Geoscience Median Salaries Decline in 2021

Overall, geoscience median salaries declined by 2% between 2020 and 2021, lagging other science occupations which increased by 4%, but not other engineering occupations which declined by 4%. The greatest increases in median salaries within the geosciences were geoscience civil engineers (+8%), environmental...
engineers (+5%), and mining and geological engineers (+4%). The largest declines in salaries were for geoscientists (-11%), environmental engineering technicians (-6%), and atmospheric and space scientists (-5%).

Salaries for geoscience-related occupations (darker colors in the chart) were generally higher than salaries for broad occupational categories (lighter colors in the chart) except for geoscience engineering technician occupations. Other geoscience-related occupations with lower median salaries than broad occupational categories included cartographers and photogrammetrists, soil and plant scientists, conservation scientists, and environmental science technicians.