

Health

This group includes the following majors:

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- **Health and Medical Preparatory Programs**
- **Medical Assisting Services**
- **Medical Technologies Technicians**
- **Miscellaneous Health Medical Professions**
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- **Nutrition Sciences**
- **Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration**
- **Treatment Therapy Professions**

Health accounts for 6.9 percent of all majors. Median earnings for those with only a Bachelor's degree who majored in Health are \$60,000.¹ There is a significant gender imbalance in this major group (85 percent of people with these majors are women, 15 percent are men). However, women with these majors make about \$60,000, which is \$10,000 less than men. The racial makeup of these majors, on average, is 73 percent White, 13 percent Asian, 9 percent African-American, 5 percent Hispanic, and 1 percent Other Races.² Earnings for Whites (\$60,000), African-Americans (\$55,000), Hispanics (\$52,000), and Other Races (\$60,000) fall well below the \$70,000 in median wages earned by Asians.

The lowest-earning of these majors is Health and Medical Preparatory Programs, while the highest-earning is Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration. Earnings in Health as a whole vary widely, with the 25th percentile earning \$45,000 and the 75th percentile earning of \$80,000 — a difference of \$35,000.

About 31 percent of people with these majors obtain a graduate degree and, as a result, get an average earnings boost of 50 percent.

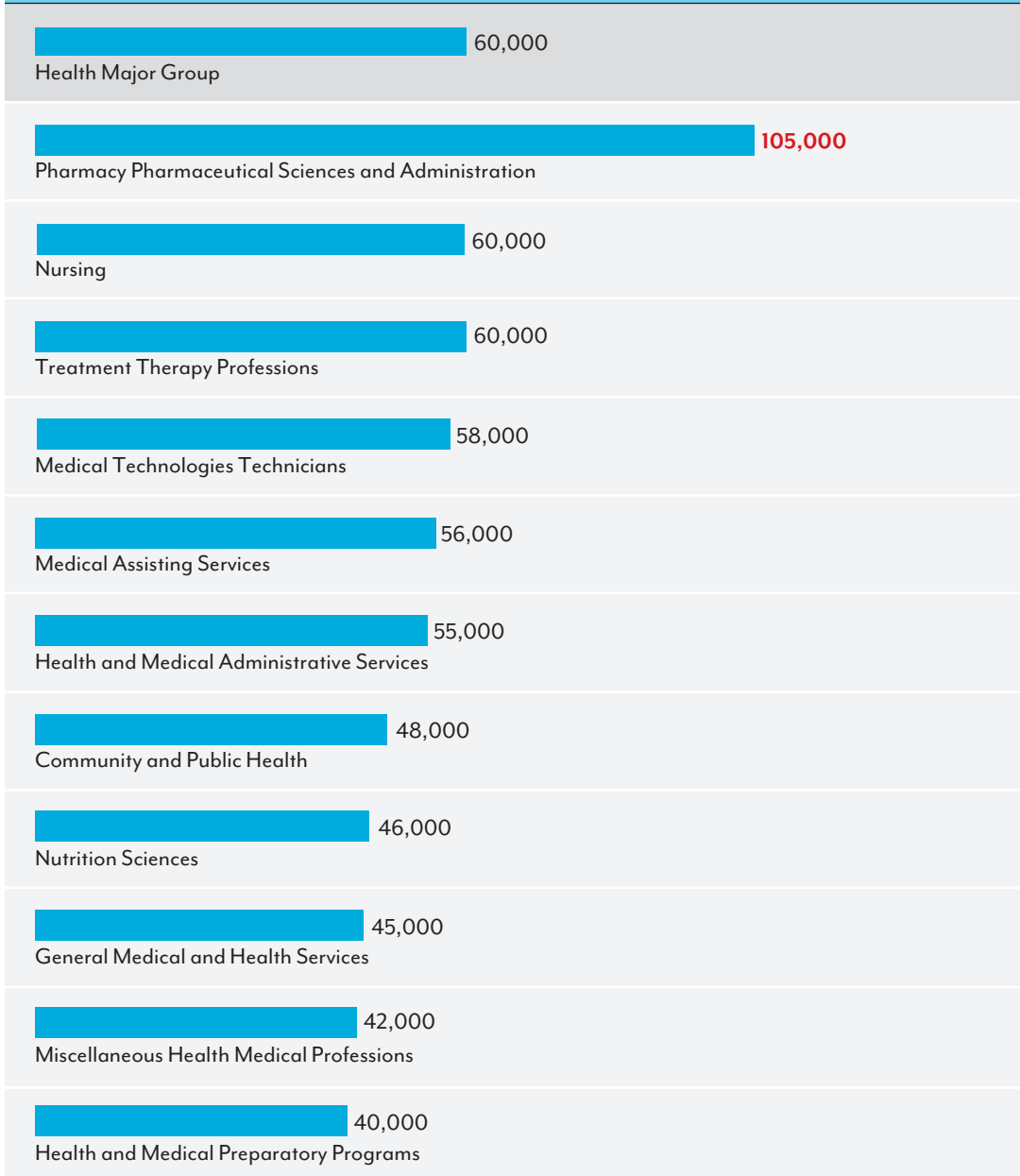
Of people who majored in Health, 69 percent work in Health Practice, 8 percent in Managerial, and 4 percent in Office occupations. By industry, 72 percent work in Health Services, 6 percent in Retail, and 4 percent in Education Services.

Of Health majors who are in the labor force and employed, 77 percent work full-time. About 2 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.

MEDIAN EARNINGS OF HEALTH MAJOR GROUP*



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POPULARITY OF MAJORS[†]

Total Bachelor's	2,320,732	44,552	92,271	81,759	18,844	54,919	144,531	59,842	1,396,379	66,457	133,981	227,197
% of Major Group	100	2	4	4	1	2	6	3	60	3	6	10

MEDIAN EARNINGS BY MAJOR*

Median earnings	60,000	48,000	45,000	55,000	40,000	56,000	58,000	42,000	60,000	46,000	105,000	60,000
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EARNINGS AT THE 25TH AND 75TH PERCENTILE*

Earnings at the 25th percentile	45,000	35,000	32,000	39,000	24,000	40,000	44,000	28,000	48,000	35,000	83,000	40,000
Earnings at the 75th percentile	80,000	71,000	67,000	77,000	71,000	78,000	72,000	57,000	80,000	67,000	120,000	80,000
Difference	35,000	36,000	35,000	38,000	47,000	38,000	28,000	29,000	32,000	32,000	37,000	40,000

PERCENT OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE

Did not obtain graduate degree (%)	69	60	63	68	21	78	73	60	76	63	52	64
Obtain graduate degree (%)	31	40	37	32	79	22	27	40	24	37	48	36

EARNINGS BOOST FROM OBTAINING A GRADUATE DEGREE

% Earnings Boost from Graduate Degree	50	58	76	40	190	66	46	57	43	42	13	20
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WORK STATUS*

Full-time (%)	77	78	76	88	70	52	81	76	77	74	81	71
Part-time (%)	23	22	24	12	30	48	19	24	23	26	19	29

PERCENT EMPLOYED**

Employed (%)	98	94	95	97	95	99	97	96	98	97	98	99
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[†] The ACS data are best used to discuss distributional characteristics of the underlying population. However, we also include the number of degree holders to provide the reader with an 'order of magnitude' sense of the number of people with this major.

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** Of people in the labor force.

GENDER

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GENDER COMPOSITION OF MAJORS												
Percent Female	85	70	76	77	55	96	79	85	92	89	52	77
Percent Male	15	30	24	23	45	4	21	15	8	11	48	23
EARNINGS BY GENDER*												
Female Median Earnings	60,000	42,000	45,000	51,000	•	55,000	55,000	41,000	60,000	45,000	100,000	58,000
Male Median Earnings	70,000	60,000	46,000	62,000	•	•	65,000	48,000	68,000	•	110,000	65,000
Difference	10,000	18,000	1,000	11,000	•	•	10,000	7,000	8,000	•	10,000	7,000

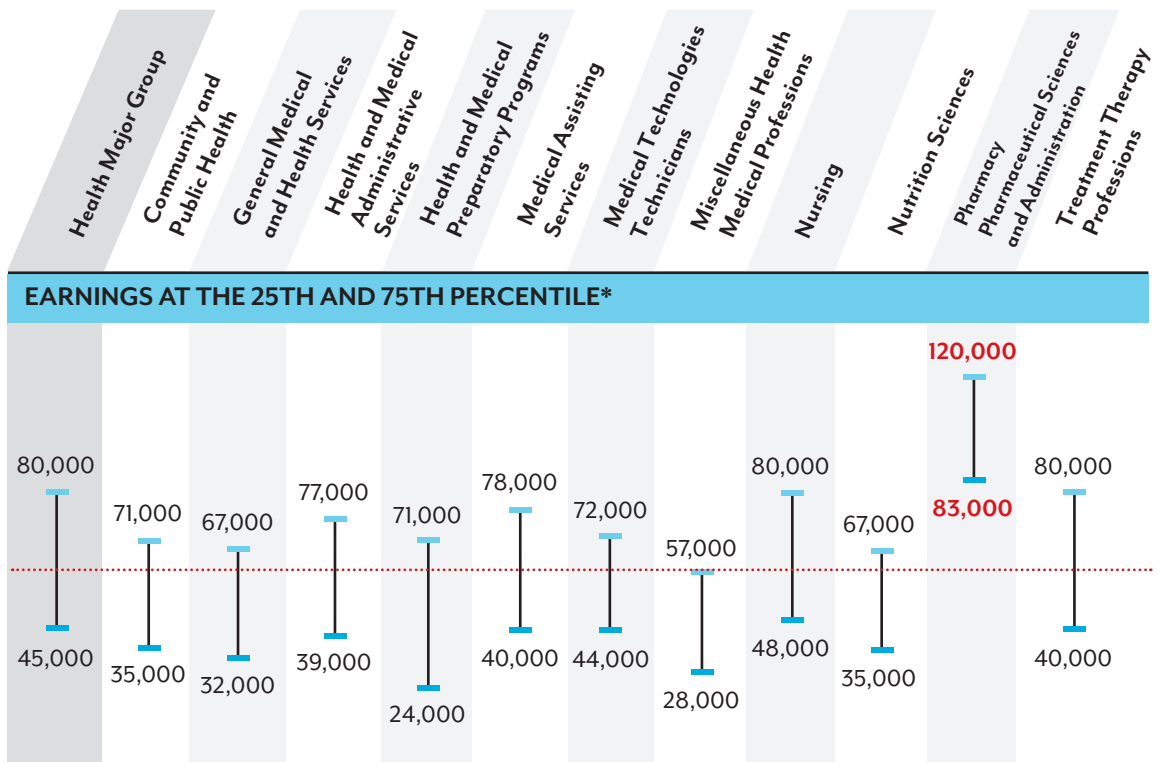
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• Sample size was too small to be statistically valid.

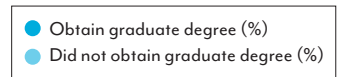
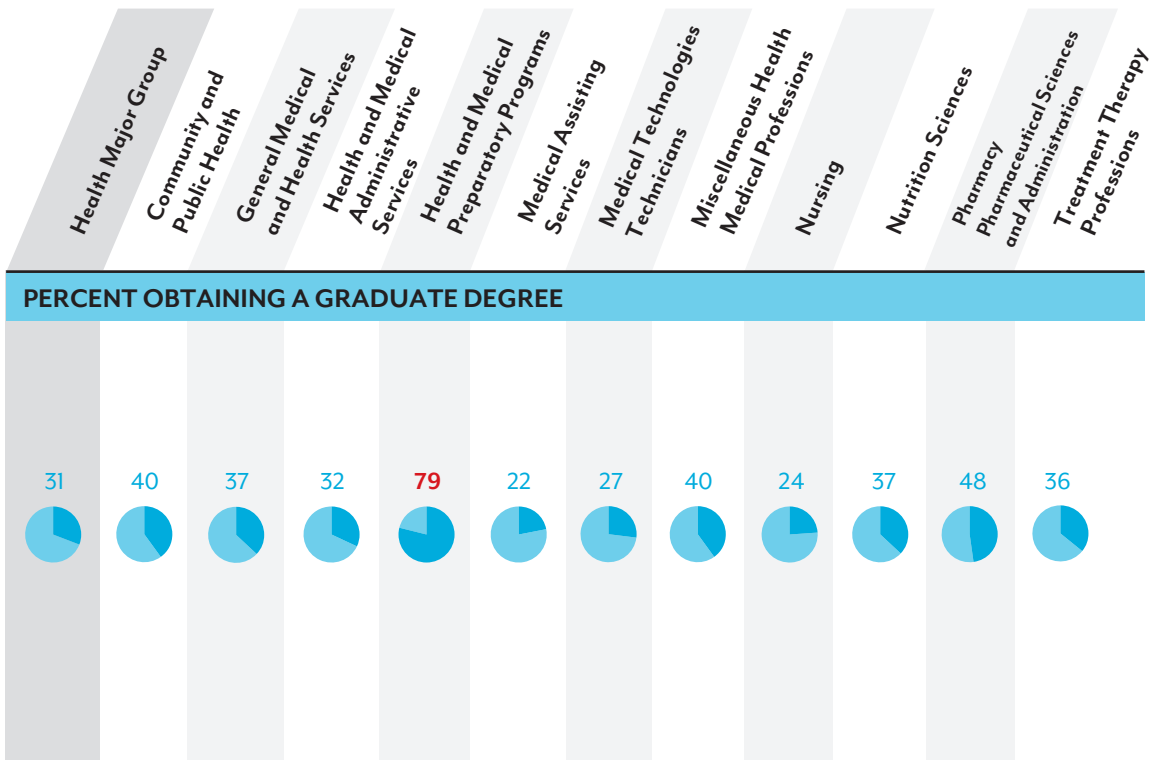
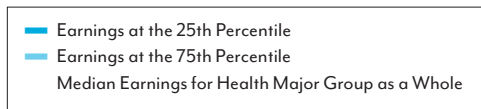
RACE AND ETHNICITY

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GENDER COMPOSITION OF MAJORS^Δ												
% White	73	73	71	71	65	83	72	77	73	72	71	80
% African- American	9	14	15	18	12	5	6	10	9	5	5	6
% Hispanic	5	4	7	6	8	5	4	7	5	7	4	5
% Asian	13	7	6	5	13	8	16	6	13	16	20	9
% Other Races and Ethnicities	1	1	1	1	2	<0.5	1	<0.5	1	<0.5	<0.5	<0.5

^Δ Due to rounding, these may not add to 100 percent.



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WHERE HEALTH MAJORS END UP BY OCCUPATION*

	1st Occupation (%)	2nd Occupation (%)	3rd Occupation (%)	4th Occupation (%)	5th Occupation (%)
Health Major Group	HLTH PROF (69)	MGMT (8)	OFF (4)	SALES (3)	HLTH SUP (3)
Community and Public Health	MGMT (20)	HLTH PROF (16)	OFF (12)	SALES (9)	BUS (6)
General Medical and Health Services	HLTH PROF (27)	MGMT (13)	OFF (12)	SALES (9)	EDU (8)
Health and Medical Administrative Services	MGMT (25)	OFF (22)	HLTH PROF (15)	BUS (10)	SALES (8)
Health and Medical Preparatory Programs	SALES (17)	MGMT (17)	OFF (12)	HLTH SUP (11)	HLTH PROF (10)
Medical Assisting Services	HLTH PROF (69)	OFF (8)	HLTH SUP (5)	MGMT (3)	BUS (3)
Medical Technologies Technicians	HLTH PROF (62)	MGMT (9)	LS (6)	HLTH SUP (4)	OFF (3)
Miscellaneous Health Medical Professions	HLTH PROF (22)	OFF (16)	COMM (15)	MGMT (13)	SALES (6)
Nursing	HLTH PROF (82)	MGMT (6)	HLTH SUP (2)	OFF (2)	SALES (2)
Nutrition Sciences	HLTH PROF (35)	MGMT (14)	OFF (13)	SALES (9)	EDU (5)
Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration	HLTH PROF (76)	SALES (7)	MGMT (5)	HLTH SUP (3)	OFF (2)
Treatment Therapy Professions	HLTH PROF (60)	MGMT (9)	OFF (5)	COMM (5)	HLTH SUP (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 HEALTH MAJORS END UP BY INDUSTRY*

	1st Industry (%)	2nd Industry (%)	3rd Industry (%)	4th Industry (%)	5th Industry (%)
Health Major Group	HS (72)	RETL (6)	EDU (4)	PUB (4)	FIN (3)
Community and Public Health	HS (34)	PUB (15)	EDU (12)	PROF (6)	FIN (5)
General Medical and Health Services	HS (47)	EDU (11)	FIN (8)	PUB (8)	RETL (4)
Health and Medical Administrative Services	HS (53)	PROF (7)	FIN (6)	PUB (6)	RETL (4)
Health and Medical Preparatory Programs	HS (25)	RETL (13)	FIN (13)	PUB (7)	MAN-d (6)
Medical Assisting Services	HS (77)	PROF (3)	EDU (3)	ARTS (3)	INFO (2)
Medical Technologies Technicians	HS (75)	PROF (5)	EDU (3)	MAN-nd (2)	MAN-d (2)
Miscellaneous Health Medical Professions	HS (34)	PUB (10)	EDU (9)	RETL (7)	FIN (7)
Nursing	HS (84)	EDU (3)	PUB (3)	FIN (2)	MAN-nd (1)
Nutrition Sciences	HS (40)	EDU (9)	FS (7)	PUB (7)	RETL (6)
Pharmacy Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration	RETL (58)	HS (27)	MAN-nd (3)	WHLS-d (2)	FS (2)
Treatment Therapy Professions	HS (69)	EDU (9)	PUB (3)	RETL (2)	FS (2)

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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