

Earnings for engineers vary significantly by specialty, industry, and education. Even so, as a group, engineers earn some of the highest average starting salaries among those holding bachelor's degrees. The following tabulation shows average starting salary offers for engineers, according to a 2005 survey by the National Association of Colleges and Employers.

Curriculum	Bachelor's	Master's	Ph.D.
Aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical	\$50,993	\$62,930	\$72,529
Agricultural	46,172	53,022	
Bioengineering & biomedical	48,503	59,667	
Chemical	53,813	57,260	79,591
Civil	43,679	48,050	59,625
Computer	52,464	60,354	69,625
Electrical/electronics & communications	51,888	64,416	80,206
Environmental/environmental health	47,384		
Industrial/manufacturing	49,567	56,561	85,000
Materials	50,982		
Mechanical	50,236	59,880	68,299
Mining & mineral	48,643		
Nuclear	51,182	58,814	
Petroleum	61,516	58,000	