When looking at sociology faculty salaries in actual (or current) dollars they appear to have steadily risen over the past 10 years. Have these increases been enough to keep up with inflation? The dotted lines in the figures below represent inflation-adjusted dollars and demonstrate that salaries have mostly kept up with inflation from year to year. Over the entire period examined there has been a slight increase. Assistant professors’ inflation adjusted salaries increased by 1.9 percent, associate professors saw a 1.3 percent increase, and full professors’ salaries increased by 1.5 percent.

**Mean Salary for Sociology Faculty in U.S. Dollars (Adjusted Dollars . . . Current Dollars —)**

**Notes:** Full-time faculty in 4-year institutions; ‘Adjusted Dollars’ were calculated using the 2016 Consumer Price Index. 
Source: College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. *Faculty in Higher Education Salary Survey for Four-Year Colleges and Universities* (formerly the National Faculty Salary Survey), 2003-2017. Analysis by ASA.