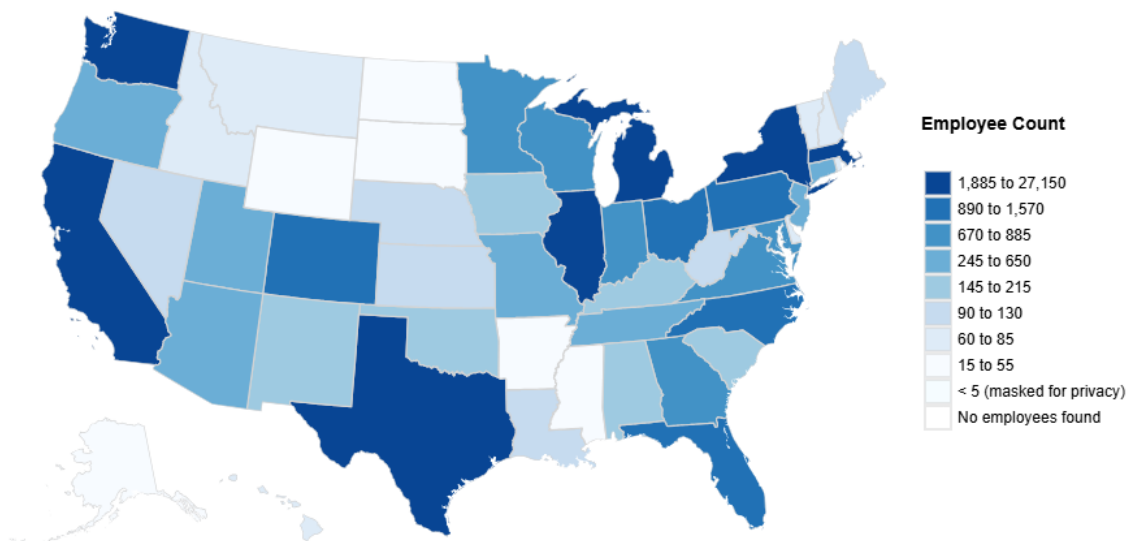


Research Universities for Michigan Employee Report

This report characterizes the career pathways of research-funded employees at Research Universities for Michigan by showing their locations, employment sectors and earnings at their places of employment after they leave Research Universities for Michigan. The years indicate when the individuals in the data were employed at Research Universities for Michigan.

Geographic Destinations

This map shows where research-funded employees found jobs after leaving Research Universities for Michigan. This report is summed across cohorts and across fiscal years, so that any employee moving to a given state is counted in the total for that state, regardless of the year that the move took place.



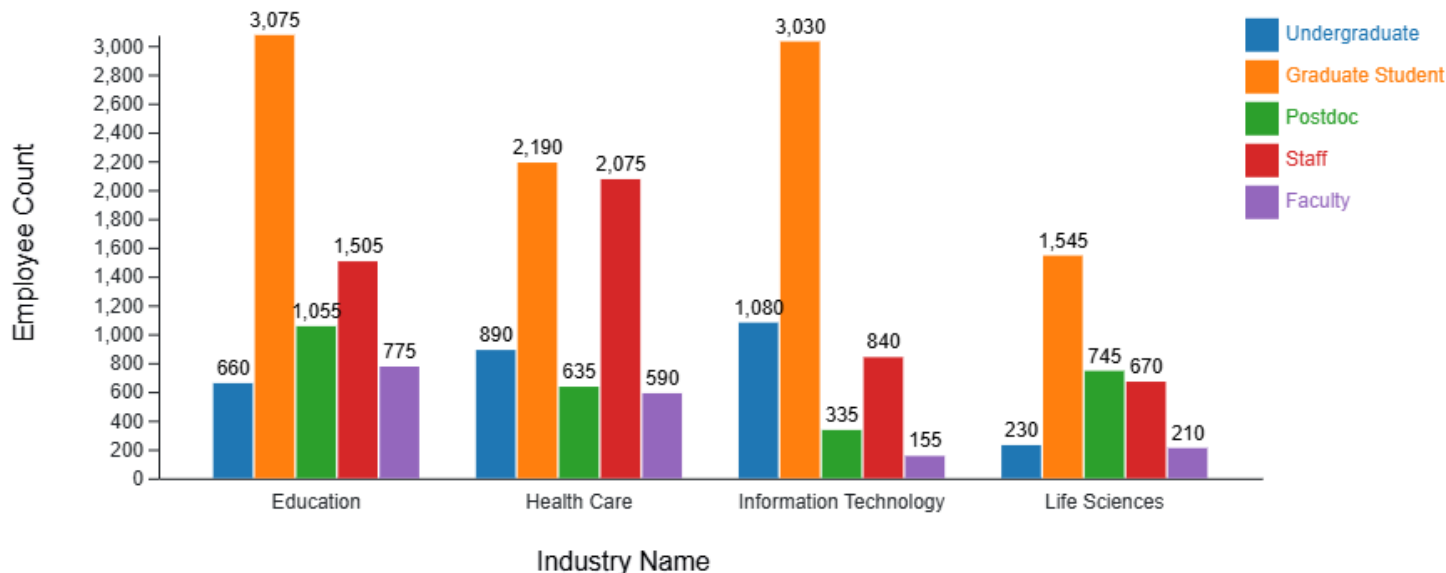
Top 5 States, with employee counts

- Michigan (27,150)
- California (6,935)
- Illinois (3,350)
- New York (3,330)
- Massachusetts (2,130)

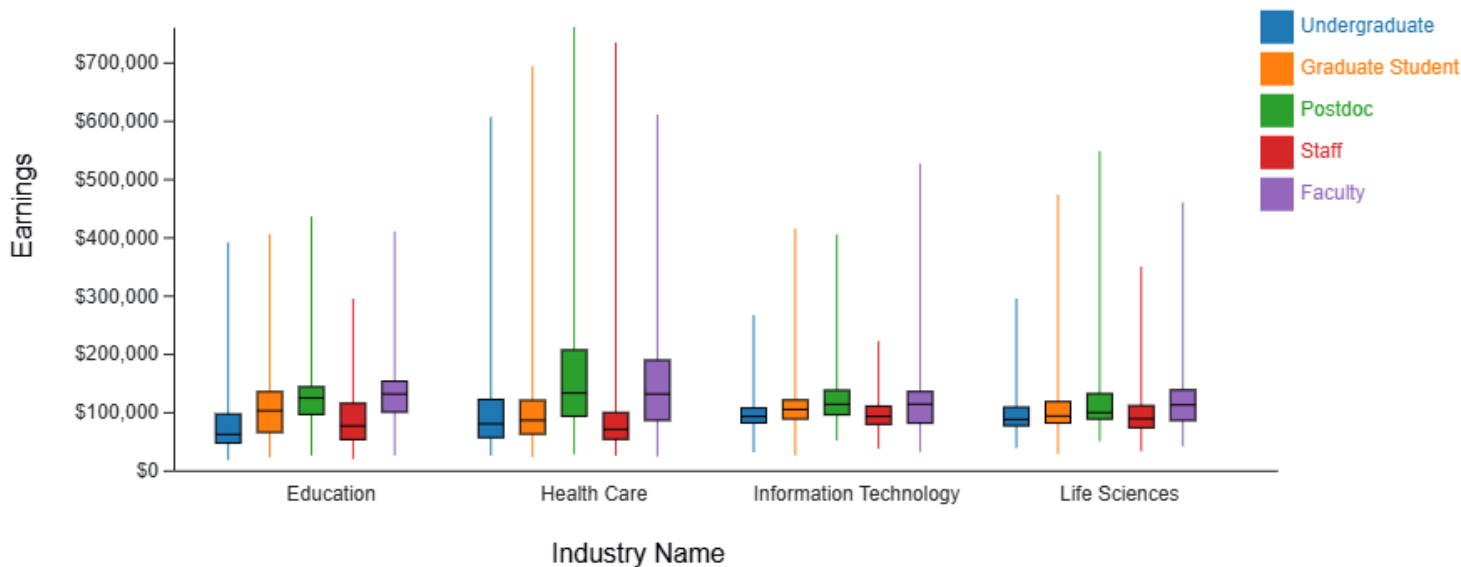
Highlights

- 63,778 employees funded by research grants at Research Universities for Michigan between 2002 and 2023 are now employed in 50 states and the District of Columbia.
- The education, health care and information technology sectors were among the top employers.

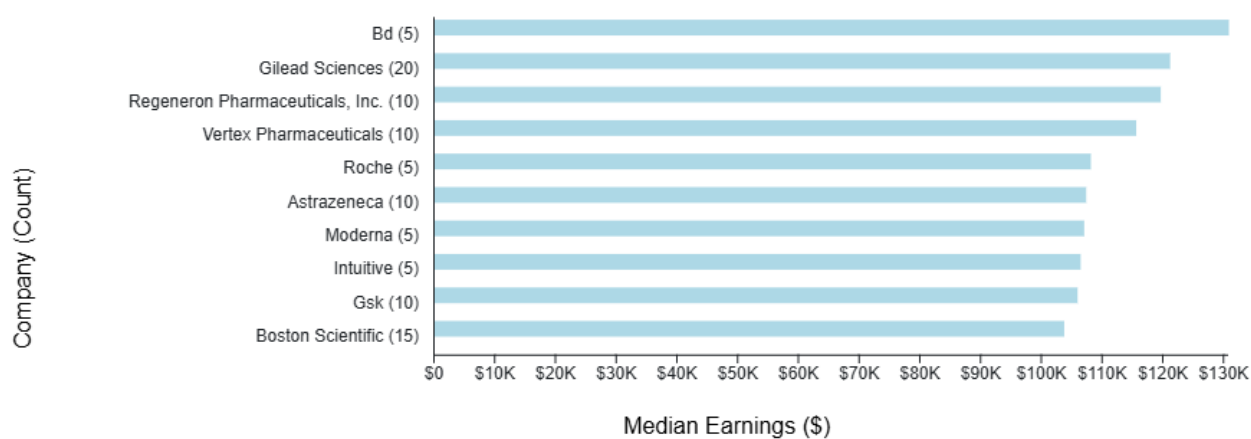
Industries of Research-Funded Employees - United States, 2002-2023



Earnings by Industries of Research-Funded Employees - United States, 2002-2023



Median Earnings of Research-Funded Graduate Students in Life Sciences (Top 10 Companies)



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