

CAREERS FOR

Art History

MAJORS

As an undergraduate with a degree in art history, you are equipped with a significant amount of highly valuable skills, including creativity, keen attention to visual detail, aesthetic appreciation, adaptability, communication (oral and written), critical thinking, research skills, as well as interpretation and organizational skills. Exactly how these translate into the world of work can be quite unique and individualized.

[UNM's College of Fine Arts](#) allows students to explore arts cultural and intellectual effect on civilization. A bachelor's degree is the minimum formal education required and further advancement often requires a graduate degree. Art history majors build a vast amount of skills that are appealing to many industries in and outside of the world of art. As an undergraduate, gaining experience through internships, part-time work, or volunteering in a field of interest is crucial. Students are encouraged to [speak with a College of Fine Arts academic advisor](#) to discuss the requirements for an Art History major.

Industries & Occupations

Employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult UNM Career Services' premier job and internship platform, [Handshake](#), for a list of organizations, recruiters, and current job postings. Speak with a Career Development Facilitator for help with identifying employers or additional resources for Art History majors.

Below are job titles and relevant career fields to pursue with a degree in Art History:

Appraisers/ Archivist/ Art administrator/ Art council director/ Art dealers/ Art galleries/ Art librarian/ Art therapist (requires advanced degree) / Arts programmer (TV/radio)/ Arts reporter/ Arts writer/ Auction houses/ Antique dealers/ Arts management/ Book or Journal Editor/ Colleges/ Community organizations/ Corporations/ Cultural events planner/ Educational institutions/ Exhibit designer/ Exhibition specialist/ Federal parks/ Fundraising organizations/ Gallery director/ Government agencies/ Grant writer/ Grant specialist/ Historical societies/ Interior design firms/ Layout editor/ Magazines/ Museum curator/ Newspapers/ Public relations specialist/ Publishing firms/ Registrar of historic places/ Research organizations (may require advanced degree)/ Restoration firms/ State parks/ Universities/ Volunteer coordinator

Top Companies

There are many options available for Art History majors to pursue. Below are some potential areas for exploration:

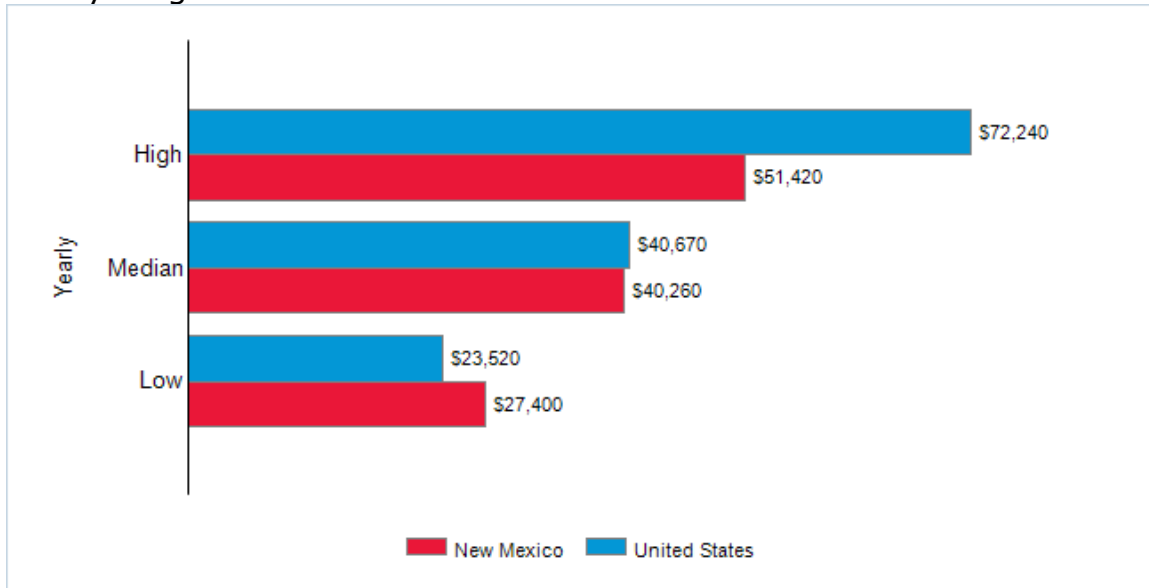
- [The University of New Mexico](#)
- [Local and Federal Government](#)

- [Non-Profit Sector](#)
- [Public Libraries](#)
- [Meow Wolf](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs](#)

Salary Information

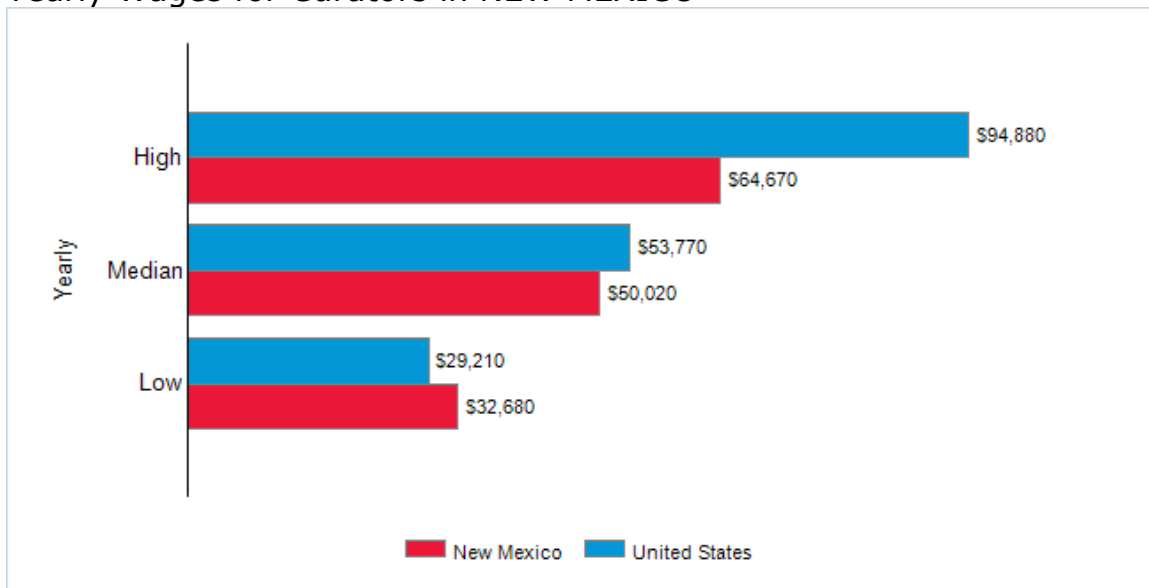
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Yearly Wages for Museum Technicians and Conservators in NEW MEXICO



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Yearly Wages for Curators in NEW MEXICO



Tips

- Given the amount of employment opportunities available for Art History majors to pursue, it is important to explore how you would like to use your degree after you graduate. Gaining exposure to potential careers through informational interviews, job shadowing, and networking can help narrow down options.
- Did you know the Federal Bureau of Investigation has an [Art Crime Team](#)? Art Law and Law Enforcement are other areas for Art History majors to explore!

Learn More

[UNM College of Fine Arts](#)

[Handshake](#)

[UNM Student Activities Center](#)

[Buzzfile – Employers by Majors in New Mexico](#)

[Onet – Museum Technicians and Conservators](#)

[Onet - Curators](#)

[Occupational Outlook Handbook – Archivists, Curators, and Museum Workers](#)

[The Association of Art Museum Curators](#)

[Fine Art New Mexico](#)

[Association of Historians of American Art](#)

[College Art Association](#)

[Museum Computer Network](#)

[American Alliance of Museums](#)

[American Association for State and Local History](#)

[American Institute for Conservation](#)

[International Council of Museums](#)

[International Institute for Conservation of Historic and Artistic Works](#)

[National Association of Museum Exhibition](#)

[Society of American Archivists](#)

[Federal Bureau of Investigation – Art Crime Team](#)

[Las Angeles Police Department – Art Theft Detail](#)

[U.S. Department of State – Cultural Heritage Program](#)

[Interpol's Stolen Works of Art](#)