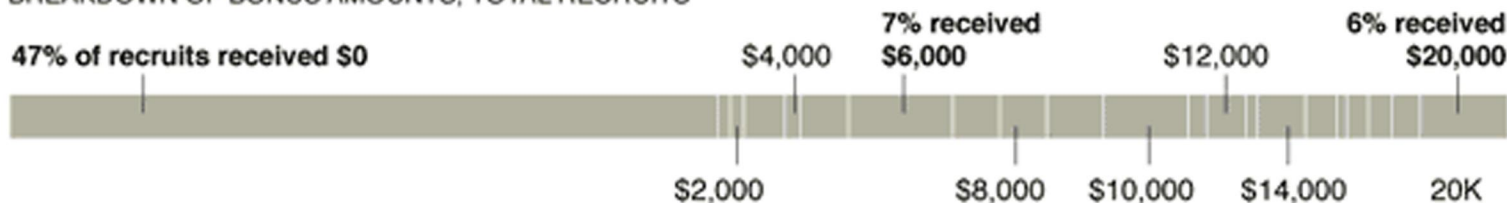


Few Recruits Getting Top Dollar

Army recruits receive signing bonuses depending, in part, on which job category they sign on for and how well they score on tests. Job fields that are more dangerous or academically challenging typically offer bigger bonuses. But Army data for 47,727 recruits in 2005 shows that most recruits were more likely to receive nothing.

BREAKDOWN OF BONUS AMOUNTS, TOTAL RECRUITS



Job categories (31 total) are ranked in order of highest average bonus	AVERAGE BONUS AMOUNT	BREAKDOWN OF BONUS AMOUNTS BY JOB CATEGORY (Percent of recruits who received that amount)			
		\$0	\$1,000 - \$10,000	\$11,000 - \$19,000	\$20,000
1 Special Forces	\$14,020	9			
2 Electronic Warfare (Cryptologic Operations)	\$11,339	29			
3 Infantry	\$9,264	27			
4 Air Defense Artillery	\$8,606	28			
5 Field Artillery	\$7,647	36			
6 Ammunition	\$7,561	36			
7 Petroleum and Water	\$7,055	42			
8 Bands	\$6,396	22			
9 Armor	\$5,773	34			
10 Military Intelligence	\$5,751	28			
11 Transportation	\$5,630	57			
12 Signal Operations	\$4,878	39			
13 Mechanical Maintenance	\$4,558	48			
14 Electronic Maintenance and Calibration	\$4,391	47			
15 Supply	\$4,185	62			
16 Electronic Warfare (Intercept Systems)	\$3,605	44			
17 Public Affairs	\$3,463	56			
18 Automatic Data Processing	\$3,266	51			
19 Combat Engineering	\$3,027	52			
20 Psychological Operations	\$2,797	68			
21 Topographic Engineering	\$2,404	68			
22 Audio-Visual	\$2,102	65			
23 Military Police	\$1,854	72			
24 Officer	\$1,825	77			
25 Aircraft Maintenance	\$1,332	76			
26 Administration	\$1,178	82			
27 Medical	\$1,057	83			
28 General Engineering	\$826	85			
29 Personnel	\$812	82			
30 Aviation Operations	\$567	89			
31 Language	\$0	100			
32 Recruitment and Reenlistment	\$0	100			
33 Warrant Officer	\$0	100			
TOTAL RECRUITS	\$5,589	47			6

Source: U.S. Army Recruiting Command