Pathways After a Bachelor’s Degree in Literature

Educational Attainment, Common Occupations, and Synthetic Work-Life Earnings Estimates

All holders of literature degrees (aged 25–64 and working full-time, year-round)

$2,388,000
1.1 million people

Bachelor’s Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$2,083,000

600 K people

Master’s Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$2,444,000

350 K people

Professional Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$3,874,000

115 K people

Doctorate Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$2,755,000

70 K people

How much can you earn?
(In millions of dollars)

Bachelor’s Degree
Education administrators
$2.8

Master’s Degree
Postsecondary teachers
$2.0

Professional Degree
Lawyers
$4.7

Doctorate Degree
Postsecondary teachers
$2.5

Note: Synthetic work-life earnings are created by adding annual earnings between age 25 and 64. For more information on these numbers please see www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/data/acs/infographics/faqs.html.

Source: 2010 American Community Survey.