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2023-2024 MEDIAN EARNINGS FOUR YEARS AFTER GRADUATION FROM UNLV & UNR

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PURPOSE:

This fact sheet presents data from *The HEA Group* examining 2023-2024 median earnings four years after graduating with a bachelor's degree from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV) and the University of Nevada, Reno (UNR). Median earnings are presented for the following undergraduate areas of study: business; hospitality; fine arts; education; engineering; medical; sciences and mathematics; and social sciences and humanities.

ABOUT THE DATA:

*The HEA Group*¹ is a research and consulting agency well known for its public policy research on higher education. *The HEA Group* analyzed data on median earnings for undergraduates released on April 25, 2023, by the U.S. Department of Education's College Scorecard.² The College Scorecard is a reliable source of information on college costs as well as post-graduation earnings. The U.S. Department of Education gathers data based on federal financial aid, federal reporting from institutions, and tax information.³

Post-graduation earning potential is a significant factor for students choosing a university and field of study. The undergraduate programs highlighted show the financial return of a bachelor's degree four years after graduation from both UNLV and UNR. It is important to note that the outcome for the earnings is focused on the undergraduate level and only includes data from students who received federal financial aid.

KEY TAKEAWAYS:

1. Median earnings four years after graduating with a bachelor's degree are provided for a total of 37 degree programs at UNLV. Median earnings four years after graduating with a bachelor's degree are provided for a total of 42 degree programs at UNR. A total of 21 degree programs are reported from both UNLV and UNR in the original dataset.
2. The degree program with the highest median earnings four years after graduation from UNLV is Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Researching, and Clinical Nursing (\$86,618 annually).
3. The degree program with the lowest median earnings four years after graduation from UNLV is Anthropology (\$31,316 annually).
4. The degree program with the highest median earnings four years after graduation from UNR is Computer Engineering (\$90,442 annually).
5. The degree program with the lowest median earnings four years after graduation from UNR is Wildlife and Wildlands Science and Management (\$31,366 annually).

Table 1 displays median earnings four years after graduation from various degree programs offered at UNLV and UNR. Universities without data in a particular field of study are denoted by (-), meaning that the school does not provide the area of study, or the data were not included in the original *HEA Group* report. If both UNLV and UNR provided the same major, such as "Accounting and Related Services," the university with the larger median earnings is highlighted in green.

¹ The HEA Group. Retrieved from www.theheagroup.com/.

² The HEA Group, "Which College Majors are Worth it?". Retrieved from www.theheagroup.com/blog/college-majors-worth-it

³ U.S. Department of Education, *Technical Documentation: College Scorecard Institution-Level Data*. Retrieved from: collegescorecard.ed.gov/assets/InstitutionDataDocumentation.pdf

Table 1: 2023-2024 Median Earnings After Graduation from UNLV & UNR

Field of Study	UNLV	UNR
BUSINESS		
Accounting and Related Services	\$64,940	\$69,116
Business Administration, Management and Operations	\$47,689	\$54,341
Business/Commerce, General	-	\$52,731
Business/Managerial Economics	-	\$68,299
Economics	\$75,591	-
Finance and Financial Management Services	\$59,033	\$67,089
International Business	\$53,768	\$54,544
Marketing	\$50,964	\$55,352
HOSPITALITY		
Hospitality Administration/Management	\$43,694	-
EDUCATION		
Education, Other	-	\$45,164
Human Development, Family Studies, and Related Services	-	\$42,343
Human Services, General	\$40,084	-
Special Education and Teaching	\$51,927	-
Teacher Education and Professional Development	\$49,452	\$47,924
ENGINEERING		
Civil Engineering	\$77,851	\$72,038
Computer Engineering	-	\$90,442
Electrical/Electronic/Communications Engineering	\$85,293	\$84,156
Geological/ Geophysical Engineering	-	\$63,135
Mechanical Engineering	\$77,106	\$77,239
Mining and Mineral Engineering	-	\$84,596
FINE ARTS		
Architecture	\$48,826	-
Film/Video and Photographic Arts	\$31,499	-
Fine and Studio Arts	\$38,157	\$33,394
Music	\$37,043	\$39,528
MEDICAL		
Allied Health, Intervention, and Treatment Professions	\$64,274	-
Communication Disorders Sciences and Services	-	\$56,341
Health and Medical Administrative Services	\$48,322	-
Health and Physical Education/Fitness	\$37,713	-
Health Services/ Allied Health/ Health Sciences, General	-	\$50,108
Registered Nursing, Nursing Administration, Nursing Researching, and Clinical Nursing	\$86,618	\$80,458
SCIENCES & MATHEMATICS		
Biology, General	\$52,145	\$48,891
Biochemistry, Biophysics, and Molecular Biology	-	\$45,017
Computer and Information Sciences, General	-	\$61,782
Computer Science	\$80,278	-
Geological and Earth Sciences/Geosciences	\$46,104	-
Mathematics	-	\$66,313
Natural Resources Conservation and Research	-	\$46,534
Neurobiology and Neurosciences	-	\$47,147
Nutrition Sciences	-	\$39,738
Wildlife and Wildlands Science and Management	-	\$31,366
SOCIAL SCIENCES & HUMANITIES		
Anthropology	\$31,316	\$35,254
Communication and Media Studies	\$46,265	\$47,210
Criminal Justice and Corrections	\$49,557	-
Criminology	-	\$52,013
English Language and Literature, General	\$38,556	\$36,936
History	-	\$39,351
International Relations and National Security Studies	-	\$48,897
Journalism	-	\$48,589
Liberal Arts and Sciences, General Studies, and Humanities	-	\$44,253
Multi/Interdisciplinary Studies, Other	\$48,810	-
Philosophy	\$37,590	-
Political Science and Government	\$56,354	\$49,053
Psychology, General	\$36,582	\$42,799
Public Administration	\$52,703	-
Romance Languages, Literatures, and Linguistics	\$39,485	\$41,750
Social Sciences, General	\$53,941	-
Social Work	\$55,652	\$63,320
Sociology	\$39,834	\$37,028

*Adapted from "Which College Majors are Worth it?" The HEA Group. www.theheagroup.com/blog/college-majors-worth-it