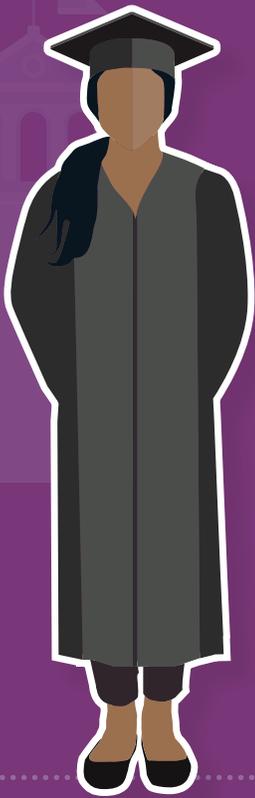


African Americans

College Majors and Earnings



Prevalence of African American Bachelor's Degree Holders



African Americans tend to be overrepresented in low-earning majors

Top 10 Majors by Percentage of African American Bachelor's Degree Holders

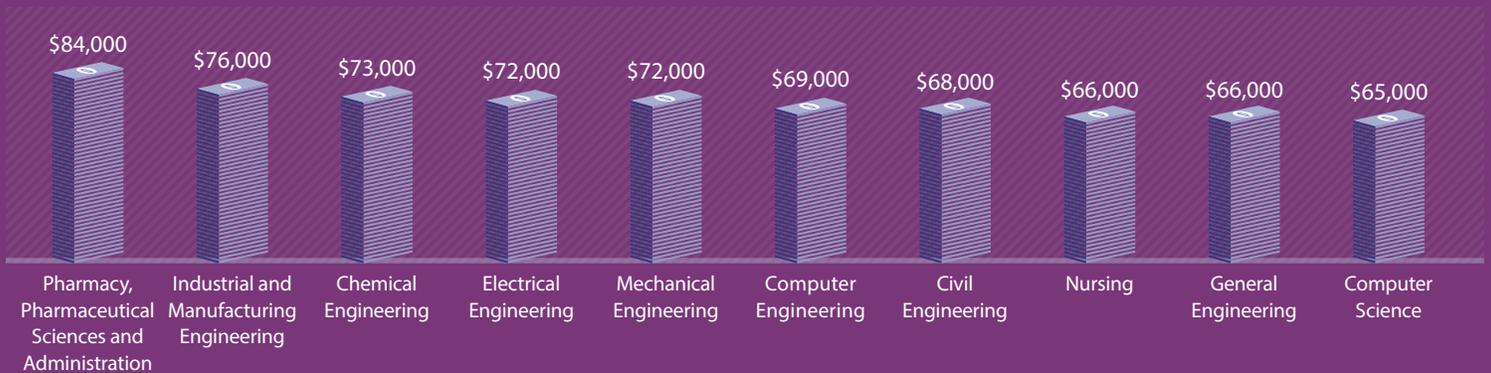
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| 1 – Health and Medical Administration Services, 21% | 6 – Sociology, 14% |
| 2 – Human Services and Community Organization, 20% | 7 – Computer and Information Systems, 14% |
| 3 – Social Work, 19% | 8 – Human Resources and Personnel Management, 14% |
| 4 – Public Administration, 17% | 9 – Interdisciplinary Social Sciences, 13% |
| 5 – Criminal Justice and Fire Protection, 15% | 10 – Pre-Law and Legal Studies, 13% |



10 Highest-Earnings Majors for African Americans



African Americans who majored in **pharmacy and pharmaceutical sciences and administration** have the highest median earnings at **\$84,000**.



10 Lowest-Earnings Majors for African Americans



Most of the majors on the list of lowest median earnings for African Americans with Bachelor's degrees tend to be part of "intellectual and caring professions"—that is, highly-educated workers whose earnings tend not to reflect their years of higher education.



Bachelor's degree holders 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, 2010-2014.

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