Montana’s Humanities Majors: What They Earn & What They Do

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.

14,270 humanities majors reside in Montana 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
- Natural Sciences
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Business
- Humanities
- Education
- Arts
- Associate’s Degree
- High School Only

MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS

- $22,658 for workers aged 22–26
- $50,972 for bachelor’s degree only
- $58,878 for workers aged 30–59
- $69,005 for advanced degree in any field

See back for information on humanities graduates’ employment.
31% of college graduates in legal jobs majored in the humanities.

### Occupations

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<th>Humanities Graduates</th>
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### Unemployment by College Major

- **Humanities & Behavioral/Social Sciences**: 3%
- **Engineering & Natural Sciences**: 2%
- **Business**: 1%
- **High School Only**: 4%

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: [American Academy of Arts & Sciences](#).