Rhode Island'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.

22,648 humanities majors reside in Rhode Island and work full-time.

They represent 6% of the state's full-time workers.

Earnings

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



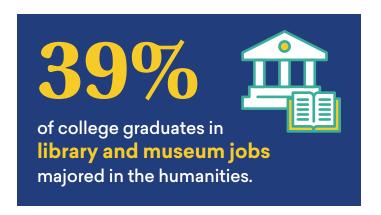
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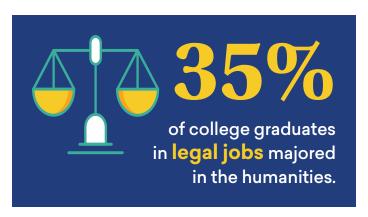




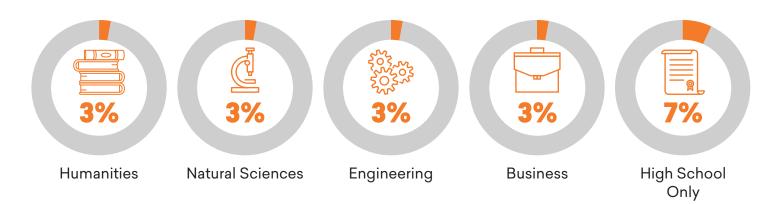
Occupations

Humanities Graduates All College Graduates 20% Education 16% 15% Service & Sales 14% 14% Management 14% 9% Business & Finance 10% 9% **7%** Office & Administrative Support 6% 3% Arts, Design, Entertainment, & Media 6% Legal 2% 23% Other 33%





Unemployment by College Major



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:



