

What do humanities graduates do?

Number of humanities graduates

32,720 graduates – down 5.4% since 2012/13.

Gender

All subjects

- Female – 58%
- Male – 42%

Humanities graduates

- Female – 64%
- Male – 36%

Graduates in employment

- All graduates: 74.3%
- Business and administrative studies: 79.1%
- Creative arts: 79.9%
- Humanities: 63.7%
- Science: 61.6%
- Social sciences: 64.4%
- Technology, engineering, and maths: 75.5%

Top five job groups

1. Retail, catering, and bar staff
2. Marketing, PR, and sales
3. Business, HR, and finance
4. Numerical, clerical, and secretarial work

5. Education professionals

Average starting salaries

- All degree subjects: £22,399
- English graduates: £16,600 to £21,700
- History graduates: £17,000 to £23,800
- Languages graduates: £18,000 to £22,000
- Philosophy graduates: £17,300 to £25,000

Unemployment rate

All graduates

- 2013/14 – 6.6%
- 2014/15 – 6.3%
- 2015/16 – 5.3%
- 2016/17 – 5.1%

Humanities graduates

- 2013/14 – 6.6%
- 2014/15 – 6.2%
- 2015/16 – 6.0%
- 2016/17 – 5.7%

Graduates in further study

- All graduates: 16.1%
- Business and administrative studies: 9.8%
- Creative arts: 10.0%
- Humanities: 24.7%
- Science: 28.5%
- Social sciences: 25.4%
- Technology, engineering, and maths: 13.3%

Source: HESA *Destinations of Leavers from Higher Education (DLHE)* surveys 2013/14 – 2016/17, taken six months after graduation from UK universities