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Chemists buck the trend

Although the US economy weakened last year, job prospects for newly graduated chemists did not, according to a recent report by the American Chemical Society (ACS). The society's recent salary survey shows that for 2001 master's and PhD graduates, salaries rose by 6–8% compared with the previous year. The median master's recipient salary last year was \$48,000, a \$3,000 increase over the previous year. New PhDs fared even better, earning on average \$70,000, up \$5,000 from the class of 2000. And unemployment remained unchanged from 2000, at 3% for new PhD chemists and 5% for freshly minted master's.

The big question remains whether or not these numbers provide a true picture of the present, as they were collected up to October 2001. The economy continued to weaken after that point and, the survey notes, more chemists are going into pharmaceuticals — an area that is showing signs of caution in terms of recruitment this year.

Weak economy or not, chemists have something working in their favour: fewer are being produced in the United States. So unless demand dips sharply, work should be reasonably easy to find — although not necessarily in their sector of choice.

Academia seems a relatively stagnant market for chemists, as it features significantly lower pay than the private sector. Also, traditional industrial chemical manufacturing is fading, but pharmaceuticals and analytical research firms have seen a steady growth in their need for chemists.

A good bet would be that demand will increase again in the second half of the year, but salaries will not go up quite as much. The question of whether or not pharmaceuticals will consolidate further remains one of the biggest unknown factors.

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