Humanities Majors in Texas: 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.

327,766 humanities majors reside in Texas 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: $94,782
- Natural Sciences: $71,051
- Business: $67,975
- Humanities: $60,120
- Behavioral & Social Sciences: $58,117
- Education: $51,603
- Arts: $50,550
- Associate’s Degree: $46,347
- High School Only: $37,821

MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HUMANITIES MAJORS

- $42,820 workers aged 22–26
- $61,470 bachelor’s degree only
- $69,583 workers aged 30–59
- $74,936 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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