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.

77,276 humanities majors reside in Indiana 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**
  - $92,676 (75th Percentile)
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $49,952 (25th Percentile)

- **Natural Sciences**
  - $92,676 (75th Percentile)
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $58,975 (25th Percentile)

- **Business**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

- **Behavioral & Social Sciences**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

- **Humanities**
  - $92,676 (75th Percentile)
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $69,005 (25th Percentile)

- **Education**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

- **Arts**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

- **Associate’s Degree**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

- **High School Only**
  - $74,936 (50th Percentile)
  - $63,856 (75th Percentile)
  - $53,556 (25th Percentile)

**MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS**

- **Workers aged 22–26**
  - $39,137

- **Bachelor’s degree only**
  - $53,646

- **Workers aged 30–59**
  - $63,188

- **Advanced degree in any field**
  - $69,005

See back for information on humanities graduates’ employment.
34% of college graduates in library and museum jobs majored in the humanities.

30% of college graduates in legal jobs majored in the humanities.

Unemployment by College Major

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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.