Adjusted Salaries in Sociology Relatively Flat Over the Past Ten Years

Sociology faculty salaries at each rank have steadily increased over the course of the past ten years, as shown in the figure on the left. When adjusted for inflation, however, they have remained relatively flat with only a slight increase in the past year. Salaries of full professors increased above inflation between 2011-12 and 2016-17, but have declined by 3.5% since then. Adjusted earnings of full professors are 2.5% less than they were ten years ago, and associate and assistant professors’ earnings have remained essentially the same (less than 1% decrease).

Mean Salary for Sociology Faculty by Rank

Note: Full-time faculty at 4-year institutions
Source: College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR). Faculty in Higher Education Survey, 2009-2020. Analysis by ASA.

*calculated using the 2019 Consumer Price Index.