How do Sociology Faculty Salaries Compare to Other Social Sciences?

Over the past 10 years, faculty salaries in sociology, anthropology, and political science have been comparable, while economics salaries have remained consistently higher, according to data collected by CUPA-HR, the association for Human Resources professionals in higher education.

Adjusting for inflation, the data show that after several years of decline, average salaries across the disciplines saw a slight rebound between AY 2018-19 and 2019-20. Salaries in sociology increased by 1% to $85,072, virtually making up for the loss experienced from the previous year. Economics’ salaries experienced the most growth, but only by 1.75%.

*Adjusted dollars were calculated using the 2019 Consumer Price Index.

Notes: Average salary of full-time assistant, associate, and full professors at 4-year institutions; data series labels included sociology only.

Source: College and University Professional Association for Human Resources (CUPA-HR). Faculty in Higher Education Survey, 2009-2020. Analysis by ASA.