

**Table 387. Average annual salary of bachelor's degree recipients employed full-time 1 year after graduation, by field of study: 1976 to 2001**

Field of study	Average salary <sup>1</sup> of 1974–75 degree recipients in February 1976		Average salary <sup>1</sup> of 1979–80 degree recipients in May 1981		Average salary <sup>1</sup> of 1983–84 degree recipients in June 1985		Average salary of 1985–86 degree recipients in June 1987		Average salary of 1989–90 degree recipients in June 1991		Average salary <sup>1</sup> of 1992–93 degree recipients in April 1994		Average salary <sup>1</sup> of 1999–2000 degree recipients in 2001	Per cent change in constant dollars, 1976 to 2001	Per cent change in constant dollars, 1991 to 2001
	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars	Current dollars	Constant 2001 dollars			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$7,600</b>	<b>\$23,700</b>	<b>\$15,200</b>	<b>\$29,600</b>	<b>\$17,700</b>	<b>\$29,100</b>	<b>\$20,400</b>	<b>\$31,700</b>	<b>\$23,600</b>	<b>\$30,700</b>	<b>\$24,200</b>	<b>\$28,900</b>	<b>\$35,400 (316)</b>	<b>49.4</b>	<b>15.3</b>
Engineering .....	12,200	38,000	22,400	43,600	24,100	39,700	26,600	41,500	30,900	40,200	30,900	37,000	47,900 (790)	26.1	19.2
Business and management	10,200	31,700	16,300	31,800	18,700	30,800	21,100	32,900	24,700	32,200	27,100	32,300	41,000 (941)	29.3	27.3
Health professions ...	8,600	26,800	17,300	33,700	20,800	34,200	22,600	35,200	31,500	40,900	31,300	37,400	39,400 (1,090)	47.0	-3.7
Education <sup>2</sup> .....	6,300	19,600	11,500	22,400	13,800	22,700	15,800	24,600	19,100	24,800	19,300	23,000	27,600 (346)	40.8	11.3
Public affairs and social services .....	—	—	13,700	26,700	15,100	24,900	17,700	27,600	20,800	27,000	22,000	26,300	30,400 (1,055)	—	12.6
Biological sciences .....	6,500	20,200	14,500	28,300	15,100	24,900	16,400	25,500	21,100	27,400	22,800	27,200	30,700 (978)	52.0	12.0
Mathematics and other sciences .....	7,000	21,800	16,300	31,800	17,500	28,800	22,500	35,100	27,200	35,300	25,400	30,400	42,800 (981)	96.3	21.2
Psychology .....	—	—	12,500	24,400	14,600	24,000	17,300	27,000	19,200	24,900	19,500	23,300	28,800 (906)	—	15.7
Social sciences	6,700	20,900	14,000	27,300	15,800	26,000	20,300	31,700	22,200	28,900	22,100	26,400	33,900 (916)	62.2	17.3
History .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	21,000	25,200	30,000 (1,053)	—	—
Humanities .....	5,800	18,100	12,600	24,500	14,000	23,000	16,200	25,300	19,100	24,800	21,300	25,500	30,100 (846)	66.3	21.4
Communications .....	—	—	—	—	16,200	26,700	—	—	—	—	—	—	— (—)	—	—
Miscellaneous ..	6,800	21,200	15,100	29,400	18,600	30,600	17,600	27,500	20,800	27,000	21,600	25,800	32,800 (628)	54.7	21.5

—Not available.

<sup>1</sup> Reported salaries of full-time workers under \$2,600 in 1976, \$4,200 in 1981, \$5,000 in 1985 and \$1,000 in 1994 and 2001 were excluded from the tabulations. Also those with salaries over \$500,000 in 1994 and 2001 were excluded.

<sup>2</sup> Most educators work 9- to 10-month contracts.

NOTE: Data exclude bachelor's recipients from U.S. Service Schools and graduates living at foreign addresses at the time of the survey. Constant dollar adjustments based on the Consumer Price Index. Standard errors appear in parentheses.

SOURCE: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "Recent College Graduates" surveys, 1976 through 1991; and 1993–94 and 2000–01 Baccalaureate and Beyond Longitudinal Study, (B&B:93/94) and (B&B:2000/01). (This table was prepared September 2003).