Pathways After a Bachelor’s Degree in Social Science

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

All holders of social science degrees (aged 25–64 and working full-time, year-round) $2,842,000 2.5 million people

Finished college.

Bachelor’s Degree

Work-Life Earnings $2,406,000

1.4 M people

Master’s Degree

Work-Life Earnings $2,986,000

360 K people

Professional Degree

Work-Life Earnings $4,321,000

645 K people

Doctorate Degree

Work-Life Earnings $3,490,000

110 K people

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

All holders of social science degrees $2.8

Finished college.

Bachelor’s $2.4

Accountants and auditors $2.6

Sales, wholesale and manufacturing $3.0

Social workers $1.7

Supervisors, retail $2.3

Financial managers $3.5

Continued on to advanced degree in any field.

Master’s $3.0

Elementary school teachers $2.3

Social workers $2.1

Financial managers $4.6

Professional $4.3

Lawyers $4.7

Physicians and surgeons $6.5

Doctorate $3.5

Postsecondary teachers $3.0

Lawyers $4.2

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/hts/socdemo/education/data/acs/infographics/faqs.html.

Source: 2010 American Community Survey.