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.

52,822 humanities majors reside in Louisiana and work full-time. They represent 4% of the state’s full-time workers.

**Earnings**

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

- **Engineering:** $94,782 (75th), $71,051 (50th), $69,005 (25th)
- **Natural Sciences:** $69,005 (75th), $57,808 (50th), $57,922 (25th)
- **Business:** $57,922 (75th), $57,808 (50th), $52,468 (25th)
- **Humanities:** $52,468 (75th), $51,496 (50th), $48,058 (25th)
- **Behavioral & Social Sciences:** $48,058 (75th), $43,609 (50th), $39,609 (25th)
- **Arts:** $48,058 (75th), $43,609 (50th), $39,609 (25th)
- **Education:** $48,058 (75th), $43,609 (50th), $39,609 (25th)
- **Associate’s Degree:** $48,058 (75th), $43,609 (50th), $39,609 (25th)
- **High School Only:** $48,058 (75th), $43,609 (50th), $39,609 (25th)

**MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS**

- **$38,538** workers aged 22-26
- **$55,748** bachelor’s degree only
- **$61,796** workers aged 30-59
- **$62,587** 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: [Link]

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