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Figure III-86: Principal Occupations of Employed History Ph.D.’s, 1995*

* This is the most recent year for which data are available. The National Endowment for the Humanities ceased tracking humanities Ph.D.’s in 1995.

Source: Leslie Saperstein and Frances W. Lieb, "Humanities Doctorates in the United States: 1995 Profile" (National Research Council, 1997). The report details the findings of the 1995 Survey of Humanities Doctorates, which was sponsored by the National Endowment for the Humanities and conducted by the National Research Council.

Figure III-88a: Female Faculty as a Percentage of All Postsecondary Faculty, Selected Fields, 1988-2004

Source: U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, National Study of Postsecondary Faculty (NSOPF), data analyzed and analyzed via HDSR under Data Analysis Service at http://hdsr.egr.msu.edu/
Estimated Number of Postsecondary Faculty, 1999 to 2015
Distribution of Four-Year College Faculty by Tenure Status, Fall 2012

- Communication
- Lang. and Lit. other than English
- English
- Religion
- Philosophy
- Musicology
- Art History
- History
- Folklore
- Classical Studies
- Linguistics

Legend:
- Tenured Faculty
- Tenure-Track Faculty (Not Yet Tenured)
- Non-Tenure-Track, Full-Time
- Non-Tenure-Track, Part-time
Number of Jobs Advertised with Humanities Disciplinary Societies
Occupational Distribution of Doctoral Degree Holders, 2013

![Chart showing the share of employed Ph.D.'s by occupation in 2013. The chart includes categories such as Management, Professional, and other fields. The y-axis represents the field of study, while the x-axis shows the share of employed Ph.D.'s in occupation (%).]
Share of Doctoral Degree Holders in Postsecondary Teaching

- All Fields
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Health & Medical Sciences
- Engineering
- Education
- Business
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Arts
- Humanities

Percent
Share of Master’s/Professional Degree Holders in Postsecondary Teaching

- All Fields
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Health & Medical Sciences
- Engineering
- Education
- Business
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Arts
- Humanities

Percent
Share of Doctoral Degree Holders in Science and Engineering

- All Fields
- Physical Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Health & Medical Sciences
- Engineering
- Education
- Business
- Behavioral & Social Sciences
- Arts
- Humanities

Percent
Share of Doctoral Degree Holders in Management and Other Education Positions
Median Annual Earnings of Full-Time Workers with a Doctoral Degree, by Field, 2013
Median Annual Earnings of Full-Time Workers with a Doctoral Degree, by Field and Gender, 2013
Median Annual Earnings of Full-Time Workers with a Doctoral Degree, by Field and Gender, 2013

The broken black line indicates the median earnings of

Annual Earnings (Thousands of Dollars)

Engineering
Physical Sciences
Business
Behavioral Sciences
All Fields
Education
Life Sciences
Health & Medical Sciences**
Humanities

25th Percentile
Median
75th Percentile
Debt Accumulated in Graduate Studies by New PhDs

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Primary Funding Source for Doctoral Studies, 2014 Cohort

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Next Questions

• The connection between occupation and salary

• Parsing two- and four-year college employment

• Contingent faculty

• Levels of job satisfaction in particular sectors

• Age cohorts (25 to 34, 35 to 44, 55 to 64, 65 to 74)
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