

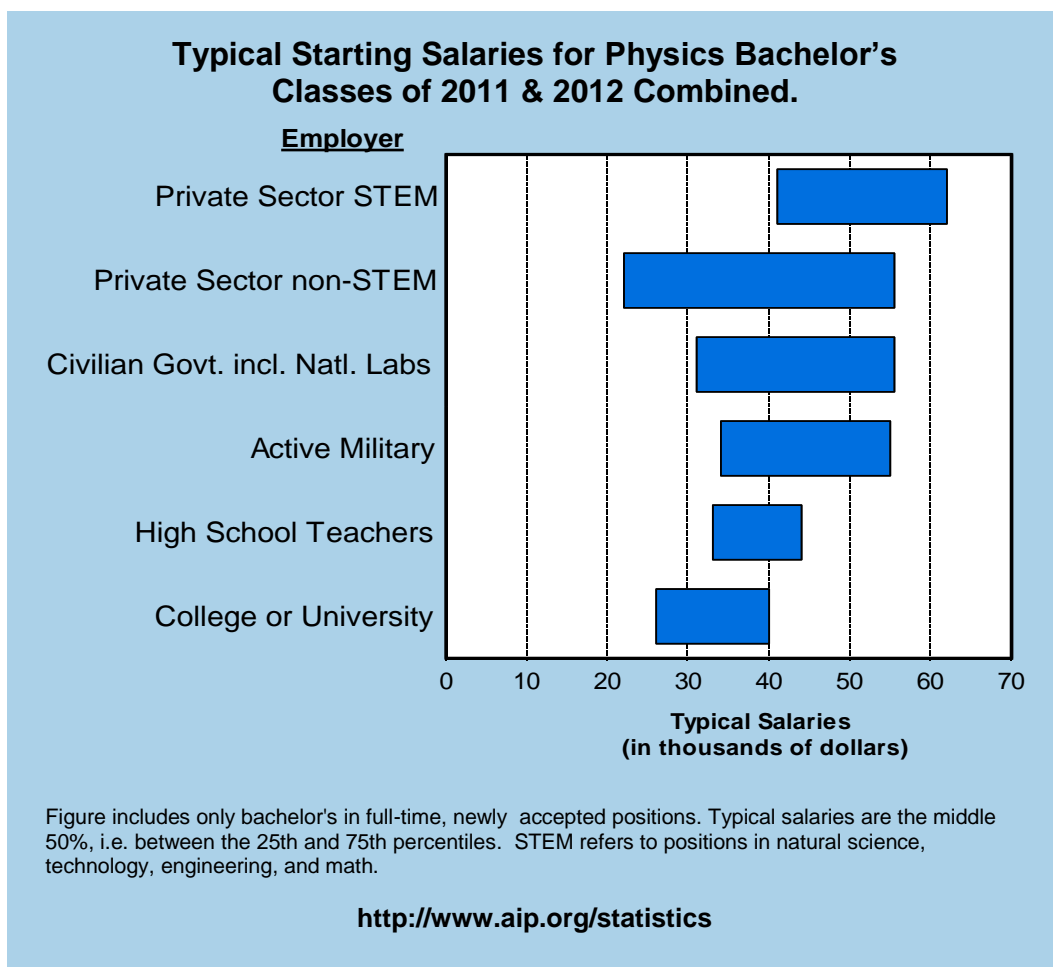
Physics Bachelor's Initial Employment

Data from the degree recipient follow-up survey for the classes of 2011 and 2012

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New physics bachelor's entering the workforce receive some of the highest starting salaries of any undergraduate majors ([What's a bachelor's degree worth?](#)). Bachelor's accepting STEM positions in the private sector had a median starting salary of \$51,000.

Figure 1



**REPORTS ON
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[Physics Bachelor's, One
Year After Degree
\(September 2014\)](#)

**Physics Bachelor's,
Initial Employment (June
2015)**

*Private sector STEM
positions tend to be
the highest paying
positions that
physics bachelor's
accept.*

**THE 2011 AND 2012
FOLLOW-UP SURVEYS OF
PHYSICS BACHELOR'S**

Physics bachelor's are contacted in the winter following the academic year in which they receive their degrees. They are asked to share their employment or graduate school experiences. These reports describe our findings.