

Education

This group includes the following majors:

- Art and Music Education
- Early Childhood Education
- Educational Administration and Supervision
- Elementary Education
- General Education
- Language and Drama Education
- Library Science
- Mathematics Teacher Education
- Miscellaneous Education
- Physical and Health Education Teaching
- School Student Counseling
- Science and Computer Teacher Education
- Secondary Teacher Education
- Special Needs Education
- Social Science or History Teacher Education
- Teacher Education: Multiple Levels

Education accounts for 10.6 percent of all majors. Median earnings for those with a Bachelor's degree who majored in Education are \$42,000.¹ This major group has a significant gender imbalance—some 77 percent of people in these majors are women, and 23 percent are men. In spite of much larger numbers, women with these majors make, in the aggregate, \$8,000 less than men (\$40,000 versus \$48,000). The racial makeup, on average, is 82 percent White, 7 percent African-American, 7 percent Hispanic, 3 percent Asian, and 1 percent Other Races.² Likewise, earnings for Asians (\$37,000), Hispanics (\$40,000), and Other Races (\$36,000) are less than the \$42,000 in median wages earned by Whites and African-Americans.

Earnings in Education vary widely, with the 25th percentile earning \$32,000 and the 75th percentile earning \$55,000—a difference of \$23,000. The major with the lowest median earnings is Early Childhood Education, while the major with the highest median earnings is Miscellaneous Education.

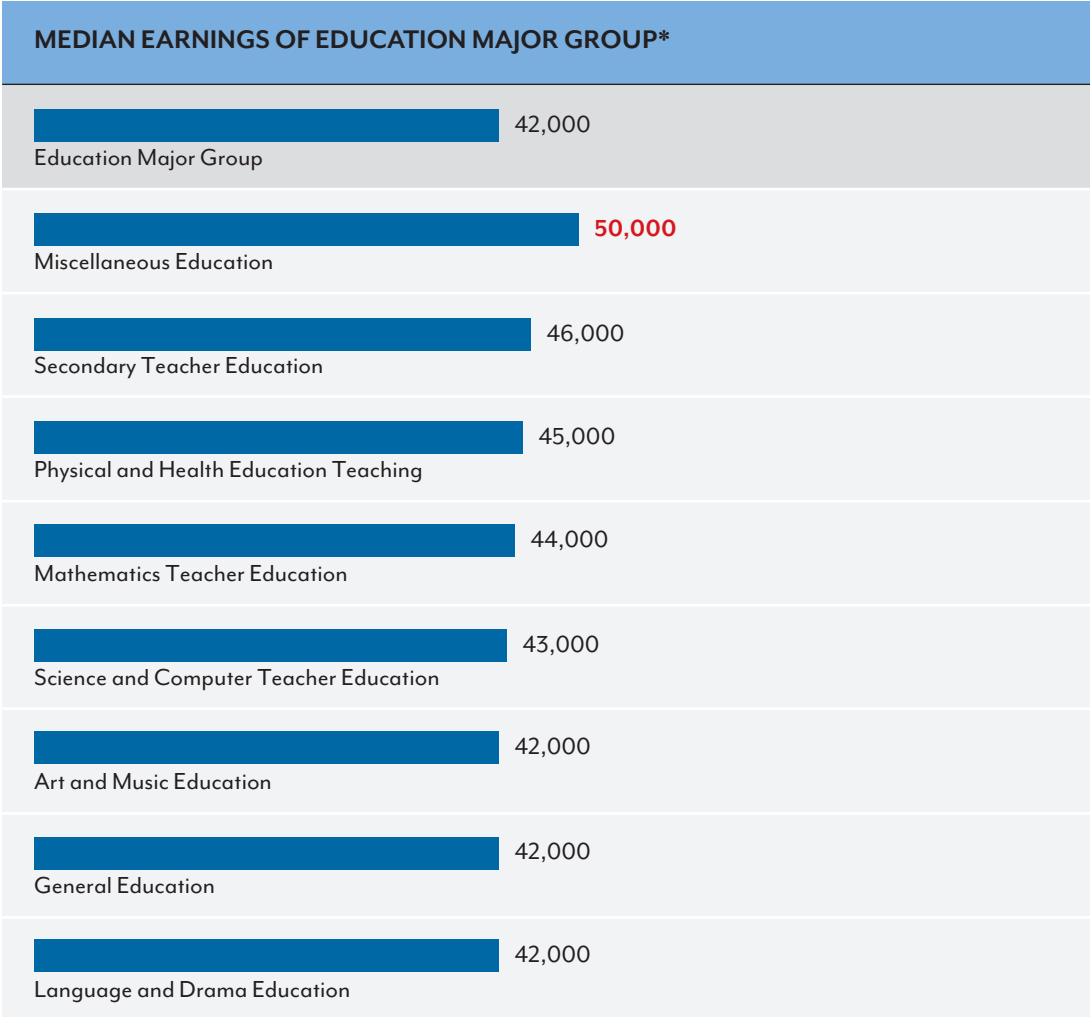
About 44 percent of people with these majors obtain a graduate degree and, as a result, get an average earnings boost of 33 percent.

Of people who have received an undergraduate major in Education, 54 percent work in Education, 9 percent in Management, 9 percent work in Office, and 6 percent in Sales occupations. By industry, 55 percent work in Education Services, 9 percent in Health Services, 5 percent in Retail Trade, 5 percent in Financial Services, and 4 percent in Public Administration.

Of those who are in the labor force and employed, 82 percent of work full-time. About 4 percent are unemployed.

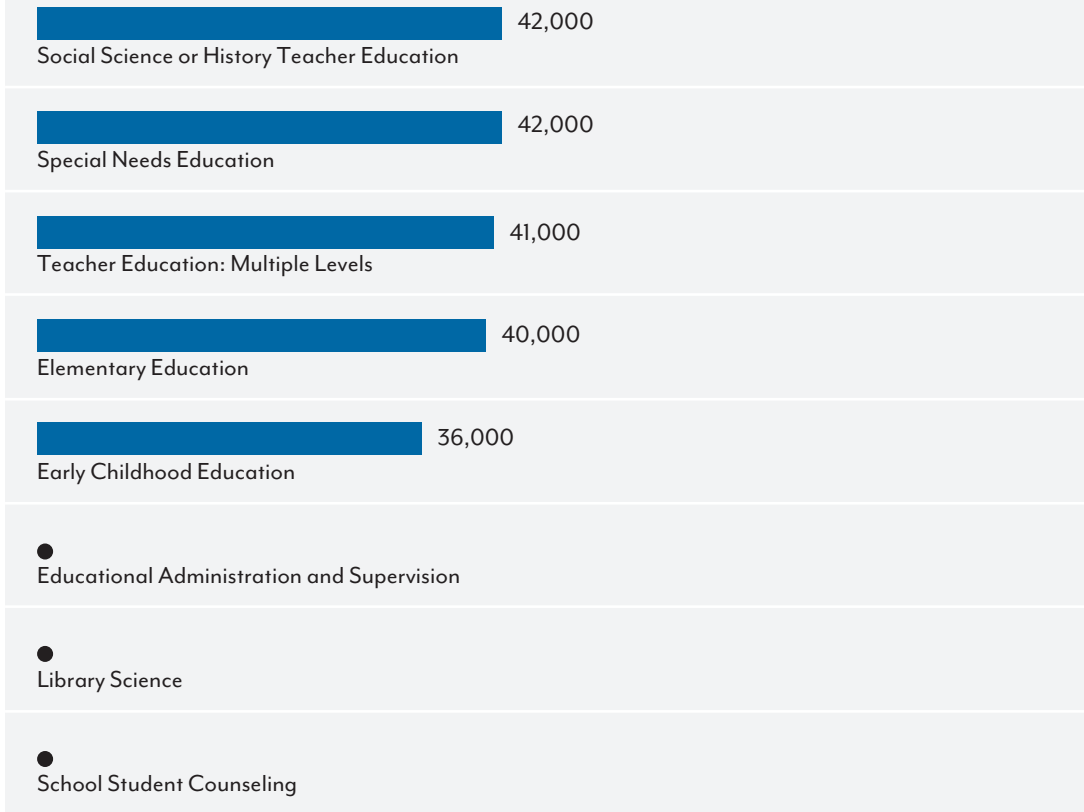
¹ All of the earnings data presented here is on full-time, full-year workers with a Bachelor's degree only.

² Due to rounding, these may not add to 100 percent.



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MEDIAN EARNINGS OF EDUCATION MAJOR GROUP* (Continued)



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ALL

Education
Major Group

Art and Music
Education

Early Childhood
Education

Educational
Administration
and Supervision

Elementary
Education

General Education

Language and
Drama Education

Library Science

POPULARITY OF MAJORS[†]

Total Bachelor's	3,568,392	176,005	149,806	4,452	1,169,732	963,718	136,460	9,692
% of Major Group	100	5	4	<0.5	33	27	4	<0.5

MEDIAN EARNINGS BY MAJOR*

Median Earnings	42,000	42,000	36,000	•	40,000	42,000	42,000	•
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EARNINGS AT THE 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILE*

Earnings at the 25th percentile	32,000	32,000	29,000	•	31,000	32,000	34,000	•
Earnings at the 75th percentile	55,000	56,000	45,000	•	50,000	56,000	55,000	•
Difference	23,000	24,000	16,000	•	19,000	24,000	21,000	•

PERCENT OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE

Did not obtain graduate degree (%)	56	55	66	11	58	57	50	33
Obtain graduate degree (%)	44	45	34	89	42	43	50	67

EARNINGS BOOST FROM OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE

% Earnings Boost from Graduate Degree	33	30	41	•	36	32	30	•
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WORK STATUS*

Full-time (%)	82	78	80	79	80	84	80	83
Part-time (%)	18	22	20	21	20	16	20	17

PERCENT EMPLOYED**

Employed (%)	96	96	95	89	96	96	96	93
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** Of people in the labor force.

Mathematics Teacher Education	Miscellaneous Education	Physical & Health Education Teaching	School Student Counseling	Science & Computer Teacher Education	Secondary Teacher Education	Social Science or History Teacher Education	Special Needs Education	Teacher Education: Multiple Levels
POPULARITY OF MAJORS[†]								
60,658	158,300	227,949	1,271	44,271	182,537	97,899	126,909	58,733
2	4	6	<0.5	1	5	3	4	2
MEDIAN EARNINGS BY MAJOR*								
44,000	50,000	45,000	•	43,000	46,000	42,000	42,000	41,000
EARNINGS AT THE 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILE*								
35,000	36,000	35,000	•	34,000	36,000	32,000	35,000	33,000
54,000	75,000	62,000	•	58,000	60,000	60,000	53,000	51,000
19,000	39,000	27,000	•	24,000	24,000	28,000	18,000	18,000
PERCENT OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE								
51	60	61	9	51	51	54	44	57
49	40	39	91	49	49	46	56	43
EARNINGS BOOST FROM OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE								
32	16	33	•	49	26	39	32	36
WORK STATUS*								
83	85	83	93	87	84	84	81	83
17	15	17	7	13	16	16	19	17
PERCENT EMPLOYED**								
97	97	96	100	95	95	96	96	94

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GENDER

GENDER COMPOSITION OF MAJORS

	Education Major Group	Art and Music Education	Early Childhood Education	Educational Administration and Supervision	Elementary Education	General Education	Language and Drama Education	Library Science
Percent Female	77	70	97	53	91	76	82	93
Percent Male	23	30	3	47	9	24	18	7

EARNINGS BY GENDER*

	Education Major Group	Art and Music Education	Early Childhood Education	Educational Administration and Supervision	Elementary Education	General Education	Language and Drama Education	Library Science
Female Median Earnings	40,000	40,000	36,000	•	39,000	40,000	42,000	•
Male Median Earnings	48,000	48,000	•	•	45,000	49,000	46,000	•
Difference	8,000	8,000	•	•	6,000	9,000	4,000	•

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RACE AND ETHNICITY

RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF MAJORS^Δ

	Education Major Group	Art and Music Education	Early Childhood Education	Educational Administration and Supervision	Elementary Education	General Education	Language and Drama Education	Library Science
% White	82	90	80	85	87	74	87	64
% African-American	7	4	10	3	5	9	4	13
% Hispanic	7	4	6	6	5	11	7	10
% Asian	3	2	2	5	3	6	2	13
% Other Races and Ethnicities	1	<0.5	1	1	1	1	<0.5	<0.5

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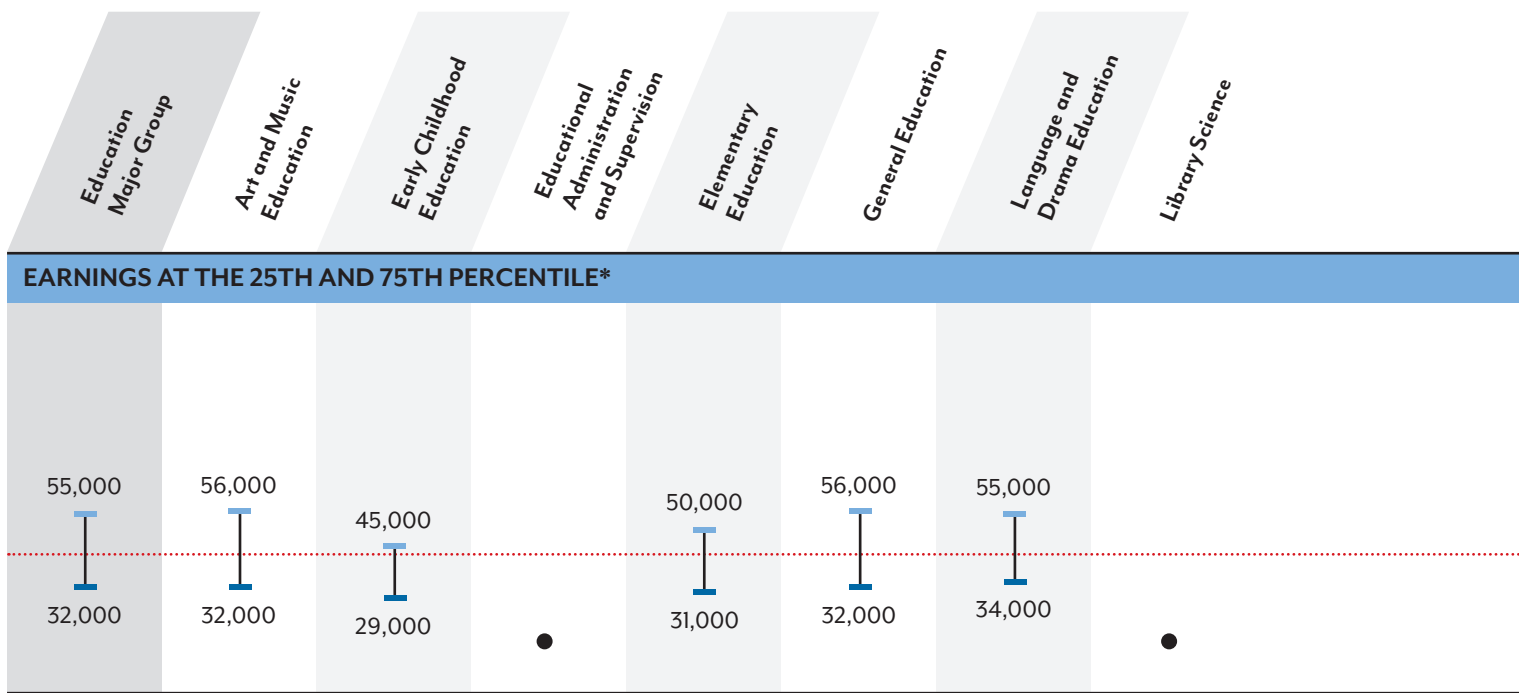
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GENDER COMPOSITION OF MAJORS								
63	57	49	94	58	57	48	88	74
37	43	51	6	42	43	52	12	26
EARNINGS BY GENDER*								
40,000	44,000	44,000	•	39,000	43,000	40,000	42,000	40,000
46,000	60,000	50,000	•	50,000	50,000	44,000	48,000	45,000
6,000	16,000	6,000	•	11,000	7,000	4,000	6,000	5,000

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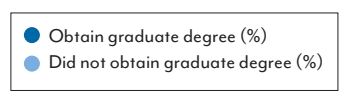
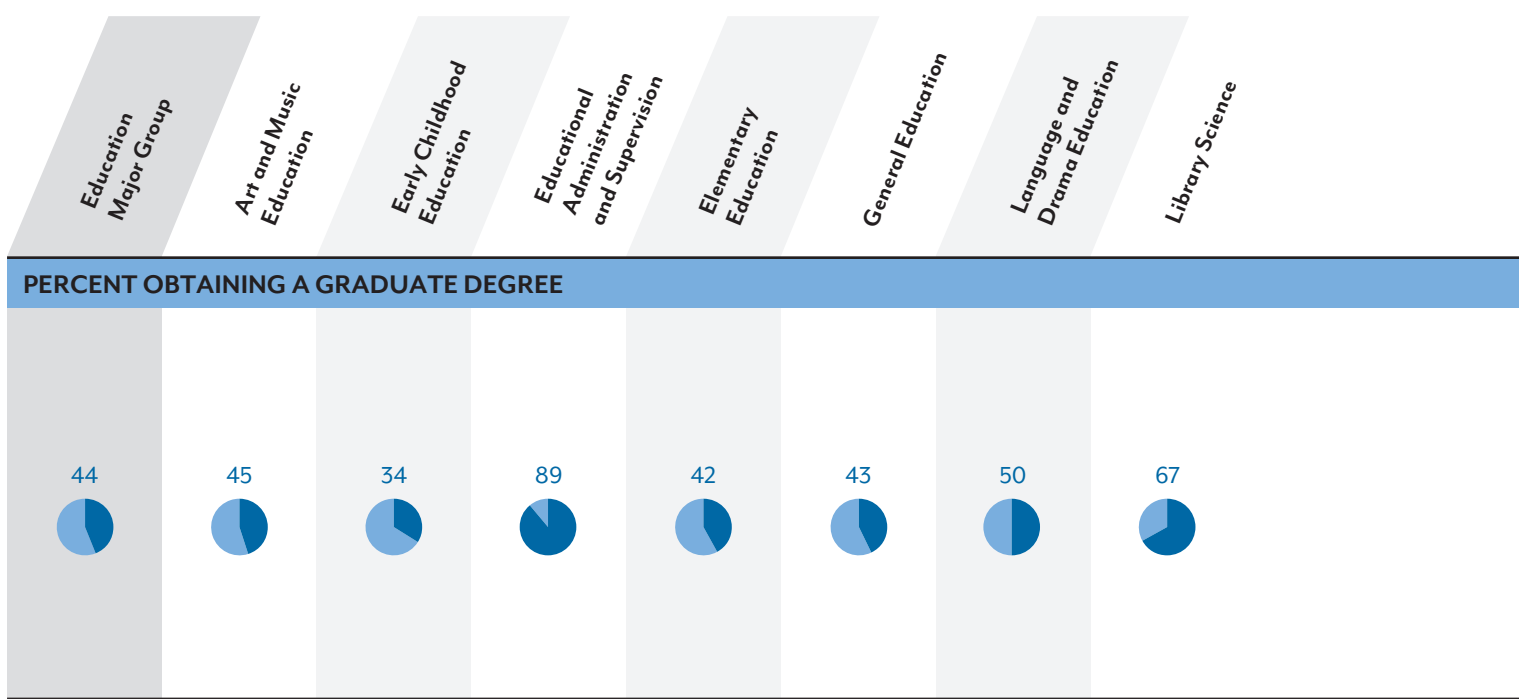
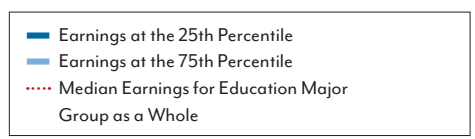
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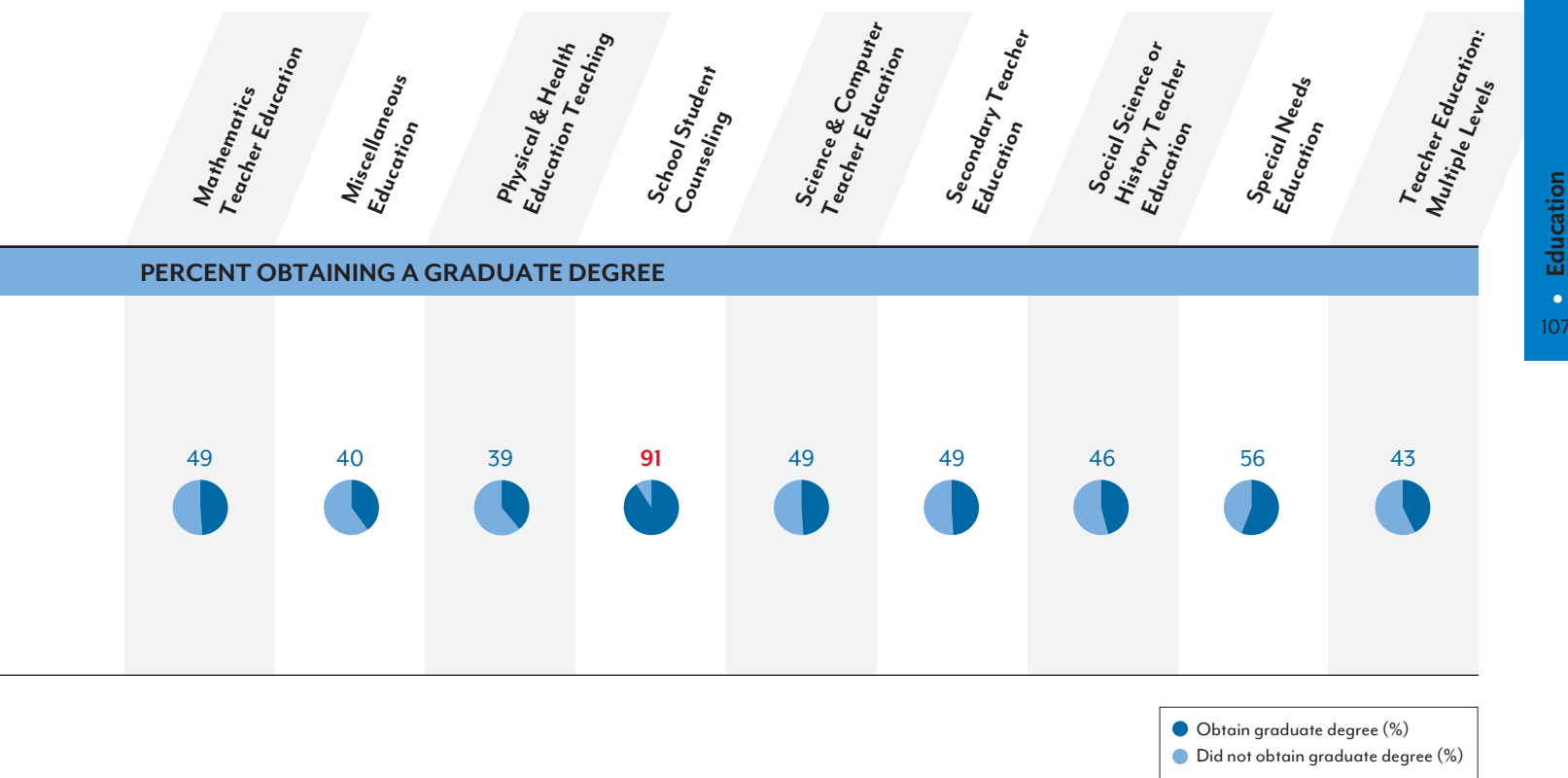
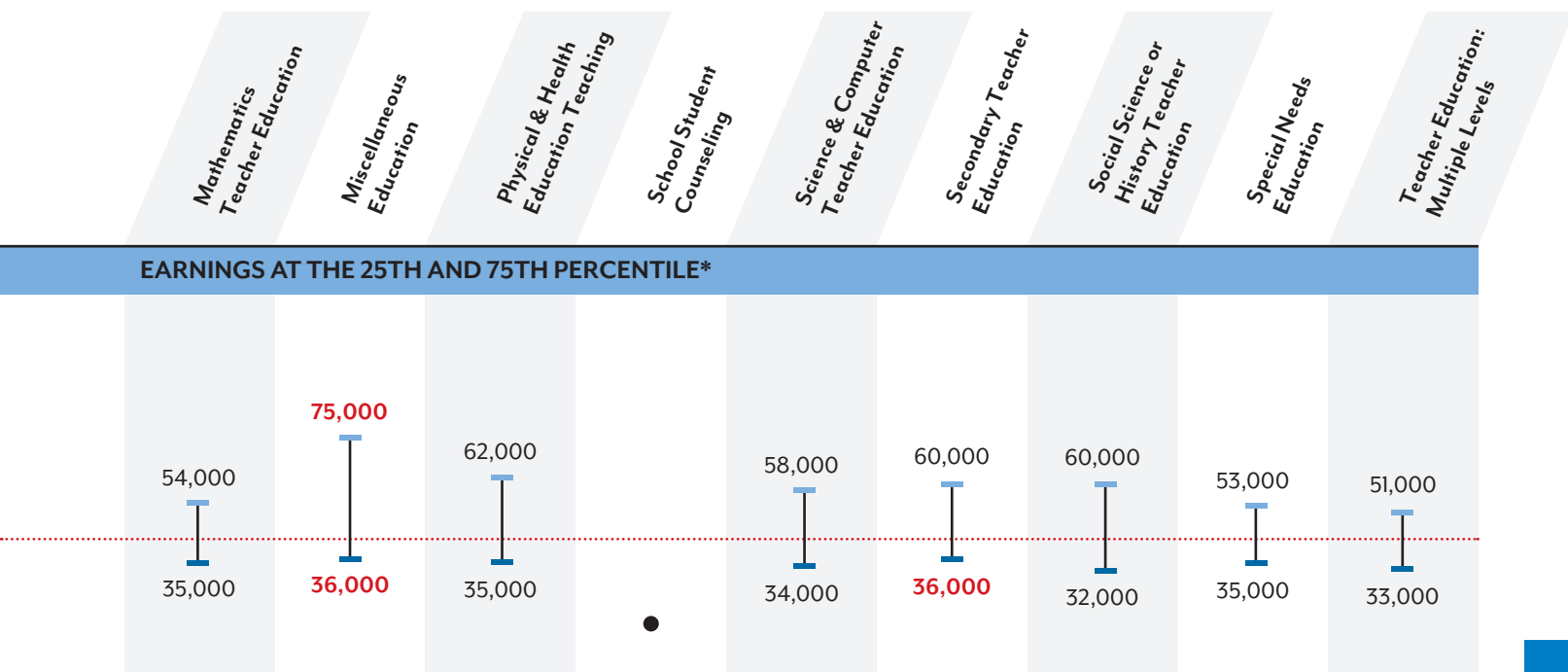
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RACIAL AND ETHNIC COMPOSITION OF MAJORS^Δ								
86	82	84	56	87	85	88	85	88
5	10	7	38	6	6	6	8	4
6	5	5	<0.5	3	5	4	5	4
2	2	3	6	4	3	2	1	2
<0.5	<0.5	1	<0.5	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	1

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WHERE EDUCATION MAJORS END UP BY OCCUPATION*

	1st Occupation (%)	2nd Occupation (%)	3rd Occupation (%)	4th Occupation (%)	5th Occupation (%)
Education Major Group	EDU (54)	MGMT (9)	OFF (9)	SALES (6)	BUS (3)
Art and Music Education	EDU (54)	SALES (8)	MGMT (8)	OFF (7)	COMM (4)
Early Childhood Education	EDU (65)	MGMT (9)	OFF (7)	SALES (4)	COMM (3)
Educational Administration and Supervision	EDU (28)	BUS (26)	MGMT (20)	COMM (8)	COMP (6)
Elementary Education	EDU (66)	OFF (9)	MGMT (6)	SALES (4)	BUS (2)
General Education	EDU (50)	MGMT (10)	OFF (9)	SALES (7)	BUS (3)
Language and Drama Education	EDU (52)	OFF (12)	SALES (8)	MGMT (7)	ARTS (3)
Library Science	EDU (25)	OFF (18)	BLDG (14)	LGL (9)	COMP (7)
Mathematics Teacher Education	EDU (57)	OFF (9)	COMP (7)	MGMT (7)	FIN (5)
Miscellaneous Education	EDU (25)	MGMT (18)	OFF (12)	SALES (11)	BUS (5)
Physical and Health Education Teaching	EDU (34)	MGMT (11)	SALES (11)	OFF (9)	HLTH PROF (4)
School Student Counseling	COMM (43)	HLTH PROF (21)	OFF (19)	MGMT (17)	
Science and Computer Teacher Education	EDU (50)	MGMT (12)	OFF (9)	BUS (3)	COMP (3)
Secondary Teacher Education	EDU (45)	MGMT (12)	OFF (9)	SALES (8)	HLTH PROF (3)
Social Science or History Teacher Education	EDU (38)	MGMT (13)	OFF (10)	SALES (8)	BUS (4)
Special Needs Education	EDU (71)	MGMT (8)	OFF (5)	SALES (3)	COMM (2)
Teacher Education: Multiple Levels	EDU (65)	MGMT (7)	OFF (6)	SALES (6)	PROD (4)

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Occupation Abbreviations:

Architecture = ARCH
 Arts = ARTS
 Blue Collar = BC
 Building = BLDG
 Business = BUS
 Community Service = COMM
 Computer Services = COMP
 Construction = CON
 Education = EDU
 Engineering = ENGR
 Finance = FIN
 Food Service = FOOD

Health Professionals = HLTH PROF
 Health Support = HLTH SUP
 Installation = INST
 Legal = LGL
 Life Science = LS
 Management = MGMT
 Office = OFF
 Personal Service = PERS
 Production = PROD
 Protective Services = PROT
 Sales = SALES
 Social Science = SS
 Transportation = TRAN

WHERE EDUCATION MAJORS END UP BY INDUSTRY*

	1st Industry (%)	2nd Industry (%)	3rd Industry (%)	4th Industry (%)	5th Industry (%)
Education Major Group	EDU (55)	HS (9)	RETL (5)	FIN (5)	PUB (4)
Art and Music Education	EDU (53)	RETL (7)	HS (7)	FIN (4)	OS (4)
Early Childhood Education	EDU (56)	HS (23)	RETL (3)	FIN (3)	PROF (2)
Educational Administration and Supervision	EDU (60)	RETL (13)	OS (8)	ARTS (6)	PUB (6)
Elementary Education	EDU (66)	HS (8)	FIN (4)	RETL (3)	PUB (3)
General Education	EDU (52)	HS (8)	RETL (6)	PUB (5)	FIN (4)
Language and Drama Education	EDU (54)	FIN (6)	HS (6)	PROF (5)	RETL (4)
Library Science	EDU (23)	HS (13)	OS (12)	INFO (11)	MNG (9)
Mathematics Teacher Education	EDU (57)	FIN (7)	PROF (6)	PUB (5)	MAN-nd (3)
Miscellaneous Education	EDU (29)	PUB (10)	RETL (8)	HS (7)	MAN-d (6)
Physical and Health Education Teaching	EDU (39)	HS (10)	PUB (7)	RETL (6)	FIN (6)
School Student Counseling	HS (45)	PUB (15)	UTIL (13)	EDU (12)	FIN (8)
Science and Computer Teacher Education	EDU (52)	HS (7)	RETL (4)	PROF (4)	PUB (4)
Secondary Teacher Education	EDU (47)	HS (8)	PUB (7)	MAN-d (4)	FIN (4)
Social Science or History Teacher Education	EDU (42)	HS (10)	RETL (7)	PUB (7)	FIN (6)
Special Needs Education	EDU (70)	HS (11)	PUB (4)	RETL (3)	FIN (3)
Teacher Education: Multiple Levels	EDU (62)	HS (5)	MAN-nd (4)	RETL (4)	FIN (4)

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Industry Abbreviations:

Administrative Services = ADMN
 Agriculture = AG
 Arts = ARTS
 Construction = CON
 Education Services = EDU
 Financial Services = FIN
 Food Service = FS
 Health Services = HS
 Information = INFO
 Management Services = MGMT
 Manufacturing (durable) = MAN-d
 Manufacturing (non-durable) = MAN-nd

Mining = MNG
 Other Service = OS
 Professional Services = PROF
 Public Administration = PUB
 Real Estate = RE
 Retail Trade = RETL
 Sales = SALES
 Social Science = SS
 Transportation = TRAN
 Utilities = UTIL
 Wholesale Trade (durable) = WHLS-d
 Wholesale Trade (non-durable) = WHLS-nd