

South Dakota's Humanities Majors: What They Earn & What They Do



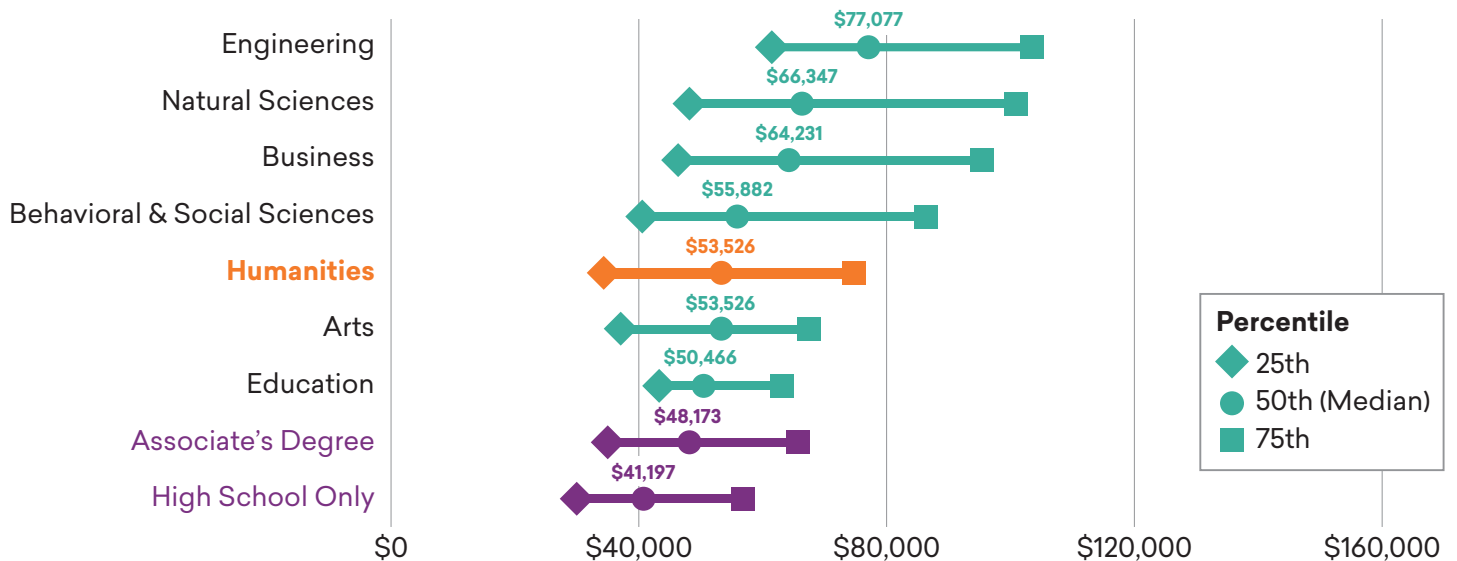
There are many ways of understanding the value of a college education in the humanities. Drawing on American Community Survey data, this profile explores humanities majors' career outcomes: what they do for work, how much they earn, and how they compare to graduates from other fields.

8,221 humanities majors reside in South Dakota 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



MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS

\$24,485
workers aged **22-26**

\$46,548
bachelor's degree only



\$59,306
workers aged **30-59**

\$62,525
advanced degree in any field

See back for information on humanities graduates' employment.

Occupations




21% of college graduates in **legal jobs** majored in the humanities.

Unemployment by College Major



2%
Humanities, Arts,
& Behavioral /
Social Sciences



4%
High School
Only

All estimates are derived from the American Community Survey 5-Year Public Use Microdata Sample (2017–2021). Unless otherwise specified, earnings estimates are for workers aged 25–59. Unemployment estimates are for those aged 22–65.

Additional information (including earnings estimates by gender, race/ethnicity, and humanities discipline) and our methodology are available at:

