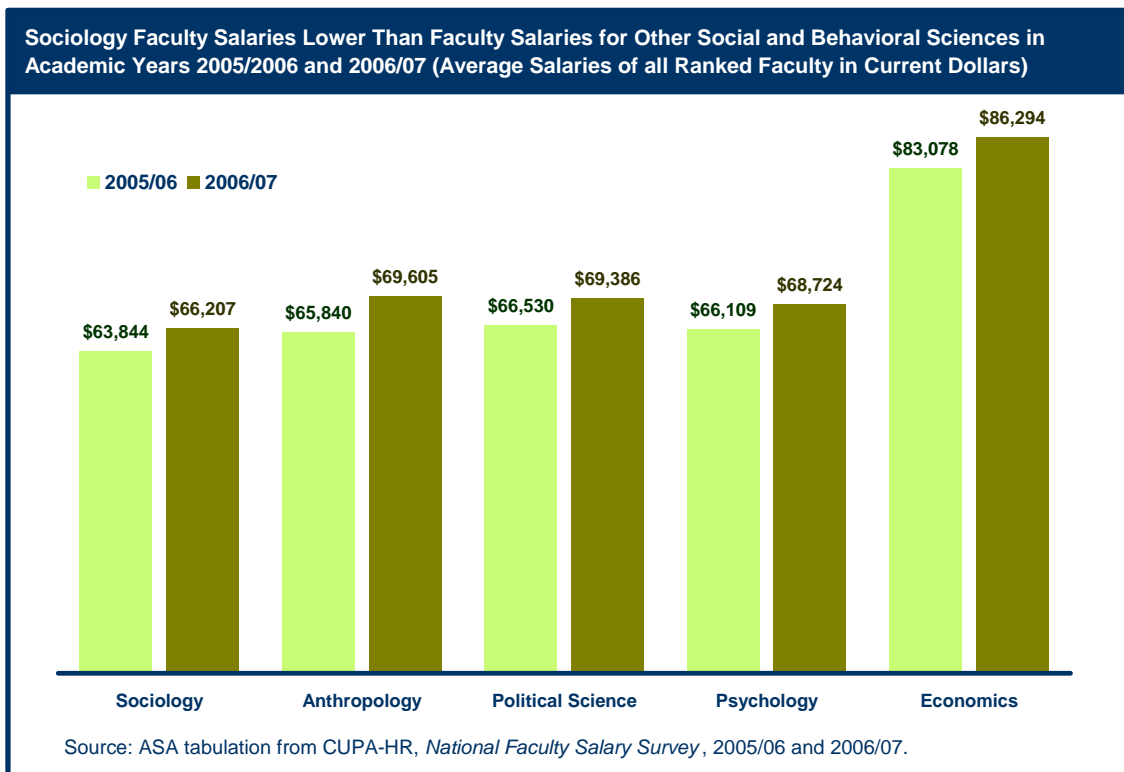


In AY 2006/2007, the average salary of sociology faculty was \$66,207 compared to the average salary for anthropologists, political scientists, and psychologists that ranged around \$69,000. Economists had the highest average salaries at \$86,294. The relatively low salaries of sociologists can be explained partly by variation in the age composition of the five disciplines. Despite these differences, sociologists appear to be underpaid.

Since AY 2000/2001, the average sociology faculty salary increased by almost \$10,000, or 16 percent, in current dollars (not controlling for inflation). When salaries are controlled for inflation, there was an actual decrease of \$114 dollars during this period. Sociology saw an above inflation salary increase between AY 2005/2006 and AY 2006/2007. Despite this latest increase, sociology professors lost buying power in three of the last seven academic years and had salary increases that just kept up with inflation (.10 and .11 percent above the CPI) in two years. Aside from the 1.2 percent increase in AY 2006/2007, the only other year with an above inflation increase for all ranks of sociology faculty was AY 2001/2002.



For more details of salary trends for sociology faculty, see our current salary research [brief](#).²

² Available at <http://www.asanet.org/galleries/Research/SalaryRschBrief51807.pdf>.