

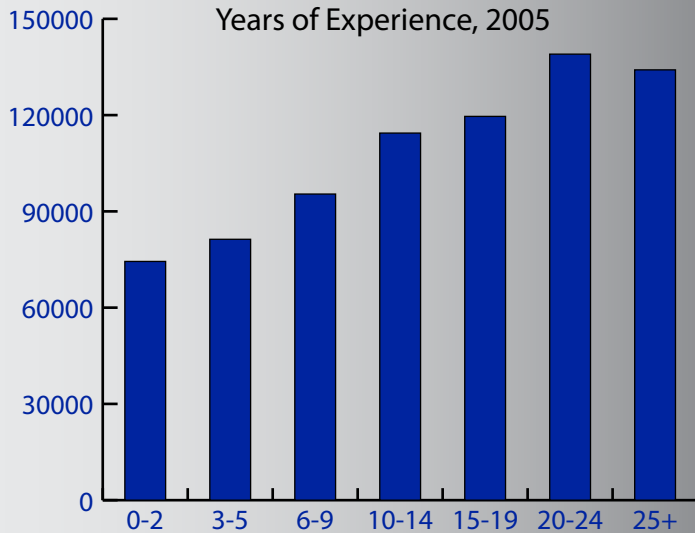
## Geoscientist Salaries, by years of experience

The average salaries for geoscientists in 2005 varied by years of experience. For geoscientists employed for 0-2 years, the average salary was \$74,000, a 9.7% increase over 2004's average. Geoscientists employed for 20-24 years earned an average of \$139,000, which was more than a 23% increase over 2004 salaries. After 25 years of employment, average salaries dip slightly, to \$138,100.

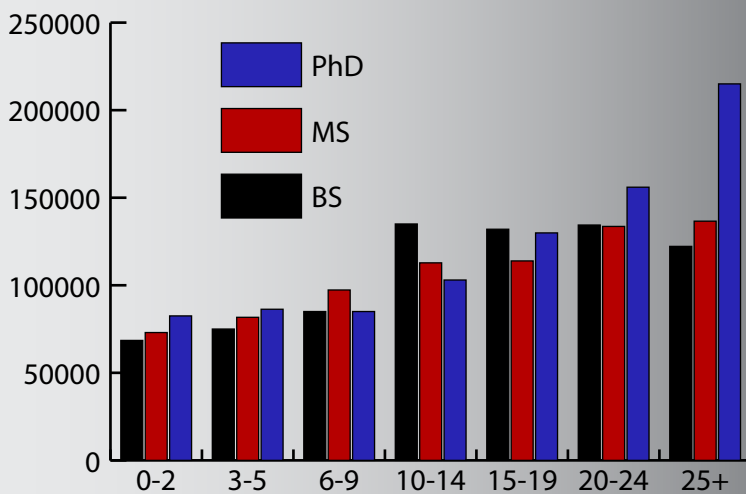
As expected, the greater the education, then generally the higher the compensation. However, given the premium on experience and small population of mid-career geoscientists in the US, even Bachelors' degree recipients can out-earn PhD and Masters degeed scientists. Geoscientists with their highest degree as the Bachelors earned an average of \$135,000 with 10-14 years of experience, compared to only \$103,000 for doctoral geoscientists with the same experience.

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Salaries of Employed, Salaried Geoscientists by Years of Experience, 2005



Average Annual Salary by Years of Experience, 2005



Source: CPST 2007, Salaries of Scientists, Engineers, and Technicians: A summary of Salary Surveys (data derived from MLA Resources, Inc., Geological Salary Surveys, 2004 and 2005.)