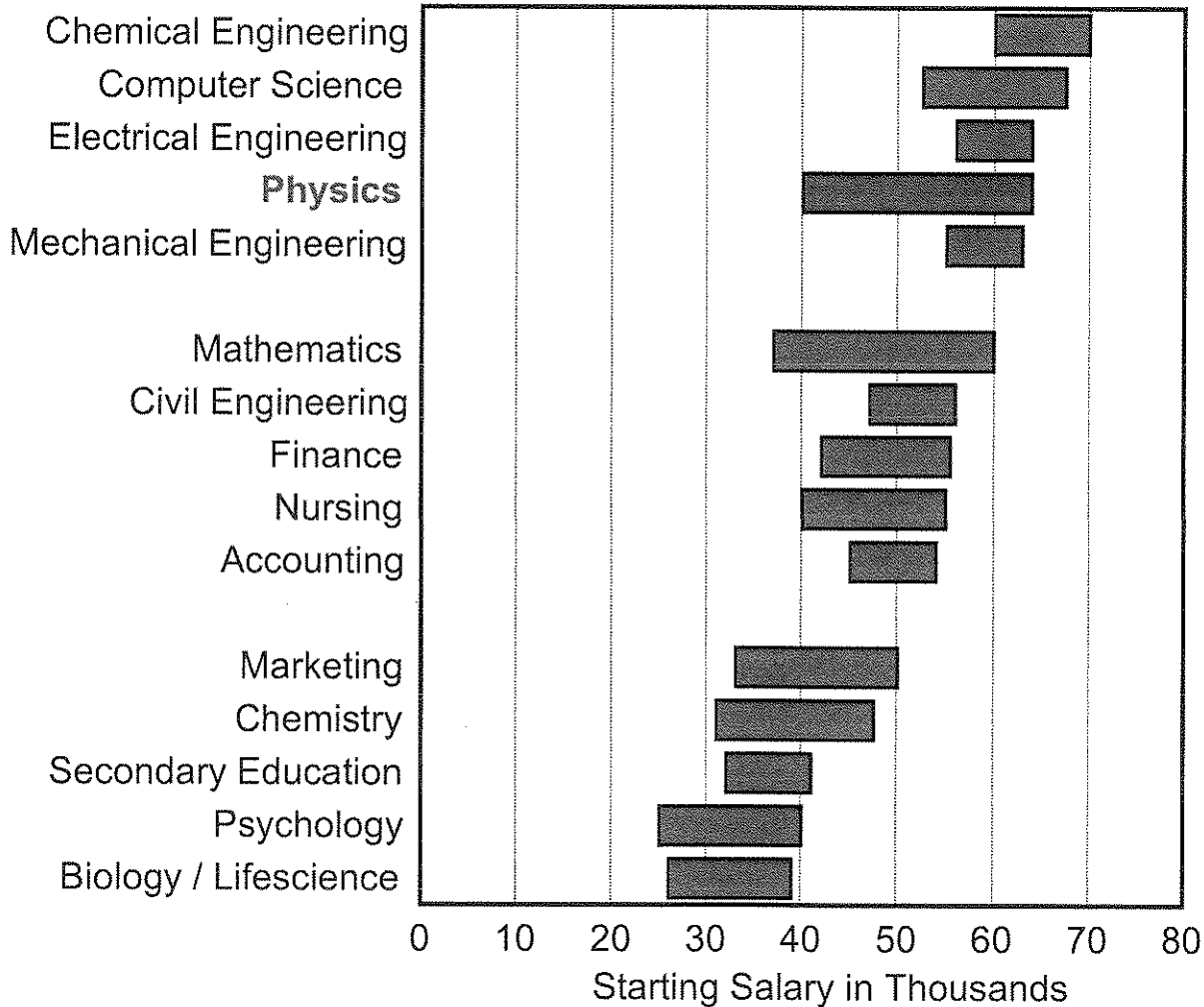


# What's a Bachelor's Degree Worth?

## Typical Salary Offers by Campus Recruiters, AY 2008-09

### *Bachelor's Field*



Typical salaries are the middle 50%, i.e. between the 25th and 75th percentiles.

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## Starting Salaries for Physics Bachelor's Classes of 2009 & 2010 Combined

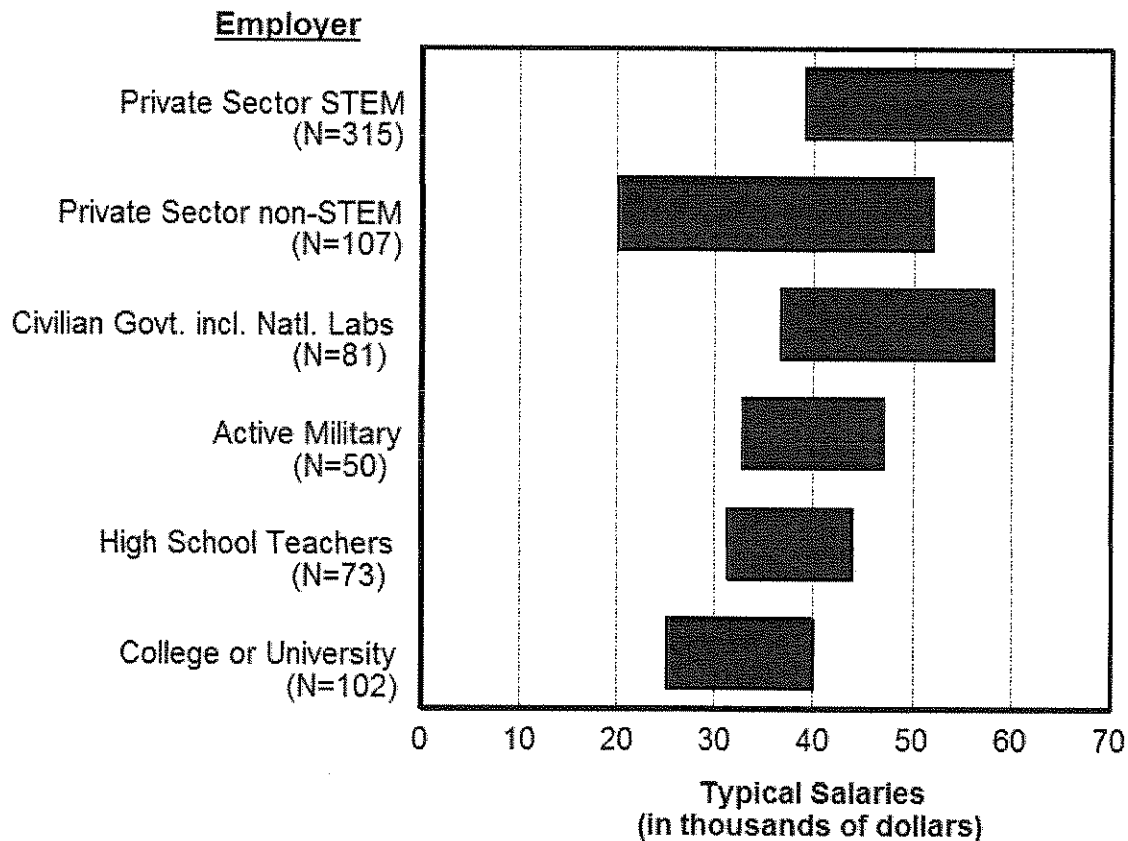
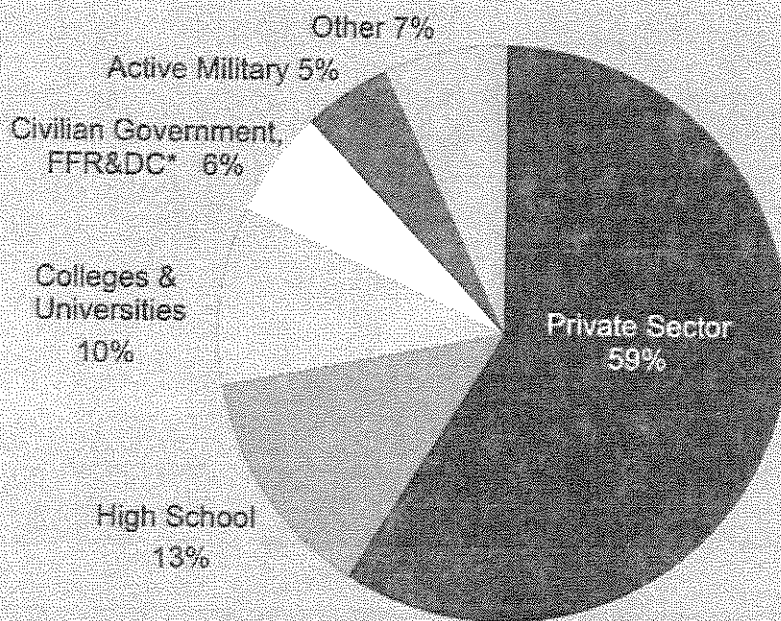


Figure includes only bachelor's in full-time, newly accepted positions.

*Note: Typical salaries are the middle 50%, i.e. between the 25th and 75th percentiles. STEM refers to positions in Natural Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math.*

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### Initial employment sectors of physics bachelor's, classes of 2006 & 2007.



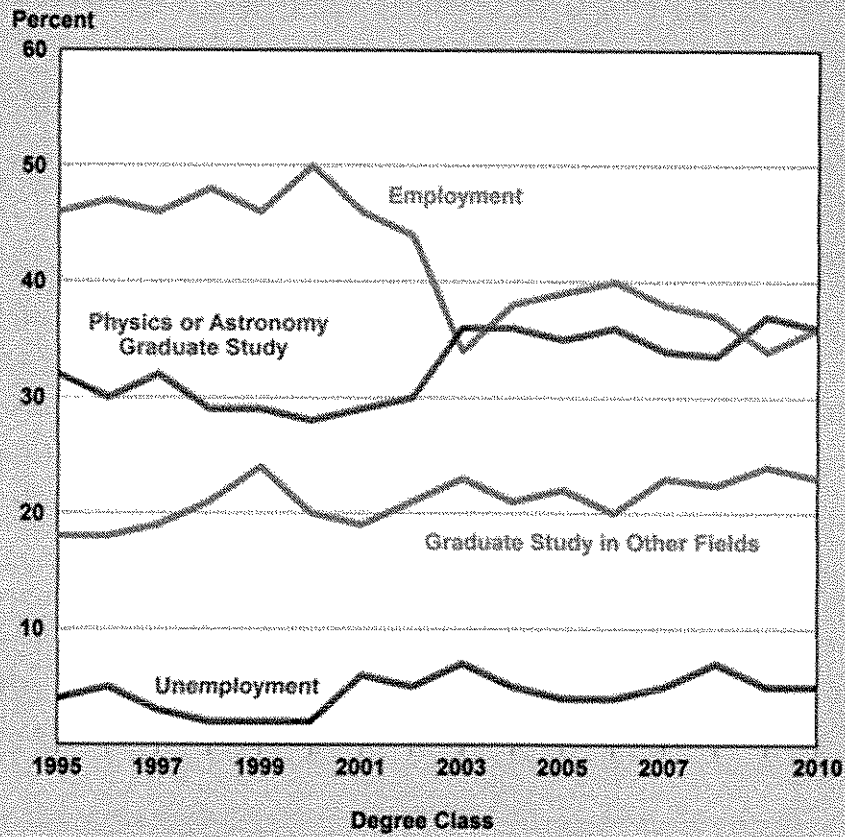
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### Trends in Status One Year After Earning a Physics Bachelor's, Classes 1995 through 2010



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## Employers that Recently Hired 3 or More Physics Bachelors

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3M  
Bechtel Corporation  
Boeing  
Center for Nanoscale Science & Engineering  
Corning, Inc.  
Dell Computers  
Department of Defense (DoD)  
Epic Systems Corporation  
General Dynamics  
Honeywell  
IBM  
Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)  
Lawrence Berkeley National Lab (LBL)  
Lockheed Martin  
Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL)  
Massachusetts General  
MIT Lincoln Laboratory  
National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST)  
National Institutes of Health (NIH)  
Northrop Grumman  
Raytheon  
SAIC (Science Applications International Corp.)  
Schlumberger  
Sonoscan, Inc.  
United Space Alliance  
US Patent and Trademark Office  
Veritas DGC, Inc.  
X-Ray Optical Systems, Inc. (XOS)

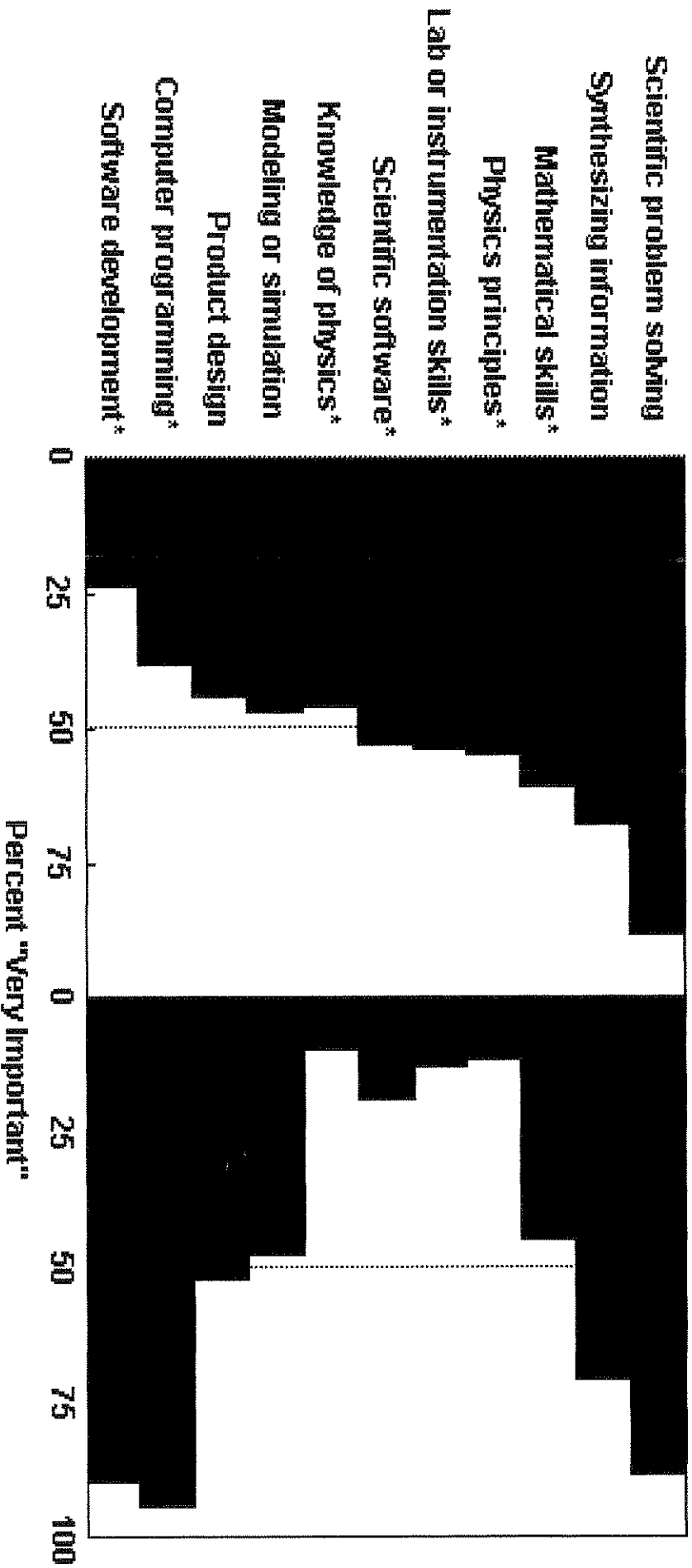
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This is only a *portion* of the employers who hired more than two recent physics bachelors within the last three years. If you are interested in one of these employers, investigate whether they are currently hiring. Try to

## Primary Field of Employment

Engineering,  
Math & Science

Software



**Table 4. Double majors, 2003 physics seniors.**

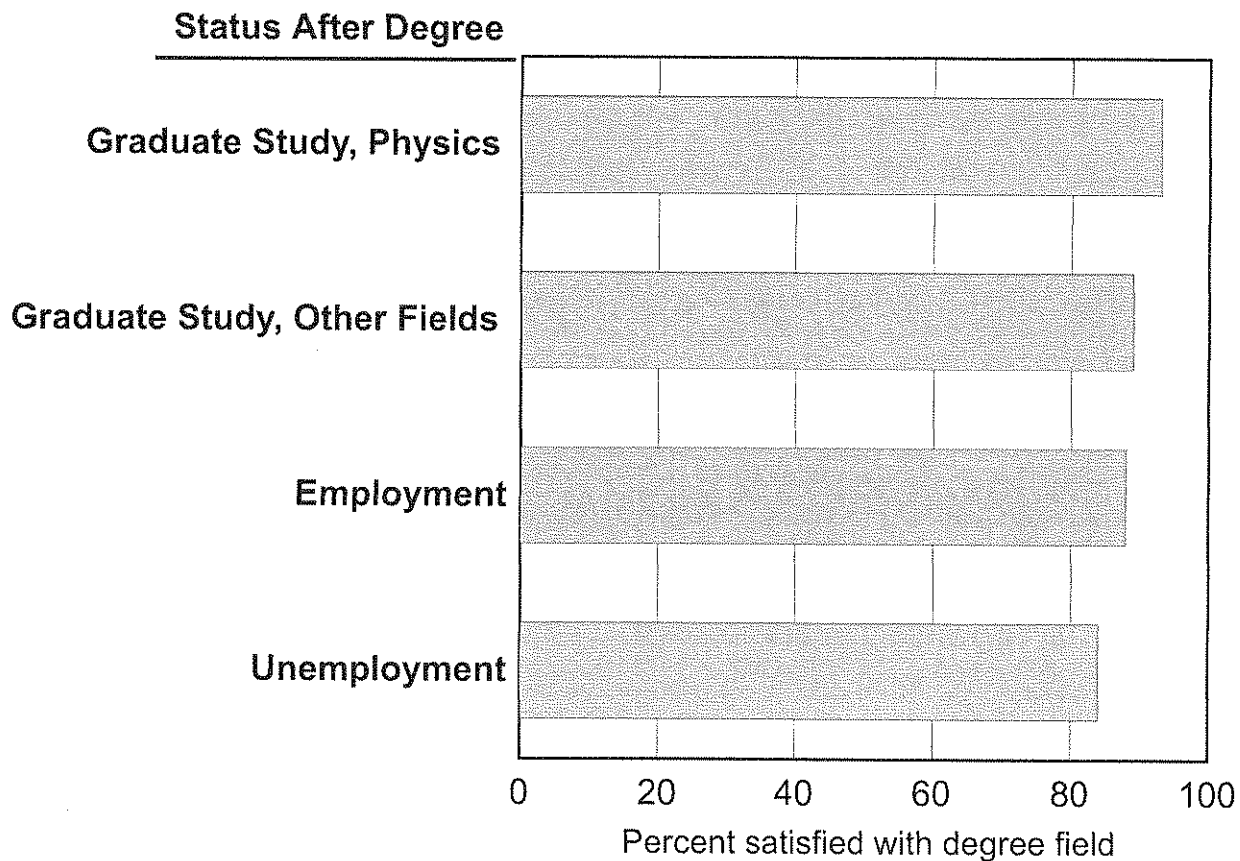
Physics seniors with a double major	37%
Other major for physics seniors	%
Mathematics	43
Engineering	12
Astronomy	10
Computer Science	8
Chemistry	5
Philosophy & Theology	4
Music & Fine arts	3
Other	15

Note: For comparison, in 2003 5% of all bachelor's received a double major. (NCES)

*AIP Statistical Research Center, Physics and Astronomy Senior Report.*

# If I Had to Do It Over Again, I Would Still Major in Physics.

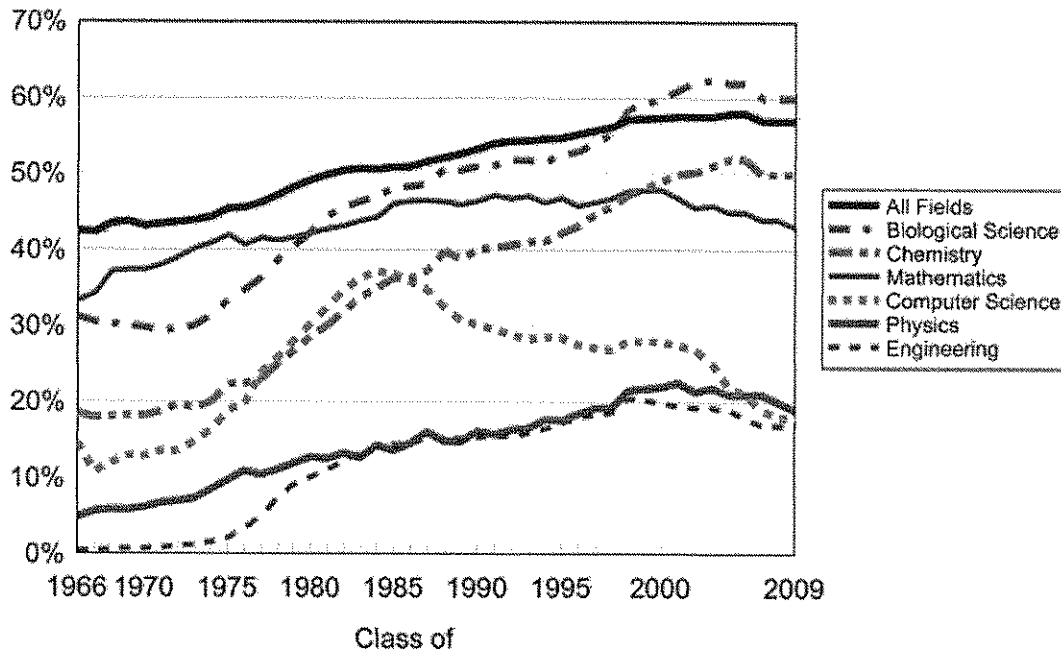
## Physics Bachelor's of 2005 & 2006



Percentages represent the two positive responses on a 4-point scale from Strongly Agree to Strongly Disagree.



### Percent of Bachelor's Degrees Earned by Women in Selected Fields, 1966-2009



National Center for Education Statistics. Data for class of 1999 were not available.

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## Typical Stipends Full-time Physics Graduate Students

### PhD Students

Teaching Assistant

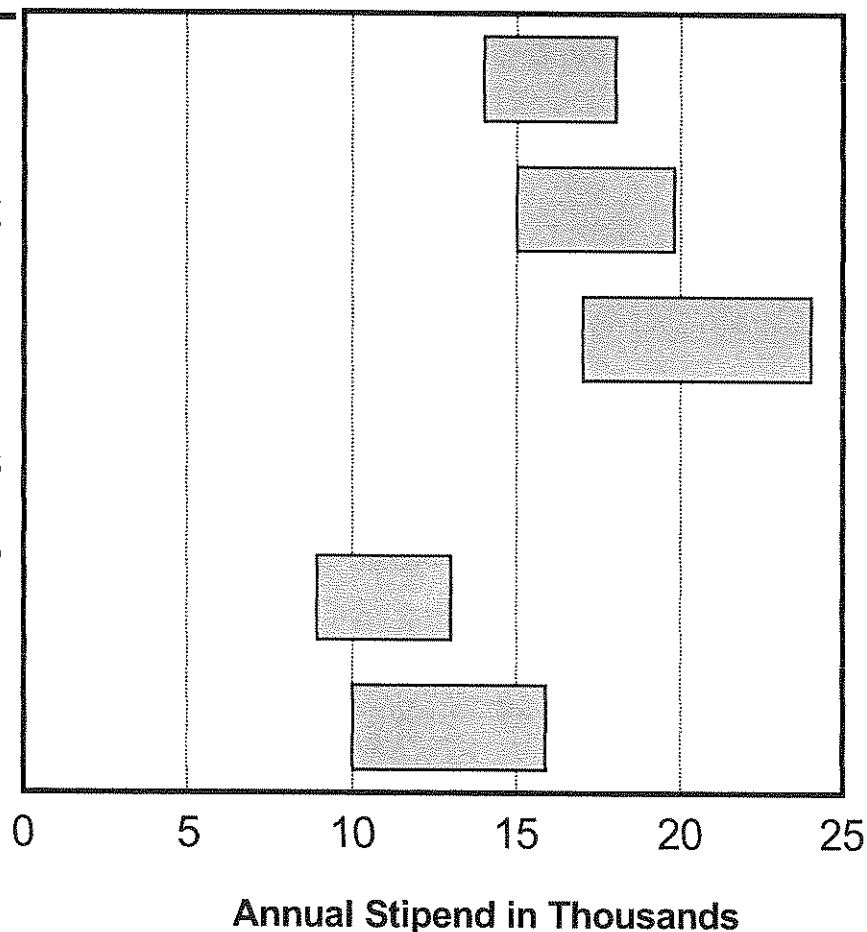
Research Assistant

Fellowship

### Students in Master's Departments

Teaching Assistant

Research Assistant



Typical stipends are the middle 50%, i.e. between the 25th and 75th percentiles. 98% of the PhD students and 77% of the master's students received the support types listed above.

Source: AIP Graduate Student Survey, 2006