Alumni Earnings Compared to Annual Debt Payment Ratio

- **Average Annual Earnings First Ten Years After Completion**
- **Average Total Loans upon Earning a Degree**
- **Estimated Annual Repayment**

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Reported annual earnings of CU graduates (early career - first ten years after graduation) compared to average CU student loan debt. This comparison is one way to illustrate whether a CU degree has value.

- **Average Total Loans from CDHE SURDS, federal and other loans, excluding PLUS (FY 2022)**
- **Annual Loan Payment based on average loan from CDHE SURDS (FY 2022) & standard 10-year repayment at 4.0%**

Sources: Avg loans from CDHE. Average Age-Adjusted Estimated Annual Earnings based analysis for CU System Alum from FY 2012 - FY 2021, bachelor degree recipients employed in field of study, (excludes graduate degrees and those pursuing additional education)
CU Alumni Earnings by Area of Study

History: $82,791
Philosophy & Religious Studies: $77,848
Interdisciplinary Studies: $76,708
Social Sciences: $75,723
Engineering: $75,169
Computer Sciences: $75,010
Mathematics & Statistics: $72,070
Psychology: $70,742
Physical Sciences: $68,768
Biological & Biomedical: $67,377
Health Professions: $66,655
Business: $65,667
Natural Resources: $64,867
Architecture: $59,571
Communication: $59,307
Law Enforcement: $50,812
Foreign Languages: $43,835
Visual & Performing Arts: $42,727
English: $42,047

Average Annual Earnings of CU Bachelor Degree Recipients

Estimated 2022 Annual Earnings of CU Bachelor Recipients between 2011-2021, based Bureau of Labor Statistics wage data adjusted for degree level, age, and county of employment.

Excludes alumni currently enrolled in graduate level enrollment or having received an additional degree after graduating from CU.

Sources: Average Estimated Annual Earnings based on Dec 2022 Lightcast analysis for CU System Bachelor Degree Recipients from 2011-2021 employed in field of study by 2-digit CIP Code, (excludes graduate enrollment & non-CU degrees). Prepared by CU System Institutional Research (ir@cu.edu) 2023.06
More education leads to better prospects for earnings and employment

According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), earnings increase and unemployment decreases as educational attainment rises. Grouping workers by education level, the chart shows that those with more education have higher earnings and lower rates of unemployment than those with less education.

Source: https://www.bls.gov/careeroutlook/2016/data-on-display/education-matters.htm