Starting Sociology Salaries Recently Trend Higher at Public Institutions

Notes: Includes full-time new assistant professors at 4-year institutions; adjusted dollars were calculated using the 2019 Consumer Price Index.

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

Average salaries for sociology faculty at public institutions have surpassed salaries at private institutions during the past two years after adjusting for inflation, shifting the long-term trend of higher salaries at private institutions. Starting salaries (shown above) have followed the same trend. In the past five years, starting salaries at public institutions hovered just below those at private institutions until 2017-18. In 2018-19, adjusted starting salaries at public institutions were nearly $3,200 more than at private institutions and about $1,600 more the following year.