	85,000
Naturalized	90,000	93,000	94,000	D	85,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	80,000	41,000	D	62,000
Permanent resident	86,000	90,000	72,000	D	61,000
Temporary resident	70,000	73,000	24,000	D	65,000
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineers	99,000	97,000	28,000	D	106,000
U.S. citizen	100,000	97,000	30,000	D	106,000
Native-born	100,000	98,000	29,000	D	109,000
Naturalized	90,000	90,000	112,000	D	S
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	99,000	25,000	D	D
Permanent resident	99,000	100,000	60,000	D	D
Temporary resident	S	75,000	22,000	D	D
Chemical engineers	94,000	95,000	23,000	D	102,000
U.S. citizen	94,000	95,000	22,000	D	103,000
Native-born	92,000	93,000	21,000	D	103,000
Naturalized	109,000	109,000	S	D	S
Non-U.S. citizen	90,000	100,000	25,000	D	D
Permanent resident	103,000	103,000	S	D	D
Temporary resident	68,000	74,000	23,000	D	D

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Civil/architectural/sanitary engineers	80,000	80,000	S	D	80,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	80,000	S	D	80,000
Native-born	80,000	80,000	22,000	D	80,000
Naturalized	80,000	82,000	118,000	D	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	71,000	44,000	D	63,000
Permanent resident	76,000	79,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	68,000	69,000	38,000	D	D
Electrical/computer hardware engineers	93,000	94,000	48,000	77,000	89,000
U.S. citizen	95,000	95,000	71,000	77,000	89,000
Native-born	92,000	93,000	68,000	D	86,000
Naturalized	100,000	100,000	80,000	D	97,000
Non-U.S. citizen	85,000	85,000	31,000	D	D
Permanent resident	90,000	91,000	42,000	D	D
Temporary resident	75,000	79,000	24,000	D	D
Industrial engineers	76,000	77,000	S	D	70,000
U.S. citizen	79,000	79,000	S	D	70,000
Native-born	80,000	81,000	S	D	70,000
Naturalized	70,000	70,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	70,000	20,000	D	D
Permanent resident	82,000	82,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	69,000	69,000	20,000	D	D
Mechanical engineers	85,000	85,000	40,000	D	90,000
U.S. citizen	85,000	85,000	60,000	D	90,000
Native-born	84,000	84,000	60,000	D	90,000
Naturalized	89,000	89,000	S	D	95,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	80,000	22,000	D	D
Permanent resident	92,000	92,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	69,000	73,000	21,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-engineering	78,000	D	80,000	55,000	76,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	D	82,000	55,000	76,000
Native-born	74,000	D	76,000	54,000	D
Naturalized	97,000	D	99,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	75,000	D	75,000	D	D
Permanent resident	80,000	D	80,000	D	D
Temporary resident	S	D	S	D	D
Other engineers	83,000	85,000	30,000	D	80,000
U.S. citizen	85,000	85,000	29,000	D	80,000
Native-born	84,000	85,000	28,000	D	79,000
Naturalized	89,000	95,000	S	D	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	78,000	39,000	D	59,000
Permanent resident	79,000	80,000	43,000	D	58,000
Temporary resident	65,000	70,000	27,000	D	D
S&E-related occupations	67,000	75,000	62,000	50,000	68,000
U.S. citizen	67,000	74,000	62,000	50,000	67,000
Native-born	65,000	72,000	60,000	50,000	67,000
Naturalized	80,000	85,000	79,000	52,000	69,000
Non-U.S. citizen	75,000	79,000	62,000	49,000	97,000
Permanent resident	75,000	79,000	81,000	48,000	96,000
Temporary resident	74,000	78,000	43,000	51,000	D

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		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	
Health occupations	65,000	70,000	62,000	48,000	63,000
U.S. citizen	65,000	70,000	60,000	48,000	62,000
Native-born	64,000	66,000	59,000	48,000	61,000
Naturalized	80,000	81,000	82,000	51,000	67,000
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	65,000	74,000	S	100,000
Permanent resident	69,000	64,000	84,000	S	99,000
Temporary resident	S	76,000	46,000	D	D
S&E managers, including health	110,000	115,000	97,000	67,000	100,000
U.S. citizen	110,000	115,000	98,000	67,000	100,000
Native-born	110,000	114,000	97,000	71,000	100,000
Naturalized	115,000	119,000	107,000	D	104,000
Non-U.S. citizen	117,000	125,000	82,000	D	D
Permanent resident	126,000	129,000	82,000	D	D
Temporary resident	95,000	95,000	D	D	D
S&E precollege teachers	51,000	D	S	51,000	69,000
U.S. citizen	51,000	D	S	51,000	69,000
Native-born	51,000	D	S	50,000	69,000
Naturalized	52,000	D	D	52,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	54,000	D	D	54,000	D
Permanent resident	51,000	D	D	51,000	D
Temporary resident	51,000	D	D	51,000	D
S&E technicians/technologists	63,000	69,000	36,000	S	55,000
U.S. citizen	63,000	68,000	36,000	S	55,000
Native-born	62,000	67,000	35,000	S	55,000
Naturalized	69,000	74,000	43,000	D	60,000
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	77,000	37,000	D	D
Permanent resident	69,000	70,000	39,000	D	D
Temporary resident	77,000	78,000	31,000	D	D
Other S&E-related occupations	79,000	80,000	75,000	D	67,000
U.S. citizen	79,000	80,000	D	D	67,000
Native-born	79,000	79,000	D	D	67,000
Naturalized	82,000	83,000	D	D	64,000
Non-U.S. citizen	74,000	73,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	74,000	73,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	S	D	D	D
Non-S&E occupations	57,000	60,000	50,000	46,000	61,000
U.S. citizen	57,000	60,000	50,000	46,000	61,000
Native-born	57,000	60,000	49,000	47,000	62,000
Naturalized	57,000	60,000	60,000	43,000	56,000
Non-U.S. citizen	60,000	72,000	42,000	S	47,000
Permanent resident	60,000	72,000	43,000	S	47,000
Temporary resident	65,000	74,000	22,000	47,000	D
Arts/humanities/related occupations	46,000	47,000	44,000	S	57,000
U.S. citizen	46,000	47,000	44,000	S	57,000
Native-born	45,000	45,000	44,000	S	57,000
Naturalized	50,000	52,000	D	D	50,000
Non-U.S. citizen	44,000	44,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	S	S	D	D	D
Temporary resident	44,000	44,000	D	D	D

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Management-related occupations	73,000	75,000	54,000	53,000	72,000
U.S. citizen	72,000	75,000	55,000	53,000	72,000
Native-born	73,000	75,000	50,000	53,000	73,000
Naturalized	69,000	74,000	63,000	D	62,000
Non-U.S. citizen	84,000	85,000	41,000	D	S
Permanent resident	84,000	84,000	41,000	D	S
Temporary resident	80,000	80,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E managers	110,000	120,000	100,000	80,000	97,000
U.S. citizen	110,000	120,000	100,000	80,000	98,000
Native-born	110,000	120,000	99,000	80,000	100,000
Naturalized	120,000	125,000	107,000	90,000	89,000
Non-U.S. citizen	125,000	132,000	105,000	D	D
Permanent resident	125,000	129,000	113,000	D	D
Temporary resident	144,000	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E postsecondary teachers	49,000	54,000	50,000	34,000	69,000
U.S. citizen	49,000	55,000	50,000	33,000	69,000
Native-born	48,000	56,000	50,000	34,000	69,000
Naturalized	55,000	D	69,000	S	D
Non-U.S. citizen	47,000	D	50,000	D	D
Permanent resident	54,000	D	59,000	D	D
Temporary resident	25,000	D	25,000	D	D
Non-S&E precollege/other teachers	43,000	25,000	24,000	44,000	37,000
U.S. citizen	43,000	25,000	24,000	44,000	44,000
Native-born	43,000	25,000	24,000	44,000	S
Naturalized	42,000	S	D	42,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	D	S	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	S	D
Temporary resident	41,000	D	D	D	D
Sales/marketing occupations	62,000	63,000	D	42,000	69,000
U.S. citizen	61,000	62,000	D	42,000	69,000
Native-born	62,000	63,000	D	42,000	69,000
Naturalized	52,000	52,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	88,000	88,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	90,000	90,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	S	D	D	D
Social services/related occupations	43,000	40,000	42,000	51,000	45,000
U.S. citizen	43,000	40,000	43,000	51,000	45,000
Native-born	42,000	40,000	43,000	51,000	44,000
Naturalized	45,000	40,000	37,000	53,000	56,000
Non-U.S. citizen	40,000	39,000	D	D	54,000
Permanent resident	49,000	39,000	D	D	54,000
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other non-S&E occupations	46,000	43,000	35,000	30,000	57,000
U.S. citizen	46,000	43,000	35,000	30,000	57,000
Native-born	47,000	44,000	35,000	31,000	58,000
Naturalized	43,000	42,000	37,000	20,000	52,000
Non-U.S. citizen	37,000	33,000	41,000	S	44,000
Permanent resident	36,000	31,000	41,000	S	44,000
Temporary resident	38,000	D	10,000	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Bachelor's degrees, all occupations	60,000	64,000	40,000	40,000	60,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	63,000	40,000	40,000	60,000
Native-born	60,000	63,000	40,000	40,000	60,000
Naturalized	62,000	67,000	49,000	40,000	60,000
Non-U.S. citizen	60,000	72,000	25,000	37,000	47,000
Permanent resident	65,000	75,000	37,000	36,000	47,000
Temporary resident	54,000	66,000	20,000	D	D
S&E occupations	75,000	80,000	28,000	44,000	70,000
U.S. citizen	75,000	80,000	30,000	44,000	70,000
Native-born	75,000	80,000	29,000	44,000	70,000
Naturalized	80,000	80,000	31,000	64,000	74,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	85,000	23,000	D	70,000
Permanent resident	85,000	89,000	25,000	D	69,000
Temporary resident	59,000	69,000	21,000	D	D
Science occupations	72,000	80,000	29,000	44,000	65,000
U.S. citizen	72,000	80,000	30,000	44,000	65,000
Native-born	70,000	78,000	30,000	41,000	65,000
Naturalized	78,000	81,000	37,000	61,000	66,000
Non-U.S. citizen	82,000	86,000	23,000	D	71,000
Permanent resident	85,000	90,000	25,000	D	70,000
Temporary resident	55,000	72,000	22,000	D	D
Biological/agricultural/other life scientists	44,000	52,000	25,000	S	52,000
U.S. citizen	45,000	53,000	25,000	S	52,000
Native-born	45,000	54,000	25,000	S	52,000
Naturalized	46,000	50,000	36,000	D	55,000
Non-U.S. citizen	26,000	43,000	23,000	D	D
Permanent resident	23,000	S	21,000	D	D
Temporary resident	27,000	D	D	D	D
Agricultural/food scientists	42,000	44,000	30,000	D	45,000
U.S. citizen	43,000	44,000	31,000	D	45,000
Native-born	43,000	45,000	31,000	D	45,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Biological/medical scientists	45,000	55,000	26,000	D	52,000
U.S. citizen	45,000	55,000	26,000	D	52,000
Native-born	45,000	55,000	25,000	D	51,000
Naturalized	50,000	51,000	42,000	D	59,000
Non-U.S. citizen	26,000	S	23,000	D	D
Permanent resident	25,000	45,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	27,000	D	D	D	D
Environmental life scientists	53,000	40,000	D	D	59,000
U.S. citizen	56,000	D	D	D	59,000
Native-born	56,000	D	D	D	59,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-life/related sciences	20,000	D	14,000	S	D
U.S. citizen	20,000	D	15,000	S	D
Native-born	18,000	D	14,000	S	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Computer/mathematical scientists	80,000	82,000	55,000	45,000	71,000
U.S. citizen	79,000	80,000	55,000	45,000	71,000
Native-born	78,000	80,000	55,000	44,000	70,000
Naturalized	83,000	86,000	59,000	66,000	73,000
Non-U.S. citizen	86,000	90,000	23,000	D	71,000
Permanent resident	93,000	96,000	64,000	D	71,000
Temporary resident	67,000	70,000	22,000	D	D
Computer/information scientists	80,000	82,000	55,000	45,000	73,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	81,000	55,000	45,000	73,000
Native-born	79,000	80,000	55,000	45,000	72,000
Naturalized	84,000	86,000	75,000	D	73,000
Non-U.S. citizen	90,000	90,000	S	D	71,000
Permanent resident	94,000	96,000	D	D	71,000
Temporary resident	71,000	71,000	D	D	D
Mathematical scientists	61,000	69,000	27,000	D	59,000
U.S. citizen	61,000	69,000	25,000	D	59,000
Native-born	61,000	70,000	25,000	D	60,000
Naturalized	58,000	62,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-computer/mathematical sciences	20,000	D	19,000	20,000	D
U.S. citizen	20,000	D	18,000	20,000	D
Native-born	19,000	D	17,000	20,000	D
Naturalized	19,000	D	19,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	20,000	D	20,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	20,000	D	20,000	D	D
Physical/related scientists	60,000	65,000	24,000	D	63,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	65,000	24,000	D	63,000
Native-born	60,000	65,000	24,000	D	62,000
Naturalized	67,000	72,000	33,000	D	63,000
Non-U.S. citizen	46,000	71,000	21,000	D	D
Permanent resident	58,000	68,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	22,000	D	21,000	D	D
Chemists, except biochemists	60,000	64,000	25,000	D	55,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	64,000	25,000	D	55,000
Native-born	60,000	62,000	25,000	D	53,000
Naturalized	70,000	71,000	D	D	61,000
Non-U.S. citizen	46,000	54,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	49,000	52,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	23,000	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector:  
2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/ industry	4-year college/ university	Other educational institution	
Earth/atmospheric/ocean scientists	65,000	66,000	28,000	D	69,000
U.S. citizen	65,000	65,000	28,000	D	69,000
Native-born	65,000	63,000	25,000	D	69,000
Naturalized	64,000	74,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Physicists/astronomers	S	D	22,000	D	74,000
U.S. citizen	30,000	82,000	22,000	D	76,000
Native-born	30,000	87,000	22,000	D	76,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-physical/related sciences	22,000	D	22,000	D	D
U.S. citizen	23,000	D	22,000	D	D
Native-born	23,000	D	23,000	D	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other physical/related scientists	62,000	71,000	D	D	55,000
U.S. citizen	62,000	71,000	D	D	55,000
Native-born	62,000	71,000	D	D	55,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Social/related scientists	46,000	63,000	16,000	22,000	55,000
U.S. citizen	47,000	63,000	16,000	22,000	55,000
Native-born	46,000	63,000	16,000	22,000	56,000
Naturalized	50,000	66,000	23,000	D	45,000
Non-U.S. citizen	19,000	D	18,000	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Economists	62,000	67,000	D	D	65,000
U.S. citizen	62,000	67,000	D	D	65,000
Native-born	63,000	67,000	D	D	65,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Political/related scientists	41,000	41,000	20,000	D	49,000
U.S. citizen	41,000	41,000	21,000	D	49,000
Native-born	41,000	D	21,000	D	49,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-social/related sciences	15,000	D	15,000	12,000	D
U.S. citizen	15,000	D	15,000	12,000	D
Native-born	15,000	D	15,000	12,000	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	17,000	D	17,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Psychologists	30,000	34,000	16,000	S	D
U.S. citizen	30,000	34,000	18,000	S	D
Native-born	29,000	34,000	15,000	D	D
Naturalized	28,000	D	26,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Sociologists/anthropologists	25,000	34,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	25,000	34,000	D	D	D
Native-born	26,000	35,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other social/related scientists	64,000	67,000	39,000	D	57,000
U.S. citizen	64,000	67,000	D	D	57,000
Native-born	64,000	66,000	D	D	58,000
Naturalized	60,000	79,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	50,000	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	50,000	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Engineering occupations	80,000	82,000	25,000	59,000	80,000
U.S. citizen	81,000	82,000	26,000	59,000	81,000
Native-born	81,000	82,000	25,000	56,000	81,000
Naturalized	80,000	80,000	25,000	D	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	73,000	22,000	D	59,000
Permanent resident	79,000	84,000	D	D	57,000
Temporary resident	62,000	64,000	16,000	D	D
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineers	94,000	90,000	24,000	D	106,000
U.S. citizen	94,000	90,000	23,000	D	106,000
Native-born	95,000	93,000	23,000	D	106,000
Naturalized	87,000	87,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	85,000	85,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	96,000	96,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Chemical engineers	85,000	87,000	20,000	D	101,000
U.S. citizen	85,000	87,000	D	D	101,000
Native-born	85,000	85,000	D	D	101,000
Naturalized	88,000	89,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	79,000	100,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	112,000	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	45,000	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	
Civil/architectural/sanitary engineers	75,000	75,000	20,000	D	78,000
U.S. citizen	75,000	75,000	20,000	D	78,000
Native-born	77,000	76,000	20,000	D	78,000
Naturalized	70,000	68,000	D	D	75,000
Non-U.S. citizen	66,000	65,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	66,000	66,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	56,000	55,000	D	D	D
Electrical/computer hardware engineers	87,000	87,000	44,000	D	85,000
U.S. citizen	87,000	88,000	53,000	D	85,000
Native-born	87,000	87,000	53,000	D	82,000
Naturalized	89,000	89,000	D	D	94,000
Non-U.S. citizen	71,000	72,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	83,000	85,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	58,000	58,000	D	D	D
Industrial engineers	72,000	72,000	D	D	70,000
U.S. citizen	72,000	72,000	D	D	70,000
Native-born	73,000	74,000	D	D	70,000
Naturalized	69,000	69,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	70,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	79,000	79,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Mechanical engineers	81,000	81,000	S	D	86,000
U.S. citizen	81,000	81,000	S	D	86,000
Native-born	81,000	81,000	61,000	D	85,000
Naturalized	83,000	82,000	D	D	86,000
Non-U.S. citizen	79,000	81,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	89,000	86,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	75,000	D	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-engineering	S	D	27,000	49,000	D
U.S. citizen	43,000	D	27,000	49,000	D
Native-born	47,000	D	S	48,000	D
Naturalized	26,000	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other engineers	80,000	80,000	25,000	D	79,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	81,000	25,000	D	79,000
Native-born	80,000	81,000	25,000	D	78,000
Naturalized	80,000	81,000	D	D	74,000
Non-U.S. citizen	59,000	60,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	59,000	60,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	S	D	D	D
S&E-related occupations	58,000	60,000	49,000	45,000	60,000
U.S. citizen	58,000	60,000	49,000	45,000	60,000
Native-born	56,000	60,000	48,000	45,000	60,000
Naturalized	66,000	69,000	57,000	44,000	60,000
Non-U.S. citizen	51,000	52,000	29,000	47,000	81,000
Permanent resident	50,000	50,000	29,000	40,000	81,000
Temporary resident	53,000	S	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Health occupations	54,000	54,000	49,000	40,000	57,000
U.S. citizen	54,000	54,000	50,000	40,000	57,000
Native-born	52,000	52,000	48,000	40,000	56,000
Naturalized	64,000	65,000	66,000	D	59,000
Non-U.S. citizen	36,000	41,000	S	D	D
Permanent resident	39,000	42,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	36,000	D	D	D
S&E managers, including health	104,000	110,000	89,000	64,000	94,000
U.S. citizen	104,000	108,000	89,000	64,000	93,000
Native-born	103,000	108,000	81,000	67,000	93,000
Naturalized	106,000	108,000	D	D	98,000
Non-U.S. citizen	116,000	117,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	117,000	118,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
S&E precollege teachers	45,000	D	D	45,000	D
U.S. citizen	45,000	D	D	45,000	D
Native-born	45,000	D	D	45,000	D
Naturalized	41,000	D	D	41,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	55,000	D	D	55,000	D
Permanent resident	53,000	D	D	53,000	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
S&E technicians/technologists	62,000	66,000	36,000	68,000	55,000
U.S. citizen	62,000	66,000	36,000	68,000	55,000
Native-born	61,000	66,000	35,000	59,000	55,000
Naturalized	64,000	69,000	41,000	D	53,000
Non-U.S. citizen	63,000	66,000	38,000	D	D
Permanent resident	51,000	55,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	64,000	65,000	D	D	D
Other S&E-related occupations	79,000	79,000	75,000	D	63,000
U.S. citizen	79,000	79,000	D	D	63,000
Native-born	79,000	79,000	D	D	63,000
Naturalized	79,000	81,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	78,000	72,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	68,000	59,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E occupations	50,000	51,000	38,000	34,000	52,000
U.S. citizen	50,000	51,000	37,000	34,000	53,000
Native-born	50,000	52,000	36,000	34,000	52,000
Naturalized	48,000	50,000	40,000	30,000	53,000
Non-U.S. citizen	47,000	56,000	40,000	S	45,000
Permanent resident	47,000	58,000	41,000	S	45,000
Temporary resident	43,000	45,000	D	D	D
Arts/humanities/related occupations	40,000	41,000	32,000	12,000	45,000
U.S. citizen	40,000	41,000	31,000	12,000	47,000
Native-born	40,000	40,000	30,000	11,000	41,000
Naturalized	44,000	42,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Management-related occupations	64,000	64,000	48,000	47,000	65,000
U.S. citizen	63,000	64,000	48,000	47,000	65,000
Native-born	65,000	65,000	48,000	42,000	66,000
Naturalized	60,000	60,000	58,000	D	55,000
Non-U.S. citizen	67,000	72,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	73,000	76,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	65,000	65,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E managers	104,000	110,000	77,000	58,000	89,000
U.S. citizen	104,000	110,000	73,000	59,000	89,000
Native-born	104,000	110,000	92,000	58,000	89,000
Naturalized	99,000	99,000	64,000	D	89,000
Non-U.S. citizen	136,000	139,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	135,000	136,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E postsecondary teachers	21,000	S	19,000	27,000	D
U.S. citizen	22,000	S	19,000	27,000	D
Native-born	21,000	S	19,000	30,000	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E precollege/other teachers	33,000	25,000	D	34,000	D
U.S. citizen	33,000	25,000	D	34,000	D
Native-born	34,000	25,000	D	35,000	D
Naturalized	30,000	D	D	30,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	D	S	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	S	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Sales/marketing occupations	60,000	60,000	44,000	42,000	60,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	60,000	44,000	42,000	60,000
Native-born	60,000	60,000	47,000	42,000	75,000
Naturalized	50,000	50,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	91,000	91,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	90,000	90,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Social services/related occupations	35,000	32,000	33,000	38,000	40,000
U.S. citizen	35,000	32,000	33,000	38,000	40,000
Native-born	35,000	32,000	36,000	37,000	38,000
Naturalized	40,000	36,000	D	D	56,000
Non-U.S. citizen	S	19,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	S	19,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other non-S&E occupations	40,000	36,000	33,000	22,000	50,000
U.S. citizen	40,000	36,000	31,000	22,000	50,000
Native-born	40,000	36,000	31,000	24,000	50,000
Naturalized	40,000	39,000	S	S	50,000
Non-U.S. citizen	35,000	30,000	30,000	D	45,000
Permanent resident	36,000	30,000	33,000	D	45,000
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Master's degrees, all occupations	70,000	82,000	48,000	54,000	72,000
U.S. citizen	70,000	82,000	50,000	54,000	72,000
Native-born	68,000	80,000	49,000	54,000	72,000
Naturalized	84,000	91,000	60,000	58,000	74,000
Non-U.S. citizen	75,000	84,000	25,000	47,000	64,000
Permanent resident	81,000	87,000	46,000	43,000	65,000
Temporary resident	70,000	77,000	22,000	47,000	60,000
S&E occupations	83,000	91,000	36,000	50,000	78,000
U.S. citizen	84,000	93,000	40,000	50,000	78,000
Native-born	80,000	92,000	40,000	50,000	78,000
Naturalized	93,000	98,000	51,000	63,000	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	85,000	24,000	47,000	64,000
Permanent resident	86,000	90,000	46,000	39,000	65,000
Temporary resident	70,000	75,000	21,000	47,000	60,000
Science occupations	78,000	90,000	38,000	50,000	72,000
U.S. citizen	77,000	90,000	40,000	50,000	72,000
Native-born	72,000	88,000	38,000	50,000	72,000
Naturalized	90,000	95,000	51,000	62,000	76,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	86,000	25,000	47,000	68,000
Permanent resident	85,000	90,000	46,000	39,000	73,000
Temporary resident	70,000	80,000	22,000	47,000	60,000
Biological/agricultural/other life scientists	56,000	73,000	40,000	43,000	63,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	74,000	40,000	43,000	62,000
Native-born	56,000	71,000	40,000	43,000	62,000
Naturalized	74,000	79,000	34,000	D	66,000
Non-U.S. citizen	47,000	63,000	40,000	D	D
Permanent resident	47,000	64,000	42,000	D	D
Temporary resident	39,000	58,000	24,000	D	D
Agricultural/food scientists	56,000	74,000	43,000	D	58,000
U.S. citizen	58,000	75,000	43,000	D	58,000
Native-born	50,000	68,000	43,000	D	58,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	45,000	60,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	26,000	D	D	D	D
Biological/medical scientists	62,000	73,000	38,000	D	69,000
U.S. citizen	63,000	75,000	35,000	D	69,000
Native-born	62,000	71,000	34,000	D	69,000
Naturalized	75,000	79,000	35,000	D	67,000
Non-U.S. citizen	47,000	64,000	43,000	D	D
Permanent resident	47,000	62,000	42,000	D	D
Temporary resident	43,000	52,000	D	D	D
Environmental life scientists	55,000	67,000	22,000	D	55,000
U.S. citizen	55,000	67,000	D	D	55,000
Native-born	58,000	69,000	D	D	54,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-life/related sciences	41,000	D	40,000	43,000	D
U.S. citizen	41,000	D	40,000	43,000	D
Native-born	41,000	D	41,000	43,000	D
Naturalized	S	D	12,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	19,000	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Computer/mathematical scientists	89,000	94,000	48,000	43,000	80,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	96,000	49,000	43,000	80,000
Native-born	86,000	95,000	47,000	42,000	83,000
Naturalized	96,000	99,000	70,000	60,000	77,000
Non-U.S. citizen	86,000	89,000	36,000	48,000	76,000
Permanent resident	92,000	93,000	51,000	36,000	77,000
Temporary resident	76,000	84,000	27,000	D	61,000
Computer/information scientists	91,000	95,000	56,000	43,000	77,000
U.S. citizen	92,000	96,000	59,000	43,000	77,000
Native-born	90,000	95,000	54,000	42,000	75,000
Naturalized	98,000	100,000	75,000	82,000	77,000
Non-U.S. citizen	88,000	89,000	44,000	D	70,000
Permanent resident	93,000	94,000	51,000	D	71,000
Temporary resident	79,000	84,000	39,000	D	63,000
Mathematical scientists	85,000	89,000	38,000	D	84,000
U.S. citizen	85,000	91,000	38,000	D	84,000
Native-born	85,000	93,000	38,000	D	84,000
Naturalized	89,000	90,000	52,000	D	90,000
Non-U.S. citizen	77,000	84,000	24,000	D	D
Permanent resident	88,000	88,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	63,000	77,000	24,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-computer/mathematical sciences	38,000	D	36,000	42,000	D
U.S. citizen	38,000	D	36,000	41,000	D
Native-born	37,000	D	35,000	40,000	D
Naturalized	47,000	D	40,000	47,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	33,000	D	S	D	D
Permanent resident	49,000	D	42,000	D	D
Temporary resident	18,000	D	18,000	D	D
Physical/related scientists	68,000	79,000	24,000	43,000	76,000
U.S. citizen	70,000	81,000	25,000	43,000	78,000
Native-born	70,000	85,000	25,000	44,000	79,000
Naturalized	73,000	78,000	S	D	68,000
Non-U.S. citizen	42,000	56,000	22,000	D	43,000
Permanent resident	44,000	43,000	42,000	D	D
Temporary resident	22,000	66,000	21,000	D	D
Chemists, except biochemists	70,000	75,000	25,000	D	60,000
U.S. citizen	75,000	79,000	24,000	D	62,000
Native-born	75,000	84,000	24,000	D	58,000
Naturalized	74,000	78,000	D	D	66,000
Non-U.S. citizen	44,000	45,000	26,000	D	D
Permanent resident	42,000	D	31,000	D	D
Temporary resident	26,000	61,000	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Earth/atmospheric/ocean scientists	84,000	93,000	34,000	D	73,000
U.S. citizen	84,000	93,000	36,000	D	76,000
Native-born	85,000	95,000	35,000	D	78,000
Naturalized	66,000	74,000	D	D	57,000
Non-U.S. citizen	50,000	S	28,000	D	D
Permanent resident	40,000	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	55,000	D	D	D	D
Physicists/astronomers	50,000	95,000	22,000	D	79,000
U.S. citizen	72,000	95,000	25,000	D	90,000
Native-born	73,000	96,000	24,000	D	92,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	22,000	D	22,000	D	D
Permanent resident	81,000	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	21,000	D	20,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-physical/related sciences	21,000	D	20,000	43,000	D
U.S. citizen	S	D	20,000	43,000	D
Native-born	S	D	20,000	44,000	D
Naturalized	S	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	18,000	D	18,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	18,000	D	D	D	D
Other physical/related scientists	67,000	63,000	36,000	D	84,000
U.S. citizen	67,000	63,000	40,000	D	84,000
Native-born	67,000	63,000	40,000	D	84,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Social/related scientists	58,000	65,000	20,000	55,000	76,000
U.S. citizen	59,000	65,000	23,000	55,000	76,000
Native-born	59,000	64,000	23,000	55,000	75,000
Naturalized	70,000	69,000	24,000	76,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	27,000	71,000	15,000	D	73,000
Permanent resident	70,000	81,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	19,000	68,000	15,000	D	D
Economists	91,000	108,000	D	D	101,000
U.S. citizen	93,000	107,000	D	D	101,000
Native-born	99,000	111,000	D	D	101,000
Naturalized	67,000	67,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	59,000	112,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	S	S	D	D	D
Political/related scientists	80,000	71,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	82,000	77,000	D	D	D
Native-born	81,000	73,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-social/related sciences	24,000	D	19,000	39,000	D
U.S. citizen	S	D	21,000	40,000	D
Native-born	S	D	20,000	40,000	D
Naturalized	33,000	D	28,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	13,000	D	13,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	13,000	D	13,000	D	D
Psychologists	53,000	49,000	23,000	58,000	71,000
U.S. citizen	54,000	49,000	24,000	58,000	72,000
Native-born	54,000	49,000	S	57,000	72,000
Naturalized	55,000	41,000	18,000	74,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	30,000	33,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	25,000	D	D	D	D
Sociologists/anthropologists	45,000	59,000	18,000	D	46,000
U.S. citizen	45,000	59,000	18,000	D	46,000
Native-born	45,000	58,000	18,000	D	46,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other social/related scientists	84,000	96,000	22,000	D	70,000
U.S. citizen	86,000	96,000	57,000	D	70,000
Native-born	84,000	96,000	60,000	D	68,000
Naturalized	98,000	90,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	67,000	75,000	17,000	D	D
Permanent resident	89,000	96,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	22,000	D	18,000	D	D
Engineering occupations	92,000	95,000	26,000	56,000	88,000
U.S. citizen	95,000	97,000	46,000	56,000	89,000
Native-born	95,000	96,000	46,000	54,000	90,000
Naturalized	97,000	99,000	S	D	86,000
Non-U.S. citizen	77,000	80,000	22,000	D	56,000
Permanent resident	89,000	90,000	31,000	D	56,000
Temporary resident	69,000	71,000	21,000	D	48,000
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineers	100,000	102,000	25,000	D	103,000
U.S. citizen	102,000	102,000	D	D	103,000
Native-born	104,000	103,000	D	D	110,000
Naturalized	90,000	93,000	D	D	S
Non-U.S. citizen	75,000	94,000	21,000	D	D
Permanent resident	95,000	97,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	22,000	69,000	21,000	D	D
Chemical engineers	103,000	104,000	24,000	D	90,000
U.S. citizen	104,000	105,000	D	D	91,000
Native-born	98,000	99,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	109,000	109,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	99,000	103,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	103,000	103,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	55,000	70,000	D	D	D

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(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Civil/architectural/sanitary engineers	87,000	89,000	S	D	85,000
U.S. citizen	89,000	90,000	S	D	85,000
Native-born	90,000	91,000	D	D	87,000
Naturalized	89,000	89,000	D	D	83,000
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	71,000	D	D	62,000
Permanent resident	75,000	79,000	D	D	61,000
Temporary resident	69,000	69,000	D	D	D
Electrical/computer hardware engineers	100,000	100,000	24,000	D	93,000
U.S. citizen	100,000	102,000	S	D	94,000
Native-born	100,000	100,000	S	D	92,000
Naturalized	104,000	105,000	D	D	98,000
Non-U.S. citizen	83,000	85,000	23,000	D	D
Permanent resident	91,000	92,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	75,000	79,000	23,000	D	D
Industrial engineers	90,000	90,000	22,000	D	D
U.S. citizen	92,000	93,000	D	D	D
Native-born	94,000	94,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	86,000	86,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	62,000	68,000	20,000	D	D
Permanent resident	74,000	74,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	61,000	65,000	20,000	D	D
Mechanical engineers	90,000	90,000	23,000	D	98,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	90,000	29,000	D	98,000
Native-born	90,000	90,000	29,000	D	97,000
Naturalized	90,000	90,000	D	D	97,000
Non-U.S. citizen	76,000	79,000	20,000	D	D
Permanent resident	88,000	89,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	66,000	70,000	19,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-engineering	54,000	D	46,000	54,000	D
U.S. citizen	58,000	D	57,000	54,000	D
Native-born	58,000	D	57,000	54,000	D
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	17,000	D	17,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	16,000	D	16,000	D	D
Other engineers	86,000	93,000	25,000	D	78,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	95,000	26,000	D	78,000
Native-born	88,000	95,000	27,000	D	77,000
Naturalized	95,000	98,000	S	D	79,000
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	78,000	25,000	D	D
Permanent resident	79,000	80,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	61,000	65,000	24,000	D	D
S&E-related occupations	67,000	77,000	63,000	55,000	73,000
U.S. citizen	67,000	77,000	63,000	55,000	73,000
Native-born	65,000	75,000	60,000	55,000	74,000
Naturalized	78,000	84,000	88,000	61,000	71,000
Non-U.S. citizen	74,000	83,000	46,000	48,000	D
Permanent resident	76,000	83,000	86,000	48,000	D
Temporary resident	60,000	78,000	40,000	D	D

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(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Health occupations	64,000	67,000	60,000	52,000	70,000
U.S. citizen	64,000	67,000	60,000	52,000	70,000
Native-born	63,000	67,000	59,000	52,000	69,000
Naturalized	70,000	69,000	86,000	51,000	69,000
Non-U.S. citizen	63,000	64,000	S	D	D
Permanent resident	71,000	64,000	87,000	D	D
Temporary resident	50,000	S	45,000	D	D
S&E managers, including health	113,000	120,000	99,000	D	103,000
U.S. citizen	112,000	120,000	99,000	D	103,000
Native-born	111,000	120,000	99,000	D	102,000
Naturalized	114,000	118,000	96,000	D	104,000
Non-U.S. citizen	122,000	126,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	140,000	145,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
S&E precollege teachers	55,000	D	D	55,000	D
U.S. citizen	56,000	D	D	56,000	D
Native-born	55,000	D	D	55,000	D
Naturalized	61,000	D	D	61,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	48,000	D	D	48,000	D
Permanent resident	48,000	D	D	48,000	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
S&E technicians/technologists	70,000	78,000	35,000	20,000	55,000
U.S. citizen	70,000	78,000	36,000	20,000	55,000
Native-born	65,000	75,000	34,000	20,000	55,000
Naturalized	79,000	83,000	47,000	D	65,000
Non-U.S. citizen	74,000	77,000	32,000	D	D
Permanent resident	73,000	77,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	63,000	77,000	29,000	D	D
Other S&E-related occupations	83,000	84,000	D	D	65,000
U.S. citizen	84,000	85,000	D	D	65,000
Native-born	83,000	85,000	D	D	66,000
Naturalized	85,000	85,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	72,000	72,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	73,000	73,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	52,000	52,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E occupations	63,000	75,000	49,000	53,000	68,000
U.S. citizen	63,000	75,000	50,000	53,000	68,000
Native-born	62,000	74,000	50,000	53,000	69,000
Naturalized	70,000	85,000	55,000	54,000	64,000
Non-U.S. citizen	65,000	76,000	25,000	S	S
Permanent resident	65,000	75,000	25,000	S	S
Temporary resident	69,000	80,000	23,000	D	D
Arts/humanities/related occupations	50,000	50,000	45,000	S	63,000
U.S. citizen	50,000	50,000	45,000	S	61,000
Native-born	50,000	50,000	45,000	S	64,000
Naturalized	51,000	55,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	44,000	44,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	S	S	D	D	D
Temporary resident	44,000	44,000	D	D	D

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(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Management-related occupations	85,000	90,000	60,000	54,000	79,000
U.S. citizen	85,000	90,000	60,000	54,000	80,000
Native-born	85,000	90,000	58,000	54,000	80,000
Naturalized	85,000	96,000	60,000	D	64,000
Non-U.S. citizen	87,000	90,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	96,000	98,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	82,000	86,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E managers	112,000	129,000	92,000	79,000	104,000
U.S. citizen	112,000	129,000	92,000	79,000	105,000
Native-born	110,000	128,000	92,000	79,000	106,000
Naturalized	125,000	130,000	D	74,000	89,000
Non-U.S. citizen	103,000	120,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	97,000	111,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E postsecondary teachers	38,000	S	36,000	37,000	69,000
U.S. citizen	39,000	S	37,000	37,000	69,000
Native-born	40,000	D	38,000	37,000	69,000
Naturalized	S	D	S	S	D
Non-U.S. citizen	21,000	D	22,000	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	S	D	D
Temporary resident	17,000	D	17,000	D	D
Non-S&E precollege/other teachers	50,000	S	D	50,000	D
U.S. citizen	50,000	S	D	51,000	D
Native-born	50,000	S	D	50,000	D
Naturalized	52,000	D	D	53,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	S	D	D	S	D
Permanent resident	S	D	D	S	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Sales/marketing occupations	85,000	85,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	85,000	85,000	D	D	D
Native-born	86,000	86,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	69,000	66,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	72,000	73,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	74,000	74,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Social services/related occupations	47,000	43,000	45,000	54,000	52,000
U.S. citizen	47,000	43,000	45,000	54,000	52,000
Native-born	47,000	43,000	45,000	54,000	51,000
Naturalized	53,000	43,000	53,000	61,000	62,000
Non-U.S. citizen	38,000	39,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	39,000	39,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other non-S&E occupations	45,000	39,000	40,000	43,000	60,000
U.S. citizen	45,000	39,000	43,000	44,000	60,000
Native-born	45,000	37,000	43,000	44,000	61,000
Naturalized	50,000	50,000	37,000	41,000	58,000
Non-U.S. citizen	S	S	22,000	D	D
Permanent resident	24,000	S	23,000	D	D
Temporary resident	48,000	75,000	10,000	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector:  
2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/ industry	4-year college/ university	Other educational institution	
Doctoral degrees, all occupations	90,000	102,000	75,000	72,000	95,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	105,000	77,000	72,000	98,000
Native-born	85,000	100,000	75,000	72,000	98,000
Naturalized	100,000	114,000	89,000	54,000	97,000
Non-U.S. citizen	84,000	100,000	70,000	54,000	69,000
Permanent resident	90,000	101,000	75,000	54,000	71,000
Temporary resident	74,000	89,000	53,000	48,000	66,000
S&E occupations	86,000	100,000	73,000	60,000	93,000
U.S. citizen	89,000	103,000	75,000	61,000	96,000
Native-born	84,000	100,000	73,000	61,000	95,000
Naturalized	100,000	110,000	85,000	60,000	98,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	95,000	66,000	53,000	66,000
Permanent resident	85,000	100,000	72,000	52,000	63,000
Temporary resident	74,000	88,000	50,000	53,000	69,000
Science occupations	81,000	100,000	70,000	60,000	90,000
U.S. citizen	82,000	100,000	72,000	60,000	92,000
Native-born	80,000	96,000	70,000	61,000	91,000
Naturalized	95,000	107,000	80,000	60,000	94,000
Non-U.S. citizen	80,000	95,000	64,000	52,000	63,000
Permanent resident	82,000	99,000	69,000	51,000	63,000
Temporary resident	67,000	85,000	49,000	53,000	55,000
Biological/agricultural/other life scientists	80,000	99,000	68,000	60,000	84,000
U.S. citizen	82,000	100,000	71,000	61,000	87,000
Native-born	78,000	99,000	70,000	60,000	85,000
Naturalized	95,000	109,000	74,000	64,000	92,000
Non-U.S. citizen	60,000	84,000	50,000	D	59,000
Permanent resident	72,000	89,000	55,000	D	60,000
Temporary resident	46,000	60,000	43,000	D	47,000
Agricultural/food scientists	85,000	93,000	74,000	D	82,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	95,000	80,000	D	85,000
Native-born	88,000	90,000	80,000	D	88,000
Naturalized	95,000	95,000	75,000	D	65,000
Non-U.S. citizen	58,000	82,000	47,000	D	D
Permanent resident	68,000	84,000	49,000	D	D
Temporary resident	43,000	58,000	38,000	D	D
Biological/medical scientists	81,000	100,000	60,000	77,000	84,000
U.S. citizen	89,000	102,000	70,000	77,000	86,000
Native-born	83,000	100,000	67,000	67,000	84,000
Naturalized	98,000	110,000	73,000	D	94,000
Non-U.S. citizen	60,000	84,000	48,000	D	58,000
Permanent resident	72,000	89,000	50,000	D	60,000
Temporary resident	45,000	59,000	42,000	D	47,000
Environmental life scientists	81,000	80,000	68,000	D	85,000
U.S. citizen	82,000	81,000	76,000	D	87,000
Native-born	82,000	81,000	76,000	D	84,000
Naturalized	85,000	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	47,000	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	58,000	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-life/related sciences	70,000	D	72,000	60,000	D
U.S. citizen	70,000	58,000	70,000	60,000	D
Native-born	70,000	53,000	70,000	60,000	D
Naturalized	71,000	D	75,000	63,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	74,000	D	74,000	D	D
Permanent resident	76,000	D	75,000	D	D
Temporary resident	73,000	D	73,000	D	D
Computer/mathematical scientists	95,000	110,000	78,000	59,000	95,000
U.S. citizen	96,000	113,000	80,000	60,000	95,000
Native-born	92,000	110,000	75,000	60,000	95,000
Naturalized	103,000	119,000	85,000	57,000	100,000
Non-U.S. citizen	90,000	100,000	72,000	37,000	S
Permanent resident	95,000	105,000	80,000	35,000	43,000
Temporary resident	80,000	94,000	65,000	D	D
Computer/information scientists	104,000	110,000	79,000	D	89,000
U.S. citizen	107,000	111,000	81,000	D	D
Native-born	102,000	110,000	77,000	D	D
Naturalized	114,000	117,000	98,000	D	109,000
Non-U.S. citizen	99,000	105,000	69,000	D	D
Permanent resident	100,000	107,000	70,000	D	D
Temporary resident	87,000	98,000	62,000	D	D
Mathematical scientists	100,000	105,000	81,000	95,000	102,000
U.S. citizen	101,000	117,000	81,000	95,000	104,000
Native-born	100,000	115,000	75,000	D	109,000
Naturalized	109,000	119,000	92,000	D	93,000
Non-U.S. citizen	91,000	94,000	80,000	D	D
Permanent resident	98,000	99,000	97,000	D	D
Temporary resident	84,000	85,000	66,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-computer/mathematical sciences	74,000	D	77,000	58,000	D
U.S. citizen	75,000	D	78,000	56,000	D
Native-born	72,000	D	75,000	S	D
Naturalized	80,000	D	82,000	58,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	72,000	D	73,000	44,000	D
Permanent resident	81,000	D	82,000	42,000	D
Temporary resident	65,000	D	65,000	D	D
Physical/related scientists	87,000	102,000	70,000	59,000	104,000
U.S. citizen	90,000	105,000	73,000	60,000	105,000
Native-born	88,000	107,000	71,000	59,000	106,000
Naturalized	95,000	100,000	81,000	D	99,000
Non-U.S. citizen	77,000	97,000	63,000	47,000	74,000
Permanent resident	84,000	101,000	70,000	D	93,000
Temporary resident	55,000	84,000	45,000	D	69,000
Chemists, except biochemists	99,000	102,000	56,000	D	88,000
U.S. citizen	100,000	104,000	60,000	D	89,000
Native-born	101,000	106,000	68,000	D	88,000
Naturalized	99,000	101,000	58,000	D	90,000
Non-U.S. citizen	93,000	100,000	42,000	D	D
Permanent resident	100,000	103,000	63,000	D	D
Temporary resident	61,000	81,000	38,000	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	
Earth/atmospheric/ocean scientists	90,000	99,000	68,000	D	100,000
U.S. citizen	94,000	100,000	71,000	D	103,000
Native-born	96,000	101,000	71,000	D	108,000
Naturalized	87,000	94,000	74,000	D	75,000
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	81,000	60,000	D	66,000
Permanent resident	72,000	82,000	64,000	D	D
Temporary resident	66,000	77,000	51,000	D	D
Physicists/astronomers	103,000	109,000	63,000	D	114,000
U.S. citizen	108,000	112,000	79,000	D	118,000
Native-born	109,000	119,000	79,000	D	117,000
Naturalized	100,000	93,000	84,000	D	118,000
Non-U.S. citizen	77,000	96,000	49,000	D	81,000
Permanent resident	91,000	100,000	56,000	D	D
Temporary resident	49,000	82,000	48,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-physical/related sciences	71,000	D	73,000	58,000	D
U.S. citizen	71,000	D	73,000	59,000	D
Native-born	69,000	D	70,000	59,000	D
Naturalized	82,000	D	85,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	69,000	D	69,000	47,000	D
Permanent resident	71,000	D	73,000	D	D
Temporary resident	52,000	D	52,000	D	D
Other physical/related scientists	90,000	88,000	82,000	D	105,000
U.S. citizen	95,000	89,000	85,000	D	105,000
Native-born	98,000	90,000	89,000	D	106,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	84,000	77,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	79,000	79,000	D	D	D
Social/related scientists	73,000	80,000	70,000	61,000	89,000
U.S. citizen	73,000	79,000	70,000	61,000	88,000
Native-born	73,000	78,000	70,000	61,000	88,000
Naturalized	79,000	97,000	72,000	S	87,000
Non-U.S. citizen	78,000	93,000	71,000	55,000	102,000
Permanent resident	78,000	83,000	72,000	56,000	D
Temporary resident	83,000	123,000	63,000	D	D
Economists	119,000	138,000	99,000	D	116,000
U.S. citizen	119,000	140,000	102,000	D	117,000
Native-born	125,000	140,000	104,000	D	118,000
Naturalized	111,000	139,000	93,000	D	110,000
Non-U.S. citizen	109,000	130,000	79,000	D	D
Permanent resident	125,000	125,000	119,000	D	D
Temporary resident	101,000	127,000	D	D	D
Political/related scientists	96,000	114,000	80,000	D	100,000
U.S. citizen	96,000	111,000	80,000	D	100,000
Native-born	97,000	111,000	77,000	D	100,000
Naturalized	D	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	92,000	D	83,000	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Postsecondary teachers-social/related sciences	70,000	59,000	70,000	55,000	D
U.S. citizen	70,000	63,000	70,000	55,000	D
Native-born	69,000	63,000	70,000	53,000	D
Naturalized	73,000	D	73,000	61,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	71,000	D	72,000	56,000	D
Permanent resident	71,000	D	72,000	59,000	D
Temporary resident	71,000	D	72,000	D	D
Psychologists	74,000	74,000	67,000	68,000	84,000
U.S. citizen	75,000	74,000	67,000	69,000	84,000
Native-born	74,000	74,000	68,000	68,000	84,000
Naturalized	80,000	95,000	S	69,000	80,000
Non-U.S. citizen	63,000	S	63,000	D	D
Permanent resident	70,000	S	72,000	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Sociologists/anthropologists	76,000	82,000	68,000	D	81,000
U.S. citizen	78,000	80,000	70,000	D	81,000
Native-born	77,000	80,000	69,000	D	82,000
Naturalized	84,000	D	75,000	D	74,000
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	37,000	D	D
Permanent resident	S	D	S	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	38,000	D	D
Other social/related scientists	81,000	87,000	71,000	D	82,000
U.S. citizen	80,000	85,000	76,000	D	82,000
Native-born	82,000	85,000	77,000	71,000	81,000
Naturalized	70,000	86,000	69,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	82,000	91,000	53,000	D	D
Permanent resident	82,000	86,000	48,000	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Engineering occupations	101,000	108,000	93,000	69,000	106,000
U.S. citizen	110,000	115,000	100,000	D	110,000
Native-born	109,000	114,000	100,000	D	110,000
Naturalized	110,000	116,000	101,000	D	106,000
Non-U.S. citizen	86,000	95,000	75,000	D	70,000
Permanent resident	93,000	100,000	81,000	D	70,000
Temporary resident	80,000	90,000	69,000	D	70,000
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineers	115,000	115,000	94,000	D	119,000
U.S. citizen	119,000	119,000	126,000	D	119,000
Native-born	118,000	115,000	D	D	120,000
Naturalized	116,000	117,000	D	D	97,000
Non-U.S. citizen	86,000	99,000	70,000	D	D
Permanent resident	99,000	100,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	74,000	D	D	D	D
Chemical engineers	104,000	105,000	83,000	D	106,000
U.S. citizen	110,000	110,000	88,000	D	110,000
Native-born	109,000	109,000	S	D	110,000
Naturalized	113,000	113,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	84,000	88,000	66,000	D	D
Permanent resident	88,000	88,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	76,000	80,000	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			Government
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	
Civil/architectural/sanitary engineers	89,000	89,000	74,000	D	89,000
U.S. citizen	100,000	100,000	100,000	D	99,000
Native-born	90,000	86,000	84,000	D	95,000
Naturalized	107,000	112,000	110,000	D	101,000
Non-U.S. citizen	71,000	75,000	54,000	D	62,000
Permanent resident	80,000	84,000	D	D	61,000
Temporary resident	63,000	68,000	42,000	D	D
Electrical/computer hardware engineers	115,000	117,000	97,000	D	120,000
U.S. citizen	123,000	125,000	109,000	D	120,000
Native-born	124,000	127,000	106,000	D	109,000
Naturalized	123,000	122,000	112,000	D	130,000
Non-U.S. citizen	100,000	100,000	48,000	D	D
Permanent resident	104,000	106,000	50,000	D	D
Temporary resident	96,000	98,000	43,000	D	D
Industrial engineers	100,000	98,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	110,000	105,000	D	D	D
Native-born	116,000	116,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	98,000	98,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	70,000	69,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Mechanical engineers	100,000	100,000	86,000	D	100,000
U.S. citizen	107,000	110,000	100,000	D	102,000
Native-born	109,000	110,000	91,000	D	107,000
Naturalized	105,000	107,000	101,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	86,000	89,000	52,000	D	D
Permanent resident	95,000	95,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	82,000	84,000	52,000	D	D
Postsecondary teachers-engineering	93,000	D	95,000	D	104,000
U.S. citizen	99,000	D	100,000	D	104,000
Native-born	97,000	D	98,000	D	115,000
Naturalized	100,000	D	100,000	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	81,000	D	81,000	D	D
Permanent resident	83,000	D	83,000	D	D
Temporary resident	78,000	D	78,000	D	D
Other engineers	100,000	104,000	70,000	D	99,000
U.S. citizen	110,000	110,000	104,000	D	104,000
Native-born	106,000	109,000	104,000	D	106,000
Naturalized	109,000	110,000	117,000	D	96,000
Non-U.S. citizen	79,000	89,000	42,000	D	71,000
Permanent resident	89,000	93,000	43,000	D	68,000
Temporary resident	71,000	79,000	40,000	D	D
S&E-related occupations	95,000	124,000	84,000	59,000	105,000
U.S. citizen	94,000	126,000	83,000	59,000	104,000
Native-born	90,000	120,000	80,000	60,000	104,000
Naturalized	109,000	139,000	96,000	54,000	102,000
Non-U.S. citizen	100,000	118,000	87,000	47,000	S
Permanent resident	103,000	119,000	89,000	45,000	S
Temporary resident	85,000	96,000	59,000	D	D

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(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Health occupations	85,000	80,000	82,000	74,000	100,000
U.S. citizen	83,000	74,000	80,000	69,000	100,000
Native-born	80,000	67,000	80,000	74,000	100,000
Naturalized	99,000	98,000	93,000	D	128,000
Non-U.S. citizen	100,000	D	93,000	D	S
Permanent resident	100,000	D	99,000	D	S
Temporary resident	81,000	D	63,000	D	D
S&E managers, including health	139,000	148,000	112,000	D	110,000
U.S. citizen	140,000	150,000	114,000	D	110,000
Native-born	139,000	149,000	112,000	D	113,000
Naturalized	142,000	150,000	113,000	D	97,000
Non-U.S. citizen	115,000	124,000	77,000	D	D
Permanent resident	117,000	124,000	78,000	D	D
Temporary resident	69,000	73,000	D	D	D
S&E precollege teachers	58,000	D	D	58,000	D
U.S. citizen	59,000	D	D	59,000	D
Native-born	59,000	D	D	59,000	D
Naturalized	59,000	D	D	55,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	45,000	D	D	45,000	D
Permanent resident	44,000	D	D	44,000	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
S&E technicians/technologists	97,000	99,000	46,000	D	S
U.S. citizen	79,000	84,000	43,000	D	S
Native-born	58,000	74,000	49,000	D	D
Naturalized	85,000	88,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	100,000	107,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	101,000	110,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	89,000	92,000	D	D	D
Other S&E-related occupations	100,000	115,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	89,000	74,000	D	D	D
Native-born	77,000	81,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	77,000	D	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	110,000	110,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Non-S&E occupations	94,000	105,000	80,000	93,000	92,000
U.S. citizen	93,000	100,000	80,000	93,000	93,000
Native-born	90,000	99,000	78,000	94,000	93,000
Naturalized	100,000	113,000	99,000	53,000	91,000
Non-U.S. citizen	100,000	112,000	80,000	81,000	D
Permanent resident	109,000	115,000	76,000	90,000	D
Temporary resident	99,000	99,000	87,000	D	D
Arts/humanities/related occupations	49,000	52,000	28,000	D	D
U.S. citizen	43,000	47,000	26,000	D	D
Native-born	39,000	40,000	26,000	D	66,000
Naturalized	98,000	105,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	96,000	98,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	96,000	98,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector:  
2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/ industry	4-year college/ university	Other educational institution	Government
Management-related occupations	115,000	120,000	72,000	69,000	94,000
U.S. citizen	115,000	127,000	72,000	69,000	94,000
Native-born	115,000	125,000	71,000	64,000	97,000
Naturalized	119,000	135,000	85,000	D	92,000
Non-U.S. citizen	110,000	111,000	66,000	D	56,000
Permanent resident	115,000	117,000	66,000	D	D
Temporary resident	99,000	99,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E managers	137,000	149,000	124,000	127,000	122,000
U.S. citizen	137,000	150,000	124,000	127,000	122,000
Native-born	136,000	149,000	120,000	128,000	118,000
Naturalized	148,000	155,000	151,000	87,000	119,000
Non-U.S. citizen	127,000	133,000	93,000	D	D
Permanent resident	130,000	137,000	93,000	D	D
Temporary resident	108,000	114,000	D	D	D
Non-S&E postsecondary teachers	70,000	D	70,000	55,000	D
U.S. citizen	70,000	D	70,000	S	D
Native-born	68,000	D	69,000	47,000	D
Naturalized	89,000	D	90,000	10,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	84,000	D	78,000	D	D
Permanent resident	78,000	D	69,000	D	D
Temporary resident	87,000	D	87,000	D	D
Non-S&E precollege/other teachers	61,000	51,000	D	65,000	66,000
U.S. citizen	61,000	51,000	D	69,000	D
Native-born	69,000	51,000	D	73,000	D
Naturalized	49,000	D	D	32,000	D
Non-U.S. citizen	40,000	D	D	38,000	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Sales/marketing occupations	98,000	98,000	D	D	D
U.S. citizen	95,000	96,000	D	D	D
Native-born	99,000	100,000	D	D	D
Naturalized	78,000	78,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	108,000	108,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	109,000	109,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	106,000	106,000	D	D	D
Social services/related occupations	60,000	50,000	69,000	82,000	70,000
U.S. citizen	60,000	50,000	69,000	82,000	70,000
Native-born	59,000	49,000	69,000	81,000	66,000
Naturalized	70,000	70,000	D	D	D
Non-U.S. citizen	D	D	D	D	D
Permanent resident	D	D	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D
Other non-S&E occupations	58,000	57,000	48,000	83,000	70,000
U.S. citizen	57,000	56,000	48,000	83,000	70,000
Native-born	56,000	50,000	48,000	83,000	70,000
Naturalized	60,000	60,000	D	D	61,000

TABLE 14. Median annual salaries of employed U.S. scientists and engineers, by level of highest degree, occupation, citizenship status, and employment sector: 2008

(Dollars)

Level of highest degree, occupation, and citizenship status	Employed scientists and engineers	Sector of employment			
		Business/industry	4-year college/university	Other educational institution	Government
Non-U.S. citizen	48,000	51,000	D	D	D
Permanent resident	42,000	45,000	D	D	D
Temporary resident	D	D	D	D	D

D = suppressed to avoid disclosure of confidential information. S = suppressed for reliability; coefficient of variation exceeds publication standards.

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 bachelor's or higher degree in S&E or S&E-related field through 30 June 2007, plus any person holding non-S&E bachelor's or higher degree who was employed in S&E or S&E-related occupation on 1 October 2003. Business/industry includes self-employed individuals, nonprofit organizations, and other unspecified types of employers. 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 (civilian), military, state, and local employers. Salaries are for principal job and rounded to nearest thousand.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/National Center for Science and Engineering Statistics, Scientists and Engineers Statistical Data System (SESTAT): 2008.