

# STARTING SALARIES FOR THE CLASS OF 2017

Computer and information sciences, engineering, and engineering technologies graduates received the highest starting salaries, according to results of NACE's Fall 2017 *Salary Survey*.

The overall average starting salary for the Class of 2017 stands at \$51,022. The average salary for those earning degrees in computer science now stand at \$74,183, the highest paid at the bachelor's degree level.

Engineering graduates, placing second on the top-paid list for 2017 graduates, saw an overall average of \$64,530. Business majors from the Class of 2017 averaged \$52,124.

Health science majors saw an average salary of \$50,564, while average starting salaries for mathematics/statistics graduates was reported at \$53,259.

Graduates earning bachelor's degrees in the physical sciences (chemistry, physics, geology, etc.) earned an overall average salary of \$47,026. Average salaries for English majors average \$40,466, and history majors reported an average \$38,529. For psychology graduates, the overall average salary reported was \$34,664.

Figure 1: Top-paid majors for class of 2017 bachelor's degree graduates

BROAD CATEGORY	NUMBER OF 2017 REPORTED SALARIES	2017 AVERAGE SALARY
Computer & Information Sciences	950	\$74,183
Engineering	4,218	\$64,530
Engineering Technologies	271	\$57,619
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies	593	\$54,426
Mathematics & Statistics	221	\$53,259
Business	8,241	\$52,124
Health Professions & Related Programs	1,563	\$50,564
Physical Sciences	130	\$47,026

Source: Fall 2017 *Salary Survey*, National Association of Colleges and Employers

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