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Best Undergrad College Degrees By Salary (2008)

Choosing a major can seem like an insurmountable task. Will your college degree lead to a job you enjoy? Will your college degree lead to a job at all? Will the job pay well? These questions sometimes prompt students to switch majors several times during their college career. Well, we've attempted to take some of the guesswork out of the process. Take a look at our list of best college degrees by salary to see which majors tend to lead to high-paying jobs.

BEST UNDERGRAD COLLEGE DEGREES BY SALARY	STARTING MEDIAN SALARY	MID-CAREER MEDIAN SALARY
Chemical Engineering	\$63,200	\$107,000
Computer Engineering	\$61,400	\$105,000
Electrical Engineering	\$60,900	\$103,000
Aerospace Engineering	\$57,700	\$101,000
Economics	\$50,100	\$98,600
Physics	\$50,300	\$97,300
Computer Science	\$55,900	\$95,500
Industrial Engineering	\$57,700	\$94,700
Mechanical Engineering	\$57,900	\$93,600
Math	\$45,400	\$92,400
Physician Assistant	\$74,300	\$91,700
Civil Engineering	\$53,900	\$90,500
Construction	\$53,700	\$88,900
Finance	\$47,900	\$88,300
Management Information Systems (MIS)	\$49,200	\$82,300
Philosophy	\$39,900	\$81,200
International Relations	\$40,900	\$80,900
Chemistry	\$42,600	\$79,900
Marketing	\$40,800	\$79,600
Geology	\$43,500	\$79,500
Political Science	\$40,800	\$78,200
Accounting	\$46,000	\$77,100
Architecture	\$41,600	\$76,800
Information Technology (IT)	\$49,100	\$74,800
Business Management	\$43,000	\$72,100
Agriculture	\$42,600	\$71,900
History	\$39,200	\$71,000

Communications	\$38,100	\$70,000
Film	\$37,900	\$68,500
Nursing	\$54,200	\$67,000
Journalism	\$35,600	\$66,700
Geography	\$41,200	\$65,500
Art History	\$35,800	\$64,900
Biology	\$38,800	\$64,800
English	\$38,000	\$64,700
Forestry	\$39,100	\$62,600
Anthropology	\$36,800	\$61,500
Health Care Administration	\$38,800	\$60,600
Psychology	\$35,900	\$60,400
Graphic Design	\$35,700	\$59,800
Sociology	\$36,500	\$58,200
Hospitality & Tourism	\$37,800	\$57,500
Drama	\$35,900	\$56,900
Criminal Justice	\$35,000	\$56,300
Nutrition	\$39,900	\$55,300
Music	\$35,900	\$55,000
Interior Design	\$36,100	\$53,200
Spanish	\$34,000	\$53,100
Education	\$34,900	\$52,000
Religion	\$34,100	\$52,000

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.