

# Employment in STEM Occupations

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# What data do we have about STEM?

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- Employment and wages
  - ▶ Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) survey, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Employment Projections, 2008-2018
  - ▶ Employment Projections program, Bureau of Labor Statistics
- Education attainment and other characteristics of workers
  - ▶ American Community Survey, U.S. Census Bureau

# What to include in STEM?

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- Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)
  - ▶ Data presented here use the 2000 SOC
  - ▶ 2010 SOC revised some categories significantly, especially computer occupations
- BLS made a list of STEM occupations in the SOC
  - ▶ Other lists are broader or narrower

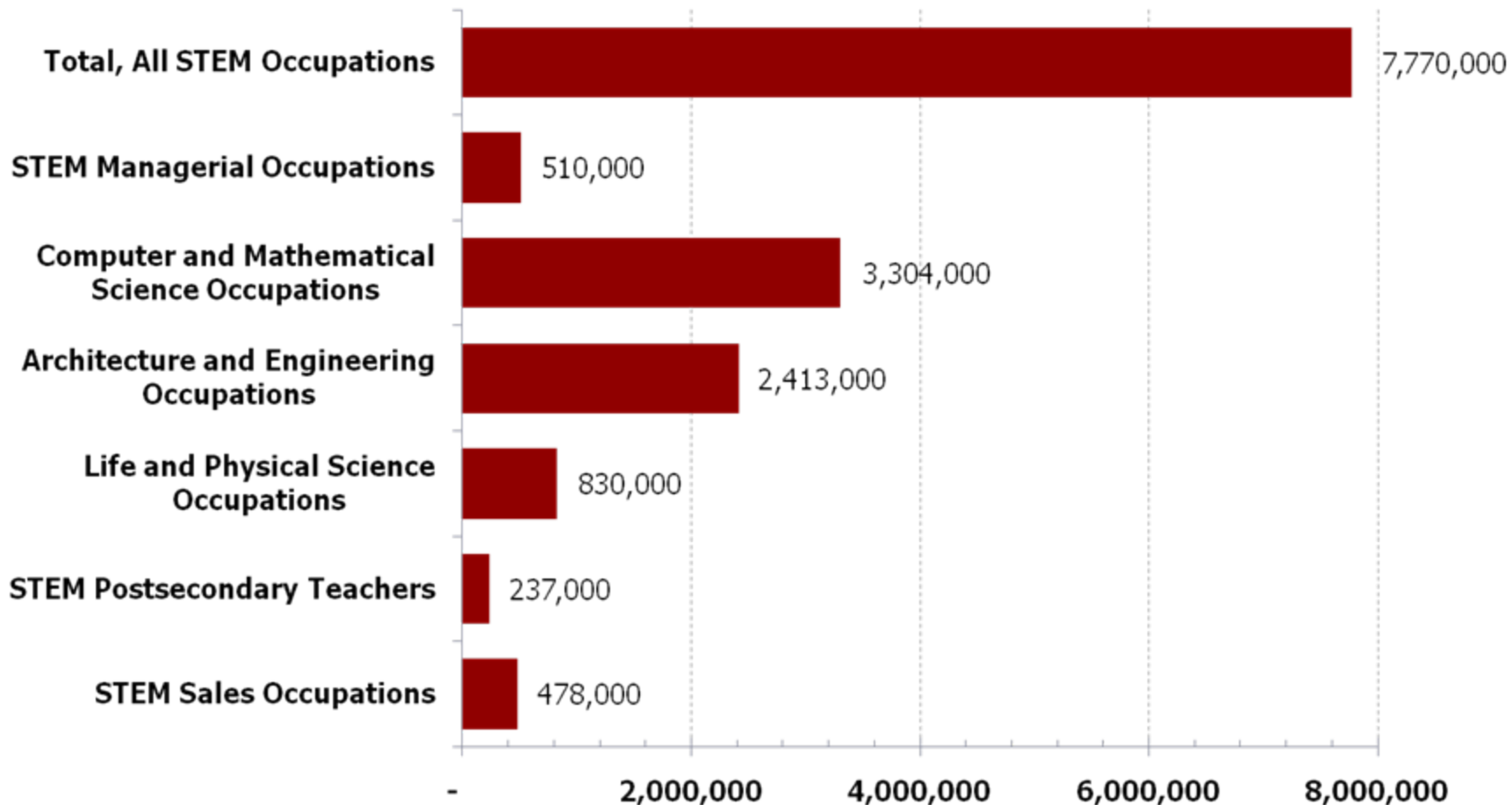
# STEM Occupation Groups

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- STEM Managerial Occupations
  - ▶ Computer and information science managers
  - ▶ Engineering and natural sciences managers
- Computer and Mathematical Science Occupations
  - ▶ Non-managerial computer occupations
  - ▶ Mathematical science occupations, including technicians
- Architecture and Engineering Occupations
  - ▶ Includes drafters, and engineering and mapping technicians
- Life and Physical Science Occupations
  - ▶ Includes technicians
- STEM Postsecondary Teachers
- STEM Sales Occupations
  - ▶ Sales representatives for technical and scientific products
  - ▶ Sales engineers

# STEM Employment, May 2009

## Non-farm Wage and Salary Employment

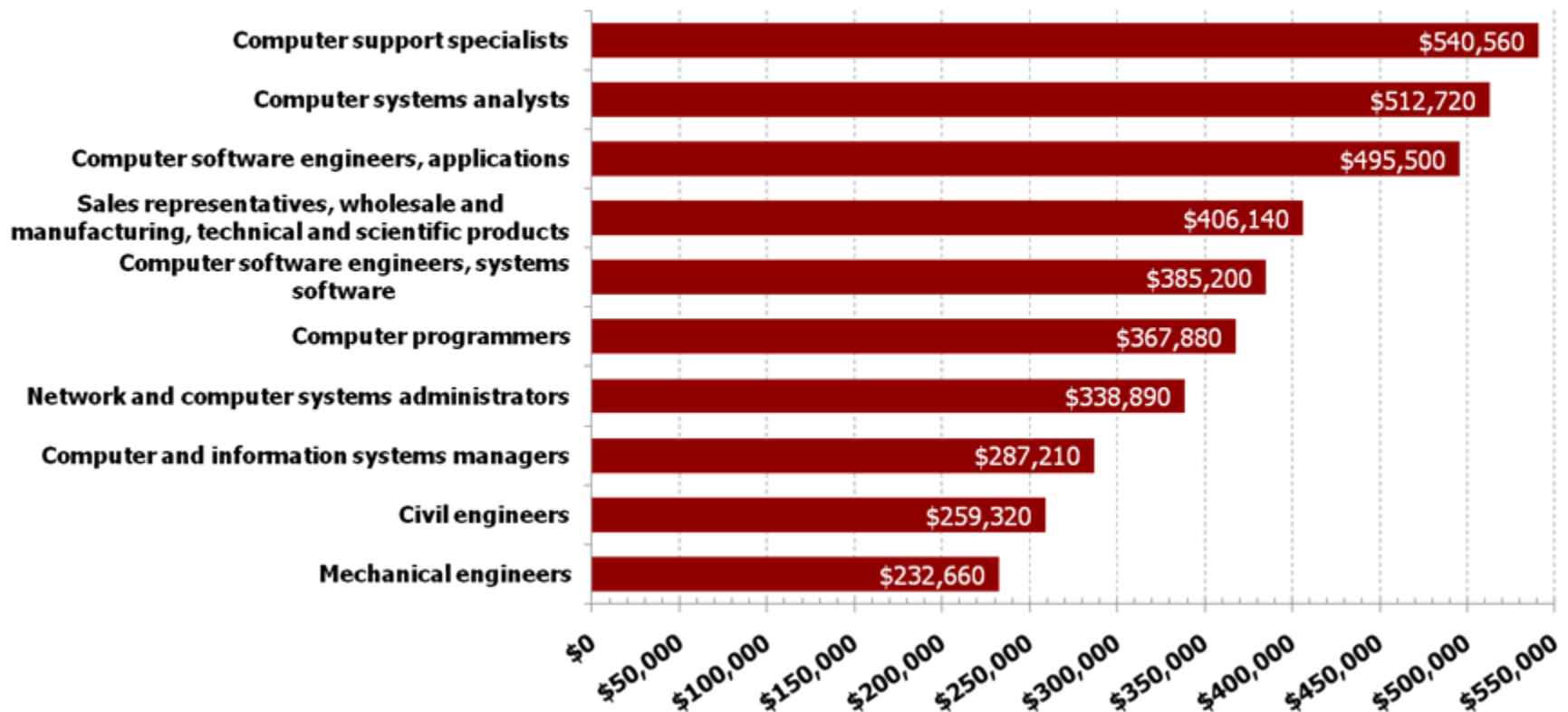


Source: Occupational Employment Statistics

# Largest STEM occupations, May 2009

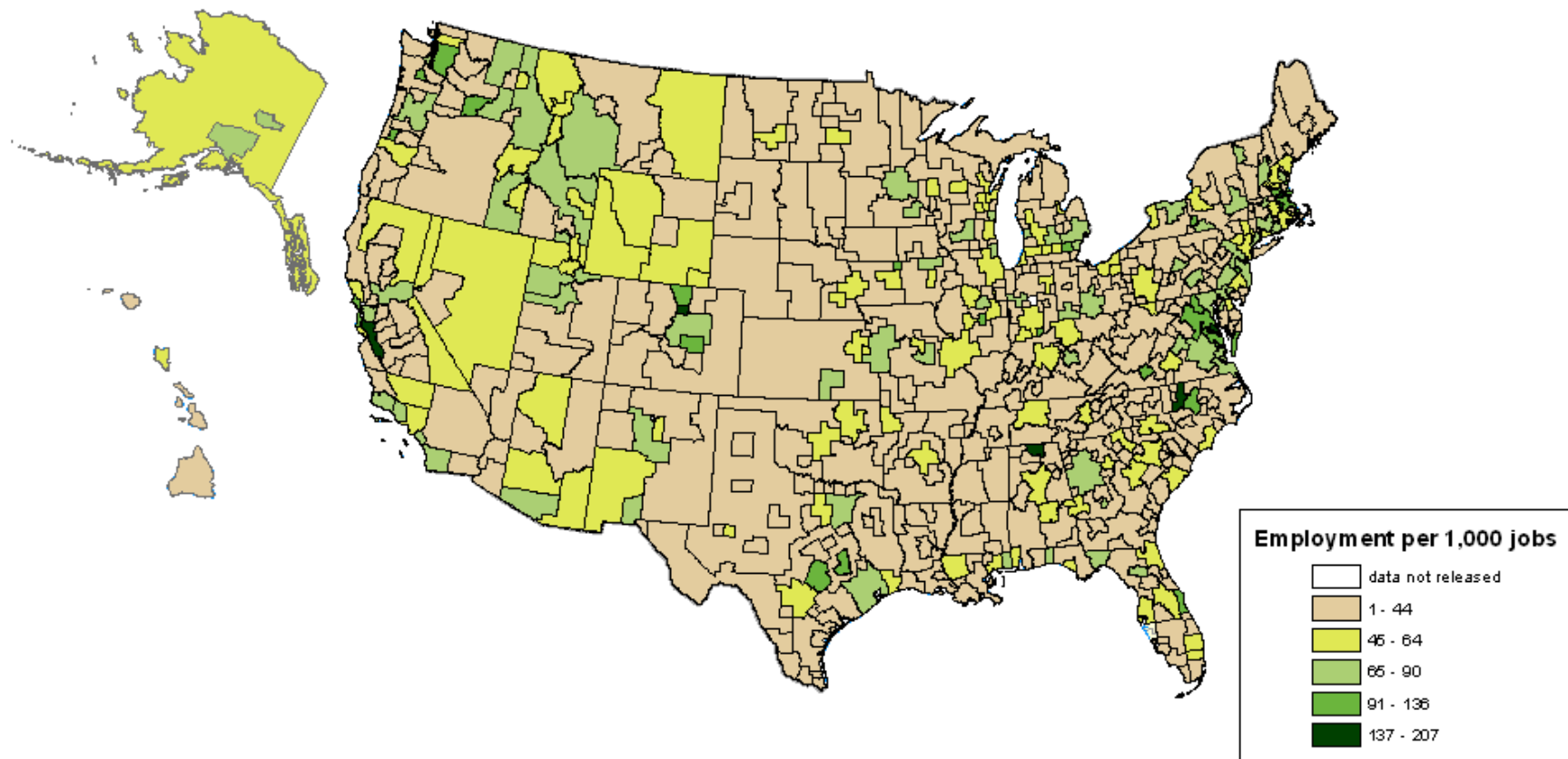
Most of the largest STEM occupations were related to computers.

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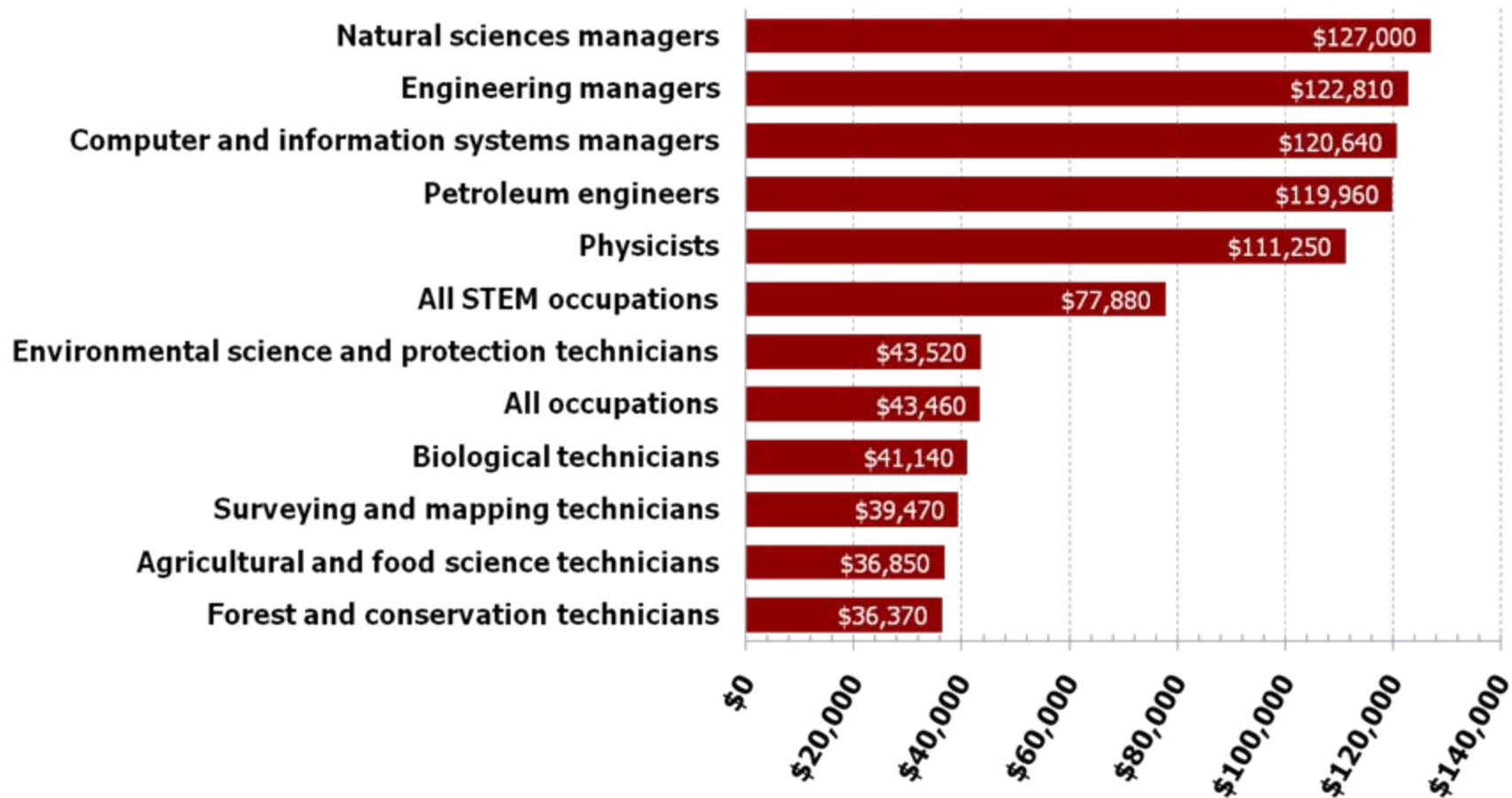
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# STEM Occupations as a percent of total employment, by geographic area, May 2009



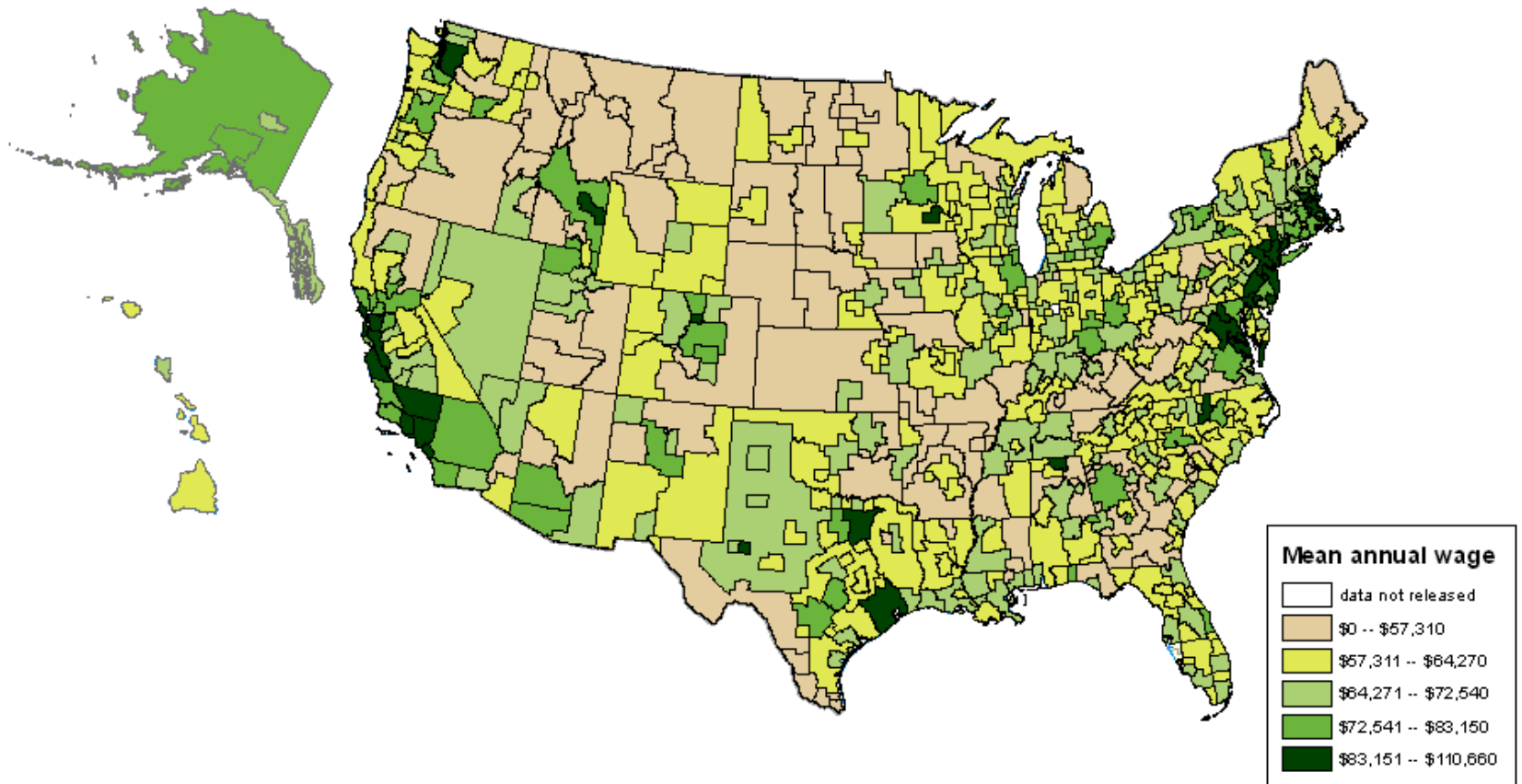
# Highest and lowest paying STEM occupations, May 2009

Natural sciences managers was the highest paying STEM occupation.

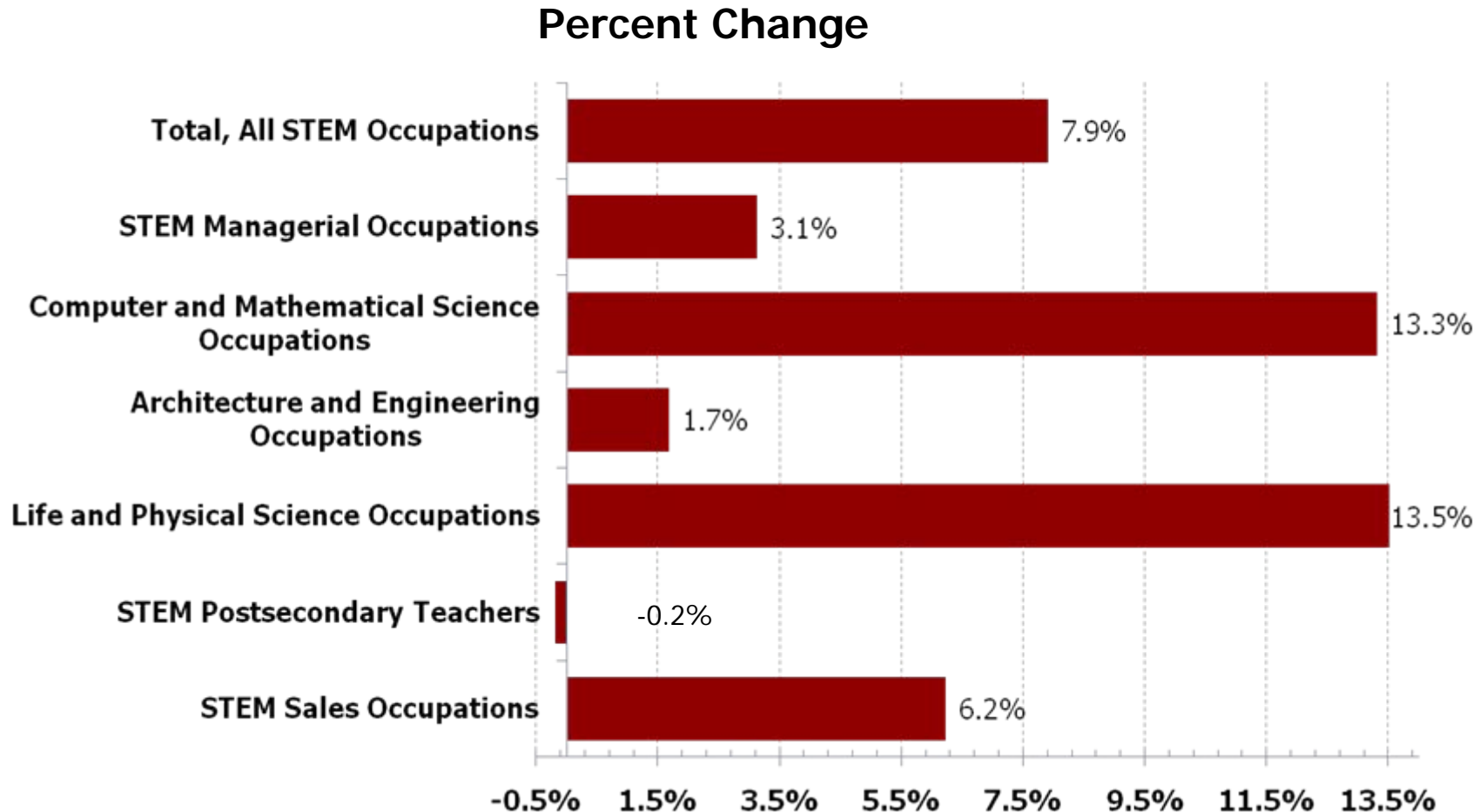


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# Annual average STEM wages, by geographic area, May 2009

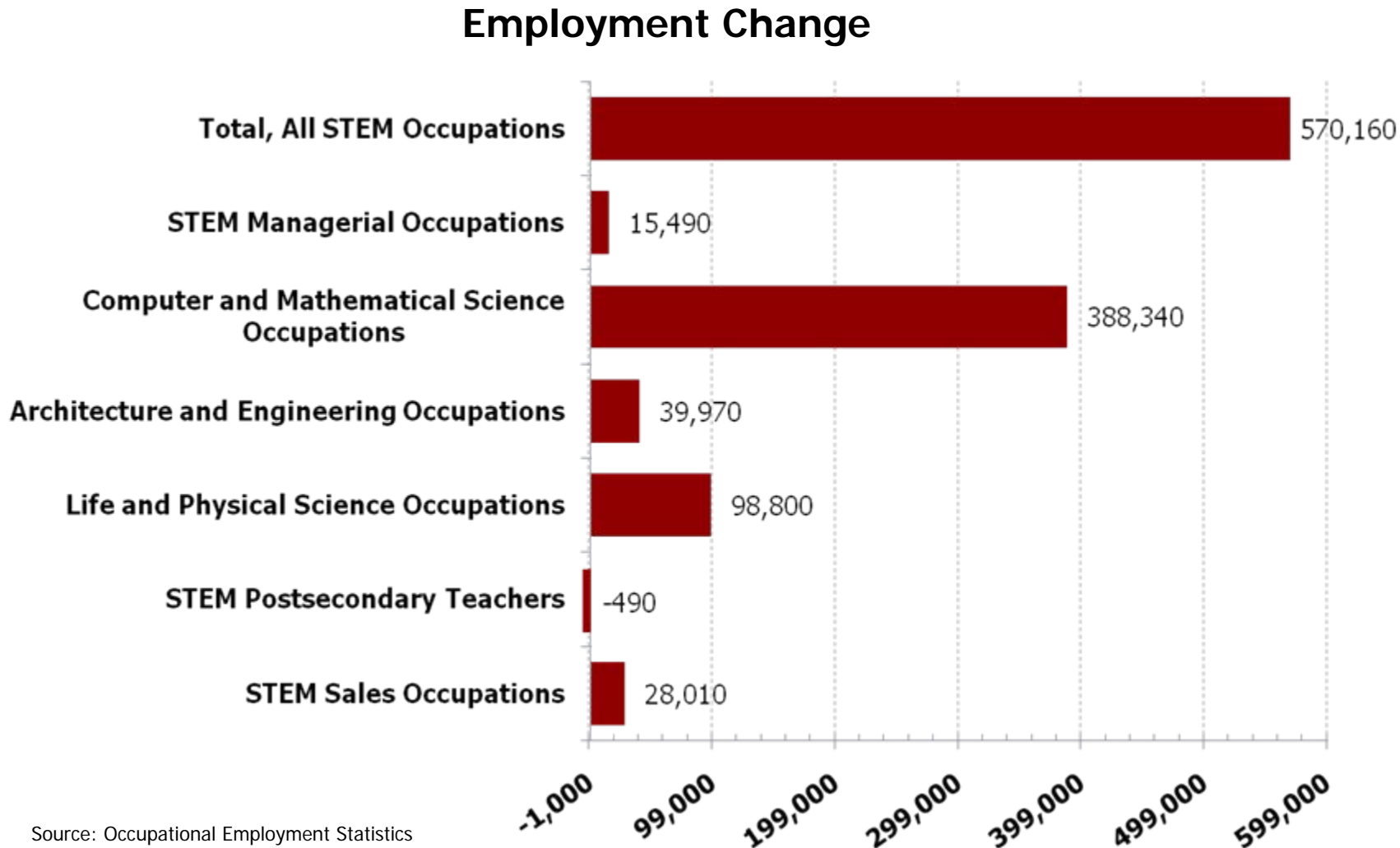


# STEM Percent Employment Change, May 2004 to May 2009



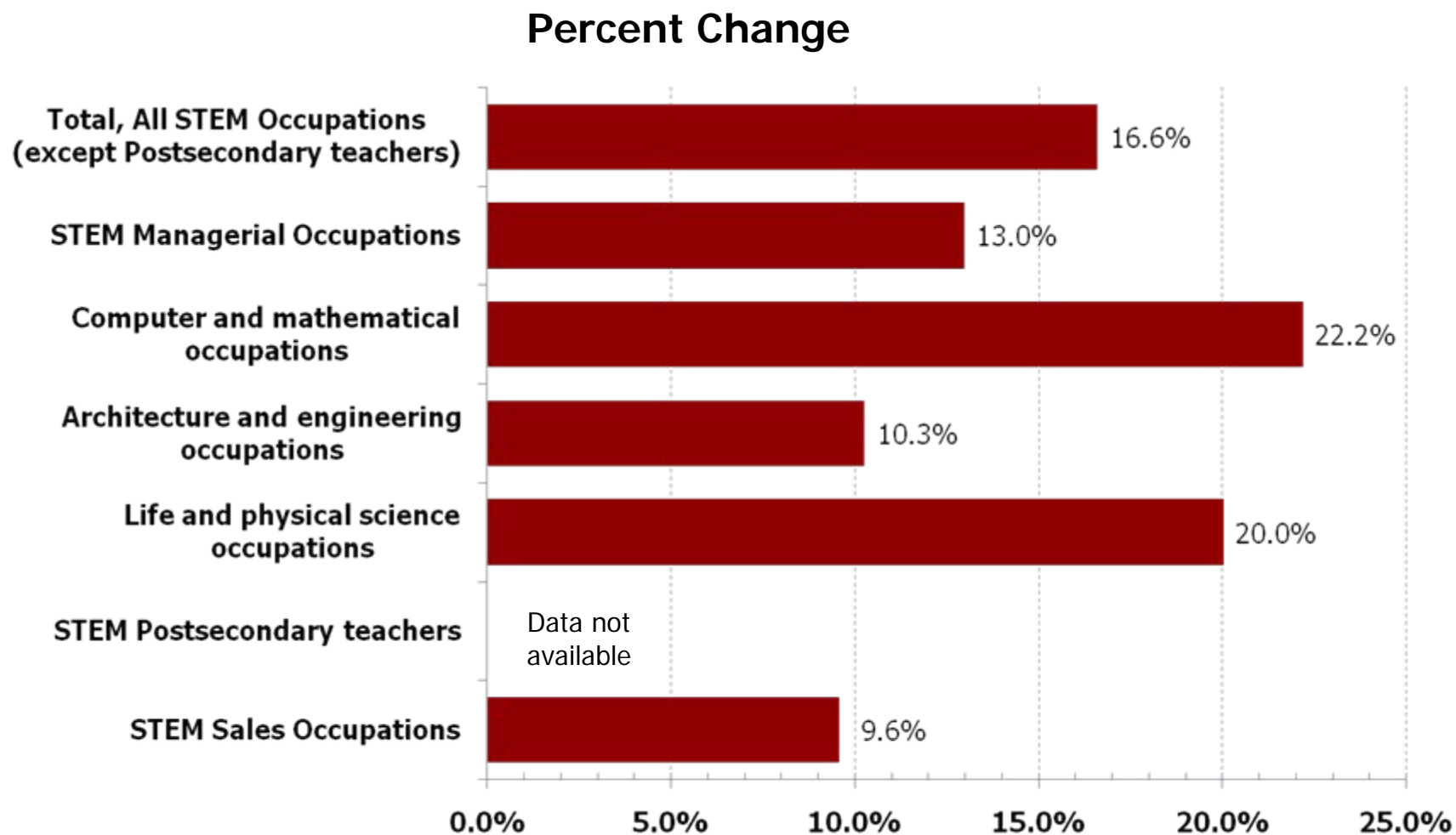
Source: Employment Projections Program

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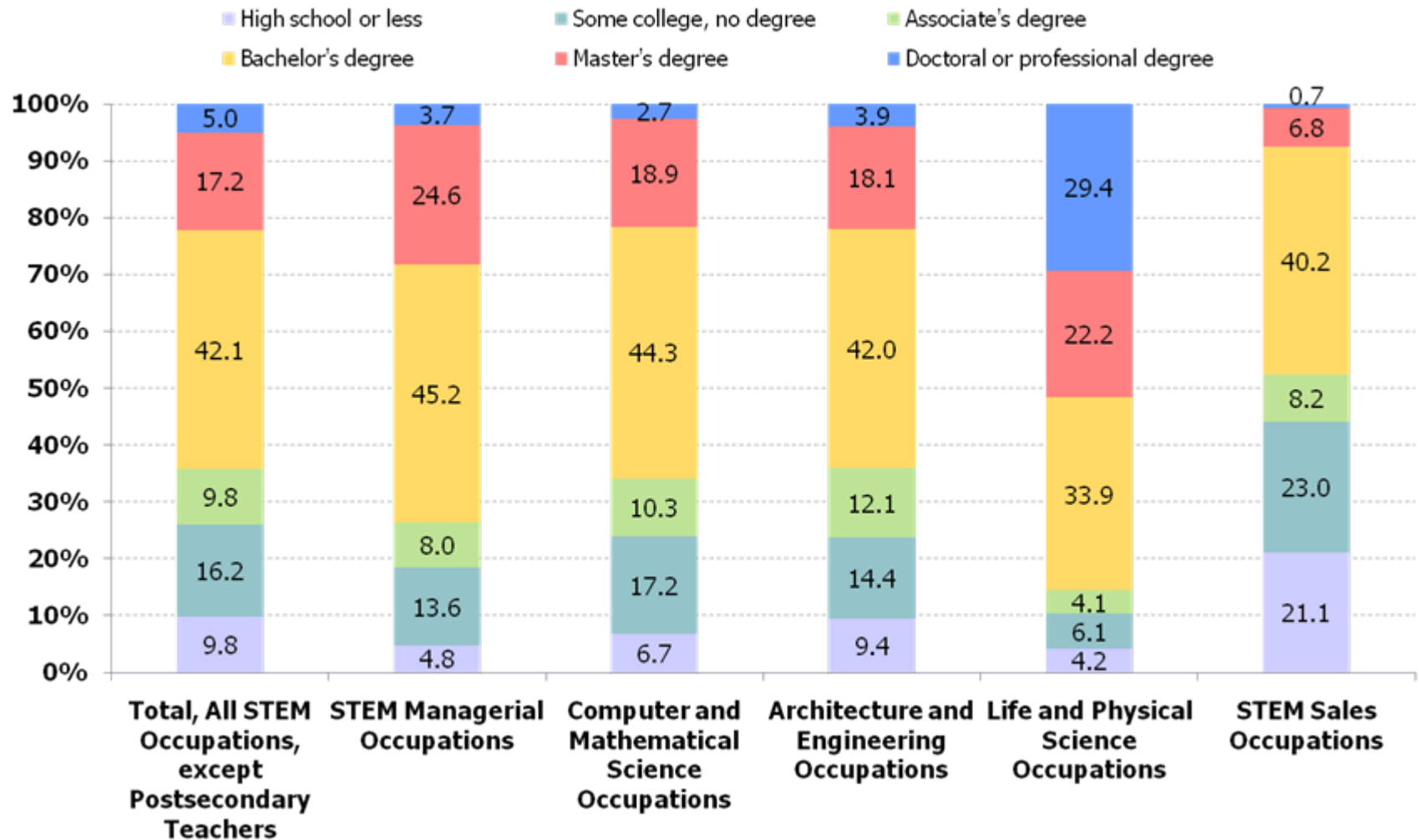
Source: Occupational Employment Statistics

# STEM Projected Employment Change, 2008 to 2018



Source: Occupational Employment Statistics

# Educational Attainment in STEM Occupations



Source: American Community Survey, 2008  
Note: Data are for workers 25 years and older.

# Contact Information

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Thank you!

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