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Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians: Your Guide to Starting Salaries and Career Advancement

The Commission on Professionals in Science and Technology (CPST) is releasing the 23rd edition of *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians: Your Guide to Starting Salaries and Career Advancement.* Published biennially by CPST for over four decades, *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians* is a comprehensive summary of recent salary surveys of scientists, engineers and related technical professionals. Information on starting salaries and wage trajectories across STEM fields is broken out by field, degree level, region, type of employer and more. Career planning information for scientists, engineers and technicians is included in this year's revised publication.

Salaries' introduction analyzes and summarizes the publication's detailed tables on compensation in STEM fields and includes:

- An overview of differences in salaries across the STEM fields;
- Factors that affect starting salaries;
- How salaries change within a field over time;
- The impact of earning a master's degree; and
- Sources of career guidance information.

In addition, the introduction provides details about the distribution of scientists and engineers throughout various sectors of employment. As illustrated in the chart, below, most scientists and engineers work in business/industry. Engineering graduates were the most likely (82%) among those who earned bachelor's degrees in STEM fields between 2003-2006 to be employed in business/industry, while those in the physical and related sciences (55%) were least likely. Just over one-third of the physical and related sciences bachelor's degree recipients were employed in government jobs. The relative percentage of STEM bachelor's degree recipients with jobs in the education sector was relatively consistent, between 8 and 13 percent.

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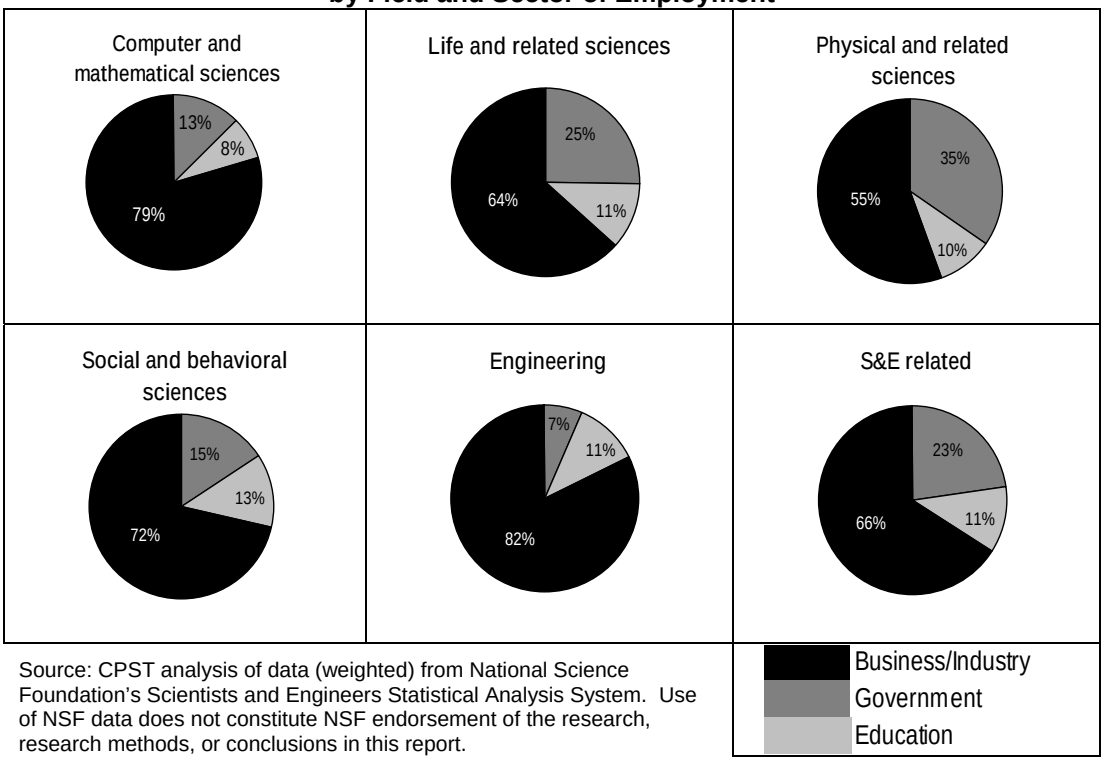
Distribution of 2003-2006 S&E Bachelor's Degree Recipients Among the Workforce, by Field and Sector of Employment



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Available as a PDF document, separate sections provide specific data from the U.S. Census Bureau's *American Community Survey (*ACS), the National Science Foundation's Scientists and Engineers Statistical Analysis System (SESTAT), U.S. Department of Labor - Bureau of Labor Statistics' 2008 *National Occupational Employment and Wage Estimates* and relevant professional society surveys about the salaries for graduates and workers in STEM related degree fields:

- Computer sciences
- Mathematical sciences
- Life and related sciences
- Physical and related sciences
- Social and behavioral sciences
- Health-related fields

A PDF of *Salaries* is available for purchase at the CPST website. For further information regarding *Salaries of Scientists, Engineers and Technicians: Your Guide to Starting Salaries and Career Advancement*, please visit CPST's website, http://www.cpst.org.

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