Typical Starting Salaries for Physics Bachelors

Sector of Employment

Private Sector STEM

Private Sector non-STEM, Regularly Solves Technical Problems

Private Sector non-STEM, Rarely or Never Solves Technical Problems

Civilian Govt. (incl. National Labs)

Active Military

High School Teachers

College or University

Typical Salaries (in thousands)

Figure includes only bachelors in full-time, newly accepted positions from the classes of 2015 and 2016 combined. Typical salaries are in the middle 50% i.e, between the 25th and 75th percentiles. STEM refers to positions in natural science, technology, engineering and math. Regularly solving technical problems refers to respondents who selected “Daily”, “Weekly”, or “Monthly” on a four-point scale that also included “Rarely or Never” when asked how frequently they solved technical problems in their positions.