There are many ways of understanding the value of a college education in the humanities. Drawing on American Community Survey data, this profile explores humanities majors’ career outcomes: what they do for work, how much they earn, and how they compare to graduates from other fields.

43,815 humanities majors reside in Alabama and work full-time. They represent 3% of the state’s full-time workers.

**Annual Earnings of College-Educated Workers (Full-Time), by Undergraduate Major**

- **Engineering**
  - 25th Percentile: $37,534
  - 50th (Median): $59,027
  - 75th Percentile: $71,051
  - 98,873

- **Business**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $53,526
  - 75th Percentile: $64,231

- **Natural Sciences**
  - 25th Percentile: $37,534
  - 50th (Median): $53,526
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **Humanities**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **Behavioral & Social Sciences**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **Arts**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **Education**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **Associate’s Degree**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

- **High School Only**
  - 25th Percentile: $34,753
  - 50th (Median): $55,667
  - 75th Percentile: $67,058

**MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS**

- **$34,753** workers aged 22–26
- **$55,667** bachelor’s degree only
- **$64,231** workers aged 30–59
- **$67,058** advanced degree in any field

See back for information on humanities graduates’ employment.
All of the estimates presented here are derived from the American Community Survey 5-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (2017–2021). Unless otherwise specified, earnings and unemployment estimates are for workers aged 25–59.

Additional information (including earnings estimates by gender, race/ethnicity, and humanities discipline) and our methodology are available at:

24% of college graduates in library and museum jobs majored in the humanities.

27% of college graduates in legal jobs majored in the humanities.