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.

147,421 humanities majors reside in North Carolina 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**
- **Business**
- **Natural Sciences**
- **Behavioral & Social Sciences**
- **Humanities**
  - **Arts**
  - **Education**
- **Associate’s Degree**
- **High School Only**

**Percentile**
- 25th
- 50th (Median)
- 75th

### Median Earnings of Humanities Majors

- **$41,072** workers aged 22–26
- **$57,922** bachelor’s degree only
- **$68,454** workers aged 30–59
- **$71,528** 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: 

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