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.

22,859 humanities majors reside in Nebraska and work full-time. They represent 3% of the state’s full-time workers.

**Earnings**

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

- **Engineering**: $70,654
- **Business**: $70,560
- **Natural Sciences**: $61,796
- **Behavioral & Social Sciences**: $61,796
- **Humanities**: $56,841
- **Education**: $56,841
- **Arts**: $49,497
- **Associate’s Degree**: $49,244
- **High School Only**: $42,227

**MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS**

- **Workers aged 22-26**: $39,137
- **Bachelor’s degree only**: $53,526
- **Workers aged 30-59**: $65,586
- **Advanced degree in any field**: $76,517

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:

31% of college graduates in library and museum jobs majored in the humanities.

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

### Occupations

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### Unemployment by College Major

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