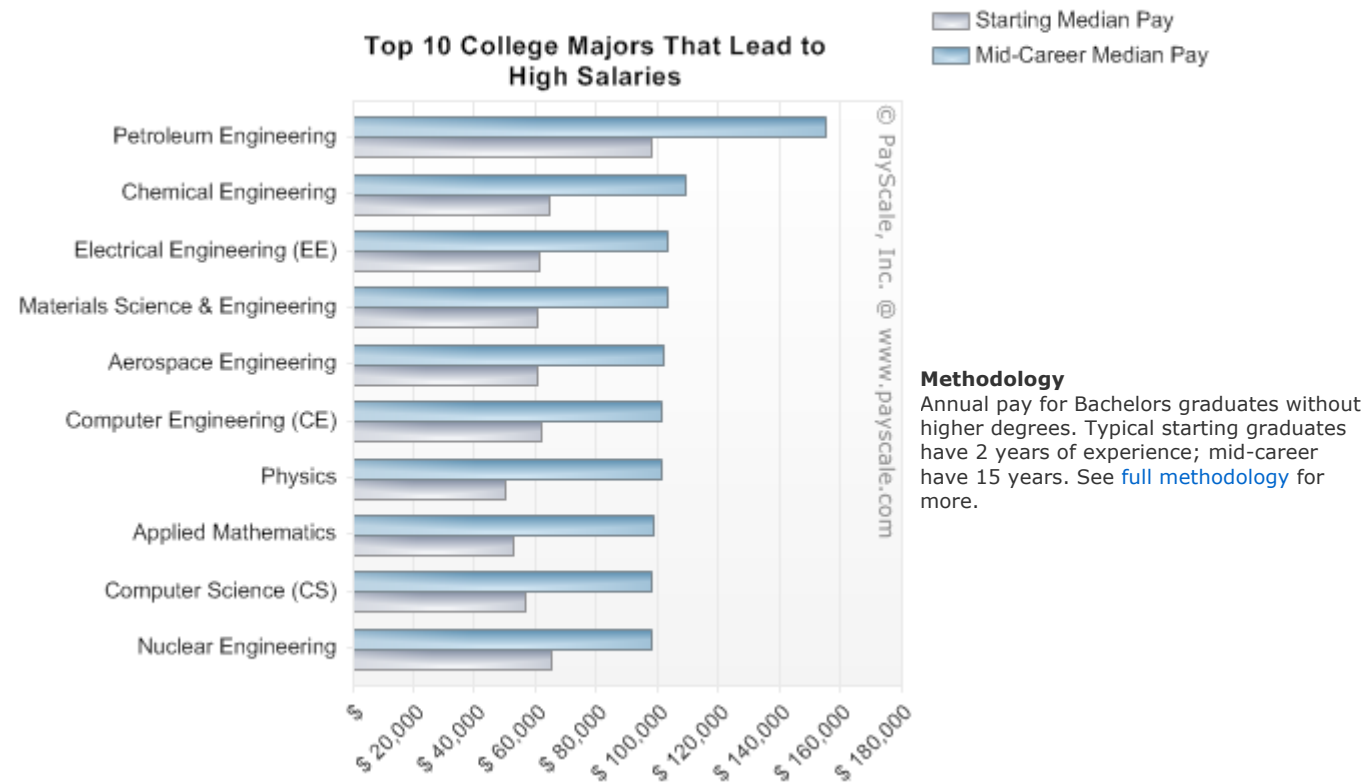


Best Undergrad College Degrees By Salary

Have you ever considered a degree in engineering? If you're determined to find a job that pays top dollar, you'd be wise to study math and science. Lucrative careers exist for the history, English and foreign language majors out there, too, but they're harder to find. See our list of undergraduate degrees by salary.



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Best Undergrad College Degrees By Salary - Full List

	Starting Median Pay	Mid-Career Median Pay
Petroleum Engineering	\$97,900	\$155,000
Chemical Engineering	\$64,500	\$109,000
Electrical Engineering (EE)	\$61,300	\$103,000
Materials Science & Engineering	\$60,400	\$103,000
Aerospace Engineering	\$60,700	\$102,000
Computer Engineering (CE)	\$61,800	\$101,000
Physics	\$49,800	\$101,000
Applied Mathematics	\$52,600	\$98,600
Computer Science (CS)	\$56,600	\$97,900
Nuclear Engineering	\$65,100	\$97,800
Biomedical Engineering (BME)	\$53,800	\$97,800
Economics	\$47,300	\$94,700
Mechanical Engineering (ME)	\$58,400	\$94,500
Statistics	\$49,000	\$93,800
Industrial Engineering (IE)	\$57,400	\$93,100
Civil Engineering (CE)	\$53,100	\$90,200
Mathematics	\$47,000	\$89,900
Environmental Engineering	\$51,700	\$88,600
Management Information Systems (MIS)	\$51,000	\$88,200

Software Engineering	\$54,900	\$87,800
Finance	\$46,500	\$87,300
Government	\$41,400	\$87,300
Construction Management	\$50,200	\$85,200
Supply Chain Management	\$50,200	\$84,700
Biochemistry (BCH)	\$41,700	\$84,700
Industrial Design (ID)	\$44,400	\$84,400
Electrical Engineering Technology (EET)	\$55,100	\$84,300
Food Science	\$43,300	\$83,700
International Business	\$41,600	\$83,700
Civil Engineering Technology (CET)	\$46,600	\$83,300
Geology	\$45,300	\$83,300
Computer Information Systems (CIS)	\$47,900	\$83,100
Mechanical Engineering Technology (MET)	\$51,600	\$81,200
Molecular Biology	\$40,500	\$81,200
Chemistry	\$42,000	\$80,900
Film Production	\$41,600	\$80,700
Political Science (PolySci)	\$39,900	\$80,100
Biotechnology	\$40,800	\$79,900
International Relations	\$40,500	\$79,400
Occupational Health and Safety	\$46,400	\$79,000
American Studies	\$43,400	\$78,600
Information Technology (IT)	\$48,300	\$78,500
Industrial Technology (IT)	\$48,100	\$78,400
Information Systems (IS)	\$48,300	\$78,100
Telecommunications	\$37,300	\$78,100
Urban Planning	\$41,500	\$78,000
Accounting	\$44,700	\$75,700
Philosophy	\$39,800	\$75,600
Zoology	\$38,000	\$75,200
Advertising	\$37,700	\$74,700
Architecture	\$41,500	\$74,400
Marketing & Communications	\$38,200	\$73,500
Literature	\$39,100	\$73,200
Fashion Design	\$36,300	\$72,400
Global & International Studies	\$37,800	\$72,000
Biology	\$37,900	\$71,900
Environmental Science	\$40,200	\$71,200
Linguistics	\$39,800	\$70,700
Business	\$41,000	\$70,500
Microbiology	\$38,500	\$70,100
Nursing	\$52,700	\$69,300
History	\$37,800	\$69,000
Public Administration	\$40,400	\$68,900
Hotel Management	\$36,100	\$68,700
Forestry	\$41,500	\$67,200

Communications	\$38,000	\$66,900
Landscape Architecture	\$41,900	\$66,700
Geography	\$39,600	\$66,700
Journalism	\$36,100	\$66,400
Health Sciences	\$35,800	\$66,200
English	\$37,100	\$65,800
Public Relations (PR)	\$35,500	\$65,700
French	\$38,400	\$65,500
Sports Management	\$35,400	\$65,100
Liberal Arts	\$37,800	\$63,200
Anthropology	\$35,600	\$63,200
Human Resources (HR)	\$37,900	\$62,600
Organizational Management (OM)	\$42,300	\$61,900
Agriculture	\$38,600	\$61,500
Psychology	\$35,000	\$61,300
Medical Technology	\$45,100	\$60,900
Health Care Administration	\$36,700	\$60,900
Sociology	\$36,100	\$60,500
Radio & Television	\$35,000	\$60,000
Hospitality & Tourism	\$35,900	\$59,500
Visual Communication	\$35,600	\$59,000
Criminal Justice	\$35,300	\$58,900
Fine Arts	\$35,900	\$58,600
Spanish	\$36,400	\$58,400
Interior Design	\$34,300	\$58,200
Humanities	\$34,900	\$57,800
Horticulture	\$39,600	\$57,300
Theater	\$34,700	\$57,300
Music	\$36,800	\$57,200
Graphic Design	\$35,600	\$56,500
Fashion Merchandising	\$36,800	\$56,300
Dietetics	\$41,500	\$56,100
Education	\$36,800	\$54,700
Kinesiology	\$34,200	\$54,600
Photography	\$32,900	\$54,500
Nutrition	\$38,600	\$54,400
Interdisciplinary Studies (IS)	\$36,300	\$54,400
Exercise Science	\$33,100	\$54,400
Social Science	\$36,600	\$54,300
Drama	\$37,800	\$54,200
Multimedia and Web Design	\$40,400	\$53,900
Animal Science	\$33,800	\$53,700
Paralegal/Law	\$35,300	\$53,500
Art History	\$38,300	\$53,300
Art	\$35,300	\$52,400

Theology	\$35,600	\$52,000
Public Health (PH)	\$35,500	\$51,700
Athletic Training	\$34,600	\$50,200
Religious Studies	\$32,900	\$49,700
Recreation & Leisure Studies	\$34,500	\$49,100
Special Education	\$34,300	\$47,800
Culinary Arts	\$29,900	\$46,800
Social Work (SW)	\$32,200	\$44,300
Elementary Education	\$32,400	\$44,000
Child and Family Studies	\$29,600	\$40,500

Methodology

This chart is based upon PayScale Salary Survey data for full-time employees in the United States who possess a Bachelor's degree and no higher degrees and have majored in the subjects listed above. These results may not represent all graduates with these degrees. All colleges and universities across the nation were included. As a result, median salary figures may be skewed toward large state universities, since these schools have the largest attendance. Salary is the sum of compensation from base salary, bonuses, profit sharing, commissions, and overtime, if applicable. Salary does not include equity (stock) compensation. See [full methodology](#) for more.