Hispanics: College Majors and Earnings

Prevalence of Hispanic Bachelor’s Degree Holders

- 22% of International Business Bachelor’s degree holders are Hispanic
  *the highest concentration

Top 10 Majors by Percentage of Hispanic Bachelor’s Degree Holders

1. International Business, 22%
2. Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, 19%
3. Industrial and Manufacturing Engineering, 17%
4. French, German, Latin and Other Common Foreign Language Studies, 16%
5. Biomedical Engineering, 15%
6. International Relations, 15%
7. Linguistics and Comparative Language and Literature, 14%
8. General Education, 12%
9. Human Services and Community Organization, 12%
10. Language and Drama Education, 12%

10 Highest-Earnings Majors for Hispanics

- Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences and Administration: $90,000
- Chemical Engineering: $75,000
- Electrical Engineering: $73,000
- Mechanical Engineering: $72,000
- Civil Engineering: $69,000
- Computer Engineering: $67,000
- Information Sciences: $67,000
- Computer Science: $67,000
- Management Information Systems and Statistics: $67,000
- Industrial Production Technologies: $65,000

The highest median earnings for Hispanics, by major, are in Engineering fields. After engineering, the industries with the highest median earnings for Hispanics are Computers, Statistics, and Mathematics, Health, and Business.

10 Lowest-Earnings Majors for Hispanics

- Early Childhood Education: $35,000
- Drama and Theater Arts: $37,000
- Theology and Religious Vocations: $38,000
- Social Work: $40,000
- General Education: $41,000
- Miscellaneous Industrial Arts and Consumer Services: $41,000
- General Agriculture: $41,000
- Miscellaneous Biology: $41,000
- Biomedical Engineering: $43,000
- International Relations: $43,000

The occupations with the lowest median earnings are Education, Psychology and Social Work, and the Arts. Majors play a large part in earnings, with salaries in STEM fields often 60% more than the median earnings in Education and Liberal Arts and Humanities.

Bachelor’s degree holder refers to adults between the ages of 21 and 59 with a Bachelor’s degree but no graduate degree. Earnings data are reported for workers employed full-time, full-year. Source: Georgetown University Center on Education and the Workforce analysis of U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey micro data, 2009-2013.

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