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

- Engineering
- Natural Sciences
- Business
- Education
- Humanities
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Arts
- Associate’s Degree
- High School Only

MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS

- $42,125 for workers aged 22–26
- $70,035 for bachelor’s degree only
- $78,985 for workers aged 30–59
- $81,982 for 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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