

CAREERS FOR

Art Studio

MAJORS

Art provokes thought, invokes emotion, and is a glimpse into how an artist perceives the world. Art allows us to creatively express ourselves and connect to others. [UNM's College of Fine Arts](#) offers students the perfect canvas – The Land of Enchantment. Regardless of medium, New Mexico is an artist's cornucopia. [The Department of Art](#) offers seven different concentration areas: [Art and Ecology](#), [Printmaking](#), [Photography](#), [Experimental Art and Technology](#), [Ceramics](#), [Painting and Drawing](#), and [Sculpture](#). Students are encouraged to [speak with a College of Fine Arts academic advisor](#) to discuss the differences between concentrations. as well as a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

[Bachelor of Arts \(BA\) in Art Studio](#)

[Bachelor of Fine Arts \(BFA\) in Art Studio](#)

The BA degree will allow students to study art studio in a liberal arts setting and integrate their interests in other university areas. The BFA degree is slated towards more demanding and rigorous coursework in a student's chosen concentration and less integration of outside department coursework. Again, students are encouraged to [speak with a College of Fine Arts academic advisor](#) to discuss the differences a Bachelor of Arts and a Bachelor of Fine Arts.

Industries & Potential Job Titles

Employers specifically recruit UNM students and alumni. Consult Career Services' [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 Studio majors.

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| Appraiser | Arts writer | Graphic artist |
| Archivist | Antique dealers | Interior designer |
| Art administrator | Arts manager | Layout editor |
| Art council director | Book or Journal Editor | Museum curator |
| Art dealer | Cultural events planner | Public relations specialist |
| Artist | Docent | Registrar of historic places |
| Art librarian | Exhibit designer | |
| Art teacher* | Exhibition specialist | |
| Art therapist* | Gallery director | |
| Arts programmer (TV/radio) | Government agencies | Volunteer coordinator |
| Arts reporter | Grant writer | |
| | Grant specialist | |
- *requires state licensure and/or advanced graduate degree

Target Employers

Art Museums – Art Galleries -- Commercial Art – K-12 Education (may require state teaching licensure) -- Higher Education-- Art Therapy (requires advanced degree) – Media -- Photography -- Art Sales -- Fashion Textile -- Interior Design

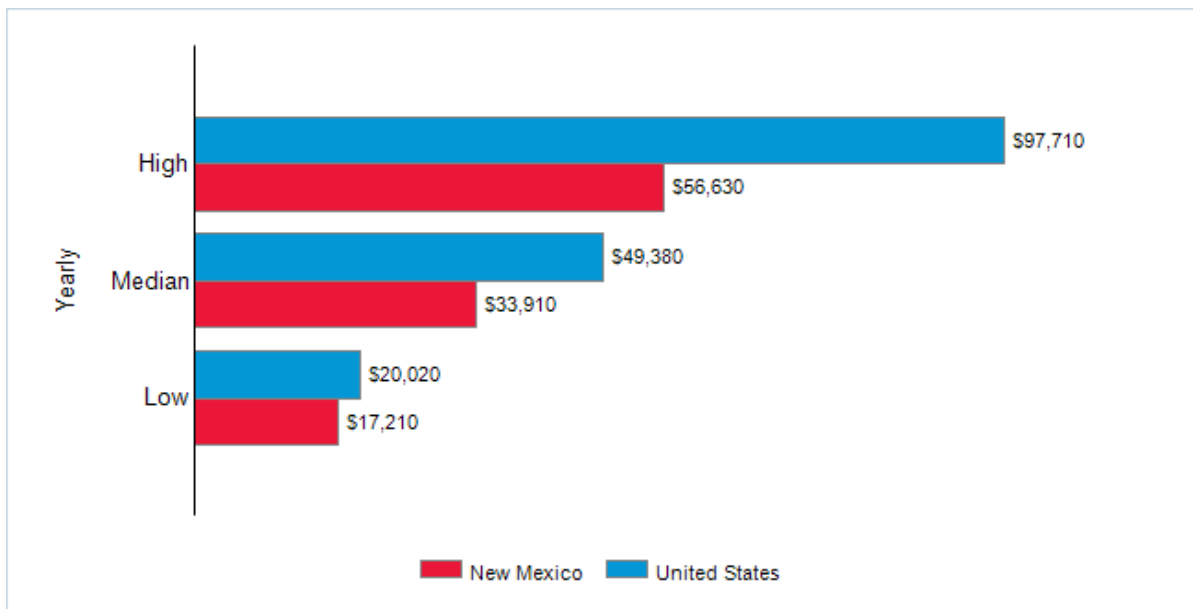
Top Companies

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

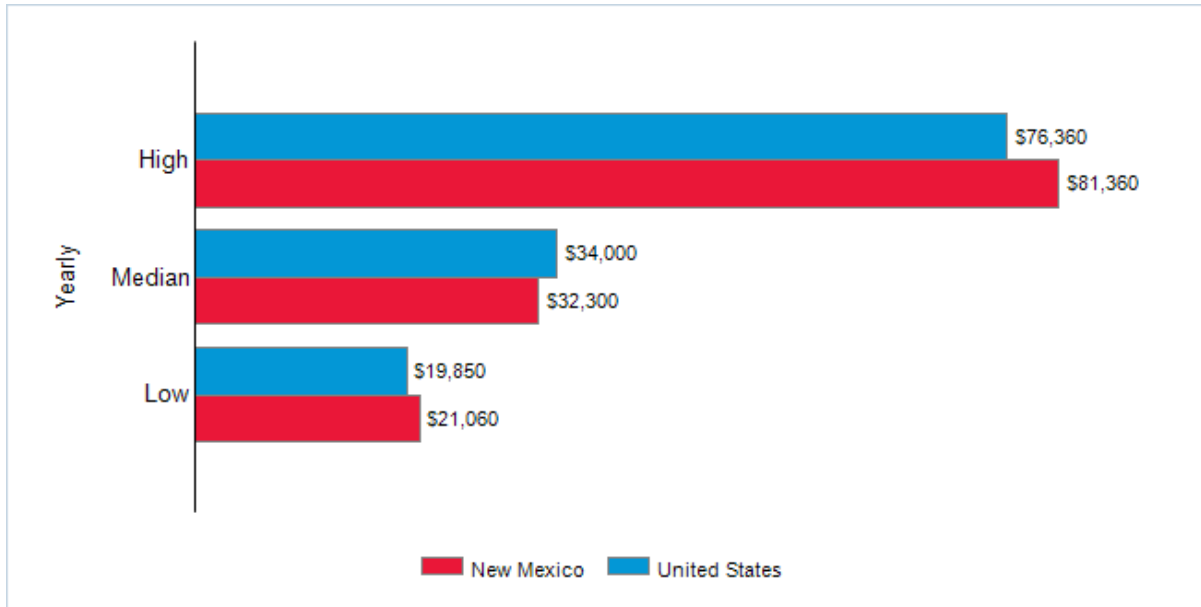
- [Meow Wolf](#)
- [The University of New Mexico](#)
- [Albuquerque Public Schools](#)
- [Central New Mexico Community College](#)
- [Local and Federal Government](#)
- [Non-Profit Sector](#)
- [Public Libraries](#)

Salary Information

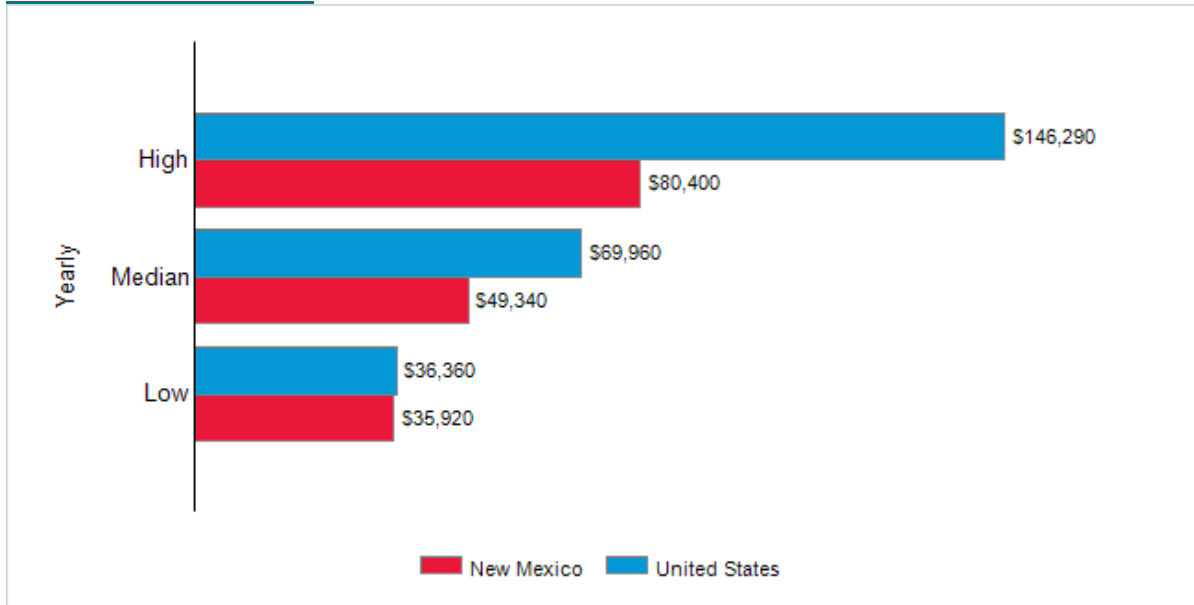
Yearly Wages for Fine Artists, Including Painters, Sculptors, & Illustrators in NM:
[CAREER ONE STOP](#)



Yearly Wages for Photographers in NM: [CAREER ONE STOP](#)

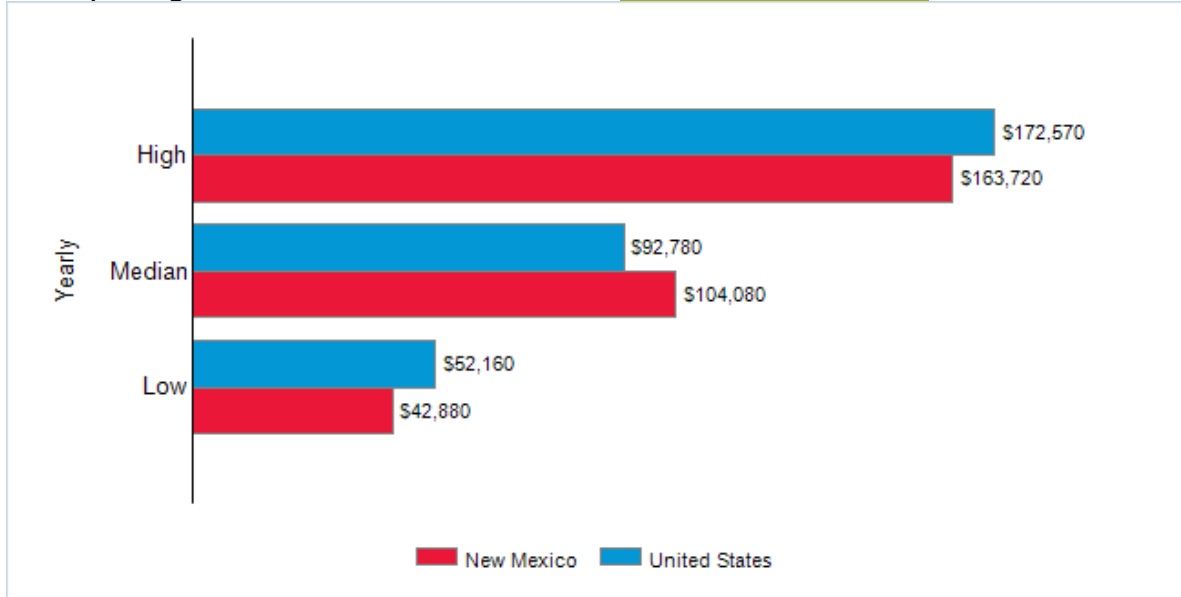


Yearly Wages for Art, Drama, and Music Teachers Postsecondary* in NM: [CAREER ONE STOP](#)



*requires state licensure

Yearly Wages for Art Directors in NM: [CAREER ONE STOP](#)



Tips and Facts

- The majority ([68%](#)) of photographers are self-employed.
- Having a digital portfolio is important. Artists can use websites to display their work and can make pages private to control what is shared.

Learn More

- [UNM College of Fine Arts Handshake](#)
- [UNM Student Activities Center Buzzfile – Employers by Majors in New Mexico](#)
- [Occupational Outlook Handbook – Photographers](#)
- [Onet – Fine Artists](#)
- [Onet – Art Therapists](#)
- [Onet – Art Teachers](#)
- [Onet – Art Directors](#)
- [AIGA – The Professional Association for Design](#)
- [Promax](#)
- [The One Club for Creativity](#)
- [American Craft Council](#)
- [Glass Art Society](#)
- [The National Association of Independent Artists](#)
- [National Cartoonists Society](#)
- [National Sculpture Society](#)

- [National Watercolor Society](#)
- [Oil Painters of America](#)
- [Print Council of America](#)
- [Sculptors Guild](#)
- [Society of Professional Journalists](#)
- [American Photographic Artists](#)
- [American Society of Photographers](#)
- [College Art Association](#)
- [Ad Age](#)
- [Ad Week](#)
- [Aquent](#)
- [Core 77](#)
- [Coroflot](#)
- [How Design](#)
- [Media Bistro](#)
- [American Society of Media Photographers](#)
- [World Wide Arts Recourses](#)
- [Albuquerque Arts Crawl](#)
- [VSA](#)