South Carolina’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.

54,701 humanities majors reside in South Carolina 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**
  - 25th Percentile: $71,051
  - 50th (Median): $94,782
  - 75th Percentile: $94,782

- **Natural Sciences**
  - 25th Percentile: $67,975
  - 50th (Median): $71,051
  - 75th Percentile: $94,782

- **Business**
  - 25th Percentile: $60,120
  - 50th (Median): $67,975
  - 75th Percentile: $71,051

- **Humanities**
  - 25th Percentile: $58,117
  - 50th (Median): $60,120
  - 75th Percentile: $67,975

- **Behavioral & Social Sciences**
  - 25th Percentile: $51,603
  - 50th (Median): $58,117
  - 75th Percentile: $60,120

- **Education**
  - 25th Percentile: $50,550
  - 50th (Median): $51,603
  - 75th Percentile: $58,117

- **Arts**
  - 25th Percentile: $46,347
  - 50th (Median): $50,550
  - 75th Percentile: $58,117

- **Associate’s Degree**
  - 25th Percentile: $37,821
  - 50th (Median): $46,347
  - 75th Percentile: $51,603

- **High School Only**
  - 25th Percentile: $30,000
  - 50th (Median): $37,821
  - 75th Percentile: $46,347

**MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS**

- **$36,860**
  - workers aged 22–26

- **$54,763**
  - bachelor’s degree only

- **$63,188**
  - workers aged 30–59

- **$66,945**
  - 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:

**29% of college graduates in library and museum jobs majored in the humanities.**

**26% of college graduates in legal jobs majored in the humanities.**