In 2010, average aggregated salaries for geoscience-related occupations ranged from $137,660 for geoscience-related occupations in the finance and insurance industry to $69,949 for geoscience-related occupations in state government. Salary ranges for the aggregated occupations were as narrow as $26,250 for geoscience-related occupations in the health care industry ($102,640-$76,390) to as wide as $96,960 for geoscience-related occupations in the finance and insurance industry ($179,610-$82,650).

In 2010, mean annual salaries for geoscience-related occupations ranged from $67,801 for environmental scientists to $125,900 for engineering managers. Salary ranges for geoscience-related occupations were as narrow as $16,580 for hydrologists and as wide as $100,410 for petroleum engineers. The oil and gas industry pays the highest salaries and state governments pay the lowest salaries for half of all geoscience-related occupations.

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