

The Graduate Earnings Cheat-Sheet

What graduates actually earn, by subject,
1, 3 and 5 years after graduating

UK median earnings · DfE Longitudinal Education Outcomes (LEO), 2022/23 release

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Median earnings by subject

Sorted by 5-year earnings, highest first

Subject	1 yr	3 yr	5 yr
Medicine and dentistry	£40,500	£49,600	£53,300
Economics	£29,600	£37,200	£50,000
Mathematical sciences	£28,100	£34,700	£41,200
Engineering	£30,300	£35,400	£41,200
Physics and astronomy	£28,500	£34,700	£40,500
Veterinary sciences	£33,200	£37,600	£40,500
Pharmacology, toxicology and pharmacy	£27,900	£34,300	£39,100
Computing	£28,500	£32,800	£38,300
Medical sciences	£26,300	£34,700	£38,300
Architecture, building and planning	£28,500	£34,300	£36,500
Chemistry	£26,300	£31,000	£35,400
Politics	£25,200	£29,600	£35,000
Nursing and midwifery	£31,400	£33,600	£34,300
Languages and area studies	£24,800	£28,800	£33,600
Geography, earth and environmental studies	£24,500	£28,500	£33,200
Business and management	£25,200	£28,500	£33,200
Law	£23,000	£27,000	£32,500
Allied health	£26,300	£30,700	£32,500
Philosophy and religious studies	£23,400	£27,700	£31,800
Materials and technology	£25,900	£29,200	£31,800
Biosciences	£23,000	£27,000	£31,000
History and archaeology	£22,600	£26,600	£31,000
Celtic studies	£23,000	£27,000	£29,200
English studies	£21,500	£25,600	£28,800
General, applied and forensic sciences	£22,600	£25,900	£28,800
Combined and general studies	£24,100	£27,000	£28,800
Health and social care	£24,100	£27,400	£28,500
Sport and exercise sciences	£20,800	£25,200	£28,500
Education and teaching	£24,500	£26,300	£28,100
Sociology, social policy and anthropology	£21,900	£25,600	£28,100
Psychology	£21,500	£25,200	£28,100
Agriculture, food and related studies	£22,300	£25,600	£27,700
Media, journalism and communications	£21,200	£24,500	£27,400
Creative arts and design	£20,400	£23,000	£25,600
Performing arts	£18,300	£21,900	£24,800

Raw UK medians for graduates in sustained employment (~2016/17 cohort for the 5-yr figure). Earnings reflect which industries a subject feeds into and where graduates work, not course quality. Source: DfE LEO 2022/23. @EduStrategyCaroline

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