Pathways After a Bachelor’s Degree in Visual Arts

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

All holders of visual arts degrees (aged 25–64 and working full-time, year-round) | $2,086,000
1.1 million people

Finished college.
Continued on to advanced degree in any field.

Bachelor’s Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$1,966,000
780 K people

Master’s Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$2,227,000
225 K people

Professional Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$3,042,000
35 K people

Doctorate Degree
Work-Life Earnings
$2,545,000
30 K people

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

All holders of visual arts degrees | $2.1

Finished college.

Bachelor's | $2.0
Designers | $2.1
Artists | $2.2
Supervisors, retail | $1.5
Elementary school teachers | $1.9
Administrative assistants | $1.6
Retail salespersons | $1.5
Marketing and sales managers | $3.0

Continued on to advanced degree in any field.

Master's | $2.2
Elementary school teachers | $2.2
Postsecondary teachers | $2.3
Designers | $2.3
Secondary school teachers | $2.4
Professional | $3.0
Doctorate | $2.5
Postsecondary teachers | $2.2

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/hhes/socdemo/education/data/acs/infographics/faqs.html. Source: 2010 American Community Survey.