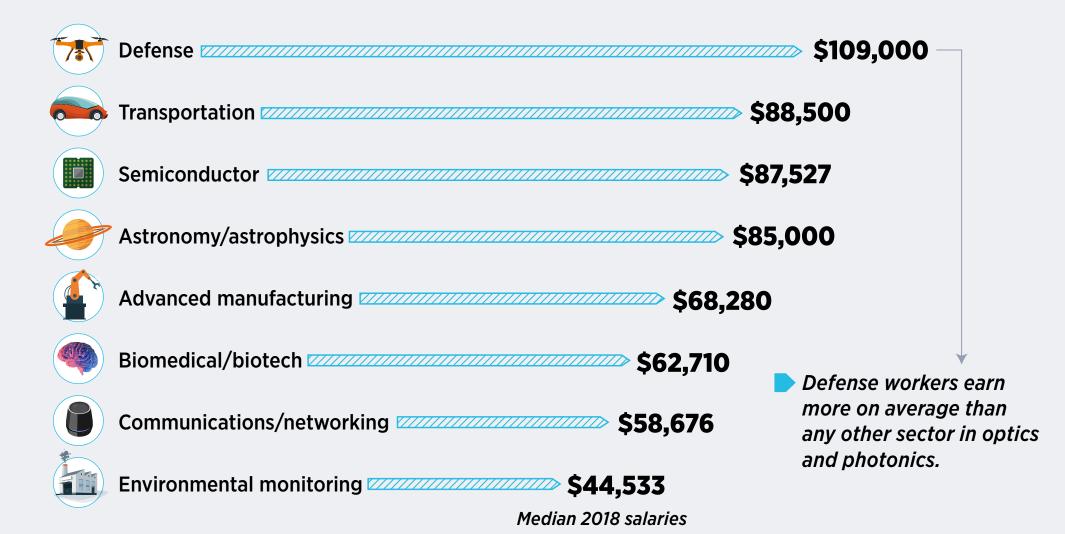
Securing Success: Defense Salaries in Optics and Photonics

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The highest paid sector in optics and photonics



▶ How do defense salaries break down across organizations, disciplines, and countries?

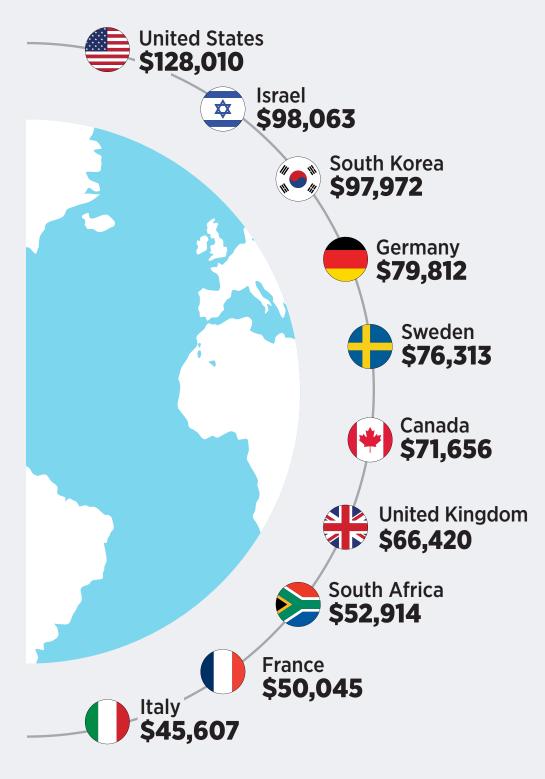


Where do people in defense Optics and photonics work? 56% For-profit companies 31% Government/Military 14% Academic Institutions

Which disciplines are most popular for defense workers?

16% Aerospace	\$139,500
15% Optical systems	\$96,500
10% Lasers	\$120,000
8% Remote sensing	\$117,000
7% Manufacturing	\$96,500
6% Photonics	\$104,400
6% Systems engineering/research	\$127,000
5% Optical design	\$71,656
5% Physics	\$120,000
4% Interdisciplinary engineering/research	\$98,000
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How do countries compare?



Median salaries by country for defense optics and photonics workers

Median salary