

Engineering Dominates List of Top-Paid Majors for Class of 2013 Grads

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Seven of the 10 top-paid majors for Class of 2013 bachelor's degree graduates are engineering majors, according to NACE's January 2014 *Salary Survey*—the final report on starting salaries for the college Class of 2013.

The January 2014 *Salary Survey* found that petroleum engineering once again is by far the highest-paid major for the Class of 2013. This has been the case in NACE's September 2013 and April 2013 *Salary Survey* reports, as well.

In the January report, the average starting salary for petroleum engineering is nearly \$27,000 more than the average starting salary for computer engineering, which is the second highest-paid major for Class of 2013 graduates. (See Figure 1.)

Other engineering majors among the top 10 are chemical engineering, aerospace/aeronautical/astronautical engineering, mechanical engineering, electrical/electronics and communications engineering, and engineering technology.

Meanwhile, computer science, management information systems/business, and logistics/materials management are the non-engineering majors whose average starting salaries were among the highest for Class of 2013 bachelor's degree graduates.

Data for the January 2014 *Salary Survey* report were retrieved in November 2013..

Figure 1: Top-Paid Majors for Class of 2013 Bachelor's Degree Graduates

Major	Average Starting Salary
Petroleum Engineering	\$97,000
Computer Engineering	\$70,900
Chemical Engineering	\$67,500
Computer Science	\$64,700
Aerospace/Aeronautical/Astronautical Engineering	\$64,500
Mechanical Engineering	\$64,500
Electrical/Electronics and Communications Engineering	\$63,000
Engineering Technology	\$61,500
Management Information Systems/Business	\$60,700
Logistics/Materials Management	\$59,800

Source: January 2014 *Salary Survey*, National Association of Colleges and Employers. All data are for bachelor's degree graduates.