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Salary Statistics

■ Salary Statistics for Bachelor's Degree Recipients

	2003	2002	2001
Mean	\$38,391	\$39,429	\$41,895
Median	\$36,000	\$37,500	\$40,000

■ Starting Mean Salaries by College

	2003	2002	2001
Agriculture and Life Sciences	\$35,168	\$36,598	\$37,512
Architecture, Art, and Planning	\$37,031	\$33,458	\$33,004
Arts and Sciences	\$35,564	\$35,175	\$38,881
Engineering	\$49,479	\$51,358	\$53,549
Hotel	\$37,832	\$38,380	\$40,349
Human Ecology	\$33,633	\$34,631	\$34,949
Industrial and Labor Relations	\$41,352	\$39,914	\$44,941

■ Mean Salaries by Geographic Location

	Percent of Response	Mean Salary
New York State	44.0%	\$38,947
Mid-Atlantic	18.2%	\$37,472
New England	11.1%	\$39,042
West	10.7%	\$41,567
Midwest	4.7%	\$39,752
Southeast	3.6%	\$34,827
Southwest	3.1%	\$33,030
Other	4.6%	\$32,669

■ Salary Statistics by Employment Sector

	Graduates Responding	Mean Salary
Public Sector/Nonprofit		
Education	12.1%	\$29,403
Government	7.2%	\$31,477
Other Nonprofit	6.5%	\$28,869
Labor	< 1.0%	\$37,359
Business/Industry		
General Business	24.2%	\$36,353
Financial Services	17.3%	\$46,086
Consulting	10.0%	\$43,376
Technology	6.0%	\$50,431
Retail	5.6%	\$36,456
Law	4.7%	\$32,989
Manufacturing	4.5%	\$46,663
Insurance	1.2%	\$43,175

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Cornell Career Services

■ Overview of Services

Cornell Career Services offers a broad range of programs and services to assist students with their career development.

Career planning Career counseling and testing, library and Internet resources, shadowing and networking opportunities

Job-search strategies Advice on the job search, workshops, employer career fairs (on and off campus)

Employment services Interviews (on and off campus), resume referrals, job postings via the Internet

Graduate and professional school advising Advice and workshops on the application process and fellowships, information resources, Graduate and Professional School Days

■ Annual Activities

Individual advising appointments and walk-in advising sessions	13,828
Career development and information programs	720
Schools attending annual Graduate and Professional School Days	144
Students attending Graduate and Professional School Days	1,450
Organizations represented at annual Cornell Career Services Career Fair	153
Students attending Cornell Career Services Career Fair	6,000
Job-shadowing experiences during winter and spring breaks, 2003	633
600 students completed 633 externships, offered by 691 alumni	

The mission of Cornell Career Services is to contribute to the Cornell community of learning by providing outstanding career-development services that help students apply their education and experiences toward advancing their career goals over a lifetime.

Cornell Career Services educates students about career planning and the job-search process and promotes linkages between students and employers or graduate and professional schools.

To learn more about Cornell Career Services, please visit our Web site at career.cornell.edu.

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Cornell Career Services surveys Cornell University bachelor's degree recipients for six months following graduation. This report summarizes postgraduate activities for the university as a whole. For more comprehensive statistics by college, please refer to college reports.

Response

■ Response Rates

	<i>Total Surveyed*</i>	<i>Responses</i>	<i>Response Rate</i>
University	3,616	2,630	72.7%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	882	681	77.2%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	98	64	65.3%
Arts and Sciences	1,104	702	63.6%
Engineering	748	574	76.7%
Hotel	208	162	77.9%
Human Ecology	433	359	82.9%
Industrial and Labor Relations	197	133	67.5%

* Total number surveyed is 54 less than reported for the individual colleges; response rates, postgraduate activities, and mean salaries for students earning the jointly conferred degree in Biological and Environmental Engineering are reported in both ALS and Engineering statistics.

Postgraduate Activities

■ Activities by College

	<i>Employed</i>	<i>Graduate School</i>	<i>Other Endeavors*</i>
University	45.9%	37.2%	16.9%
Agriculture and Life Sciences	49.1%	38.0%	12.9%
Architecture, Art, and Planning	50.0%	20.3%	29.7%
Arts and Sciences	43.9%	37.9%	18.2%
Engineering	35.6%	49.9%	14.5%
Hotel	80.2%	< 1.0%	19.1%
Human Ecology	40.1%	37.0%	22.9%
Industrial and Labor Relations	48.1%	41.4%	10.5%

* Includes pursuing graduate school admission or employment, volunteering, and travel, among other endeavors.

Graduate/Professional Studies

■ Most Frequently Selected Fields

Engineering	20.0%
Law	16.0%
Medicine	15.3%
Biological Sciences	7.6%
Computer and Information Sciences	4.9%
Social Sciences	3.9%
Veterinary Medicine	3.9%
Health Fields Other than Medicine	3.7%
Education	3.5%
Physical Sciences	3.0%

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■ Legal Careers

Law schools most frequently attended in 2003*

Boston University	Fordham University
Brooklyn Law School	New York University
Cardozo School of Law	St. John's University
Columbia University	University of Michigan
Cornell University	University of Pennsylvania

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 243 applicants)	88%
National	57%

* Based on most recent data available from Law School Admission Council for fall 2003 acceptance.

■ Medical Careers

Medical schools most frequently attended in 2003*

Albert Einstein	SUNY Upstate
Boston University	Tufts University
New York University	University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey
SUNY Downstate	University of Rochester
SUNY at Stony Brook	Weill Cornell Medical College

Acceptance rates*

Cornell (for 223 applicants)	76%
Cornell students with a 3.4 GPA or above	89%
National	50%

* Based on most recent data available from Association of American Medical Colleges for fall 2003 acceptance.

■ Fellowships

Cornell consistently gains national recognition for the fellowship successes of its students. The competitions are highly selective and there are few awards annually.

	2003		2002
Churchill Scholarship	1	Carnegie Junior Fellowship	1
Goldwater Scholarship	4	Goldwater Scholarship	4
Rhodes Scholarship	2	Marshall Scholarship	1
Truman Scholarship	1	Udall Scholarship	2
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Employment

■ On-Campus Recruiting

	<i>Employers</i>	<i>Interview Schedules</i>	<i>Interviews</i>
University	419	747	5,711
Cornell Career Services, Barnes Hall*	111	238	1,020
Agriculture and Life Sciences	54	62	542
Architecture, Art, and Planning	11	16	124
Engineering	114	255	2,987
Hotel	82	117	560
Human Ecology	6	8	73
Industrial and Labor Relations	41	51	405

* Employers seeking diverse majors from all colleges; includes Arts and Sciences.

■ Jobs Listed on CornellTRAK

	2003	2002	2001
Full-time positions	17,368	21,181	22,617
Internships and summer jobs	1,616	1,111	7,118

■ Employers Hiring the Most Cornellians

Aramark	J. P. Morgan Chase & Co.
AmeriCorps	Lockheed Martin
Cornell University	National Institutes of Health
Four Seasons Hotels & Resorts	Peace Corps
Goldman Sachs	Teach for America

■ How Undergraduates Found Their Jobs

Cornell Career Services	32.3%
Interview through on-campus recruiting	11.5%
CornellTRAK listing or resume referral	9.3%
Previous externship/internship/co-op/employment	7.1%
Career fair/forum contact on or off campus	3.4%
Alumni referral	1.0%
Personal, Alumni, or Faculty Contact	29.1%
Personal contact	22.2%
Faculty/department referral or job posting	4.6%
Networking with alumni	2.3%
Other Methods	27.3%
Internet posting, excluding CornellTRAK	11.8%
Other means, including newspaper ads, ROTC, employment agencies	11.2%
Direct application to employer	4.3%
Internship or Previous Employment	11.3%
Previous internship/co-op/employment (not found through Career Services)	11.3%