

## CAREERS FOR

# History

## MAJORS

History is more than studying the past. An understanding of how the world currently came to be and the examination of complex relationships between people, cultures, and society are brought to life in this degree. History allows individuals to explore the world and beyond through the stories, and [UNM's Department of History](#) is filled with scholars and historians who are active in their field. For students interested in the southwest, [The New Mexico Historical Review](#) is a quarterly academic journal that explores the vibrant people and cultures of the state.

The Department of History offers a [Bachelor of Arts in History](#) with a [structured outline of student learning outcomes for the degree](#). It is suggested that students speak with an [academic advisor](#) to learn more about the requirements for this degree.

### Industries & Target Employers

There are many different career opportunities available to philosophy majors. While the majority of careers require a bachelors, other careers will need additional education (lawyer, researcher, professor, etc.) or licensure (K-12 educator).

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 architecture and planning.

### Government

- Federal agencies (e.g., Smithsonian Institute, Library of Congress, Foreign Service), state and local agencies (e.g., archives and libraries, museums, parks, historical sites, arts and humanities councils), community affairs, social services, law enforcement, intelligence, foreign services

### Education/Student Affairs

- Elementary, secondary, higher education teaching, community education, public and private schools, colleges/universities, museums, zoological parks, gardens, conservatories, refuges, camps, national and state parks Business/Industry Management, sales, office administration, all major retail firms, wholesales, manufacturers, insurance and real estate companies, financial institutions, nonprofit organizations, human resources, training and development, public relations

### Curatorial/Archival Management

- Museums, historical homes, art galleries, special collections, historical societies, libraries, universities/colleges, national, state, local government, corporations, nonprofit organizations, research institutes

**Nonprofit organizations**

- History museums and historical sites, historical associations/societies, cultural heritage organizations, historical projects, research and service organizations, grant writing, fund raising/development, community organizations

**Law/Politics**

- Elected/appointed public officials, national political party headquarters, public interest/advocacy groups, campaigns, law firms, lobbying, government relations, public policy, research, immigration services, campaign management, elected/appointed civil servants, corporate legal departments, government agencies, public advocacy groups, mediation

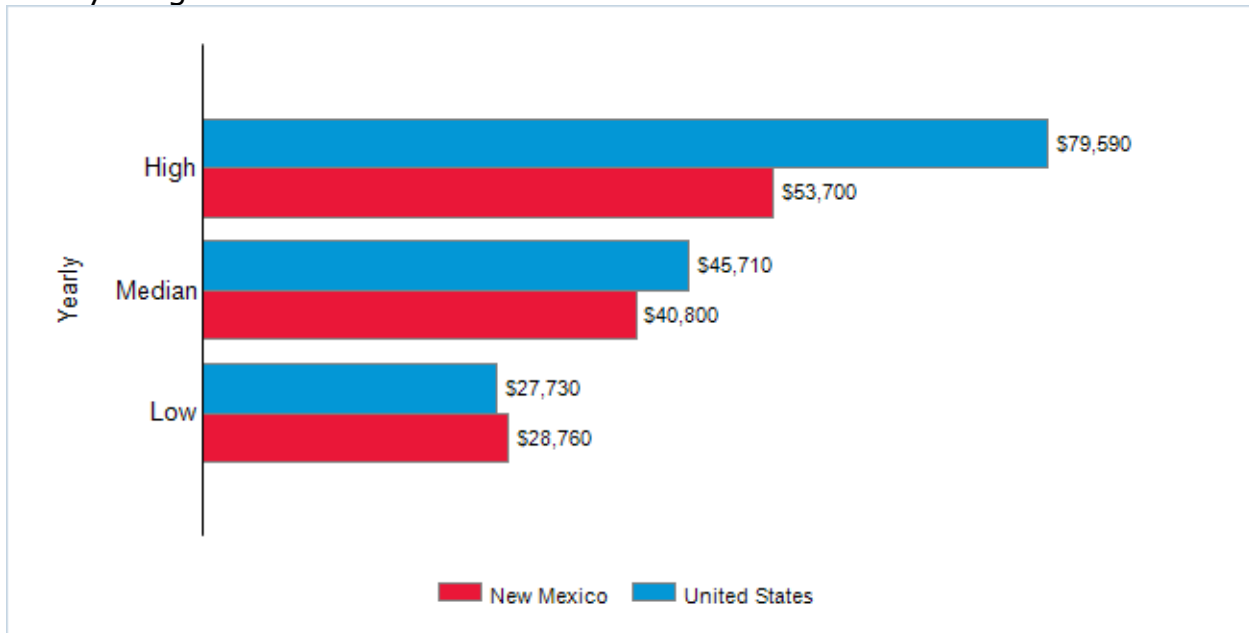
**Top Companies**

- [The University of New Mexico](#)
- [Albuquerque Public Schools](#)
- [Central New Mexico Community College](#)
- [New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs](#)
- [New Mexico History Museum](#)
- [Non-Profit Sector](#)
- [Public Libraries](#)

**Salary Information**

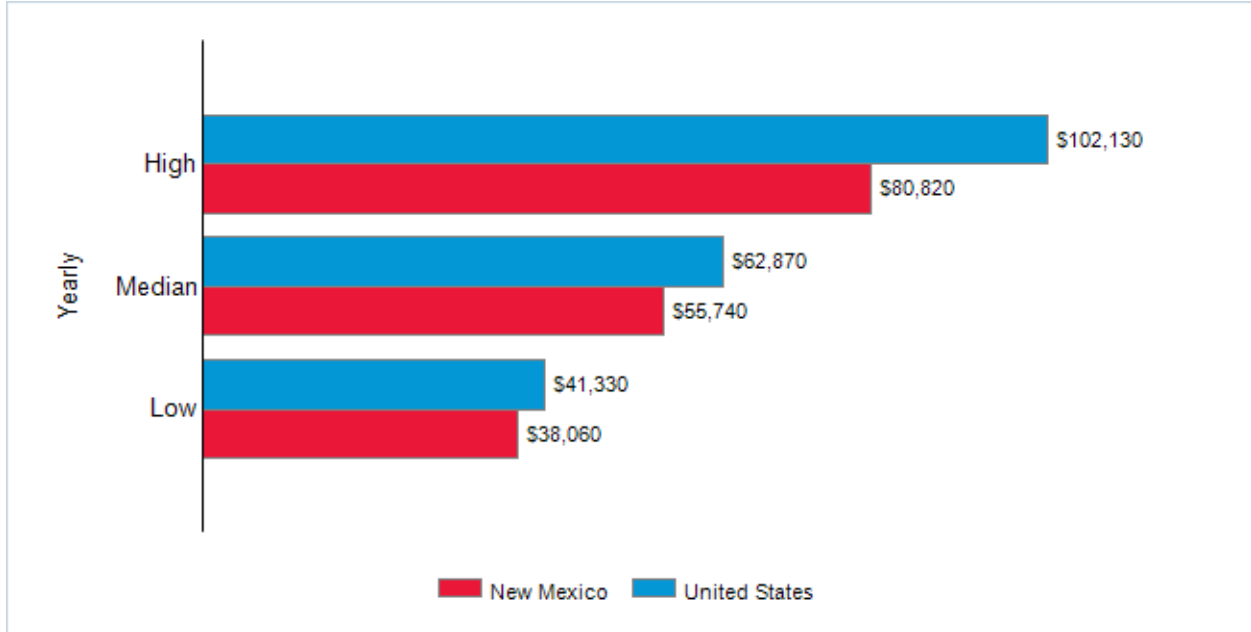
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**Yearly Wages for Museum Technicians & Conservators in NEW MEXICO**



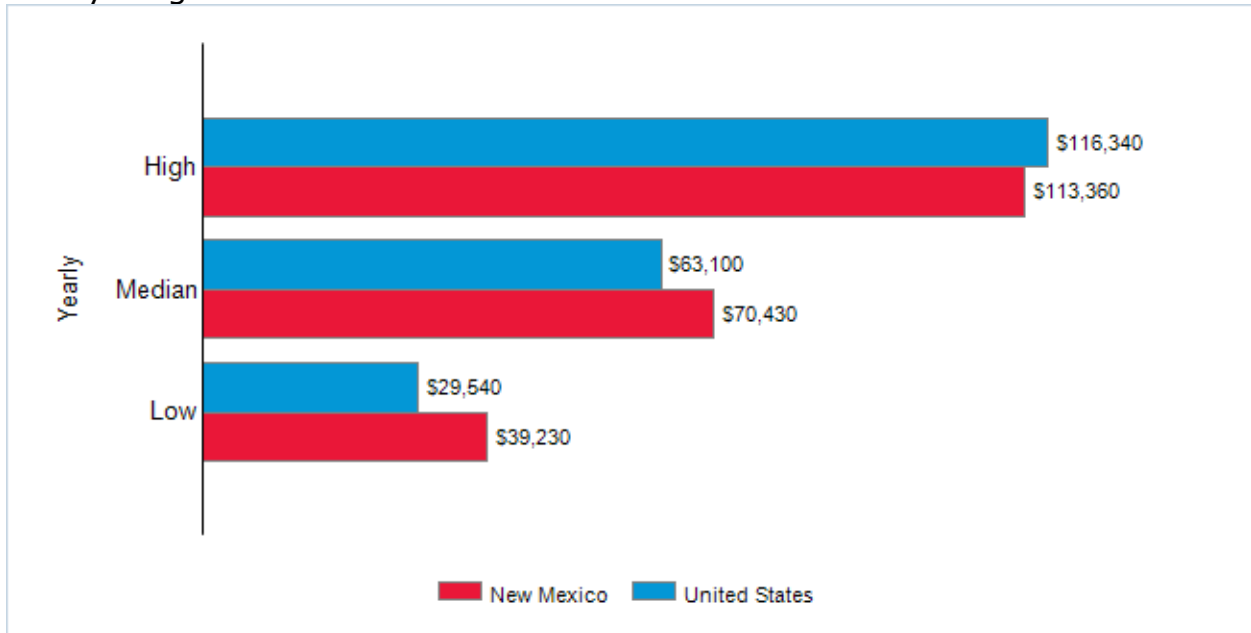
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**Yearly Wages for Secondary School Teachers, Except Special, Career, & Technical Education in NM**



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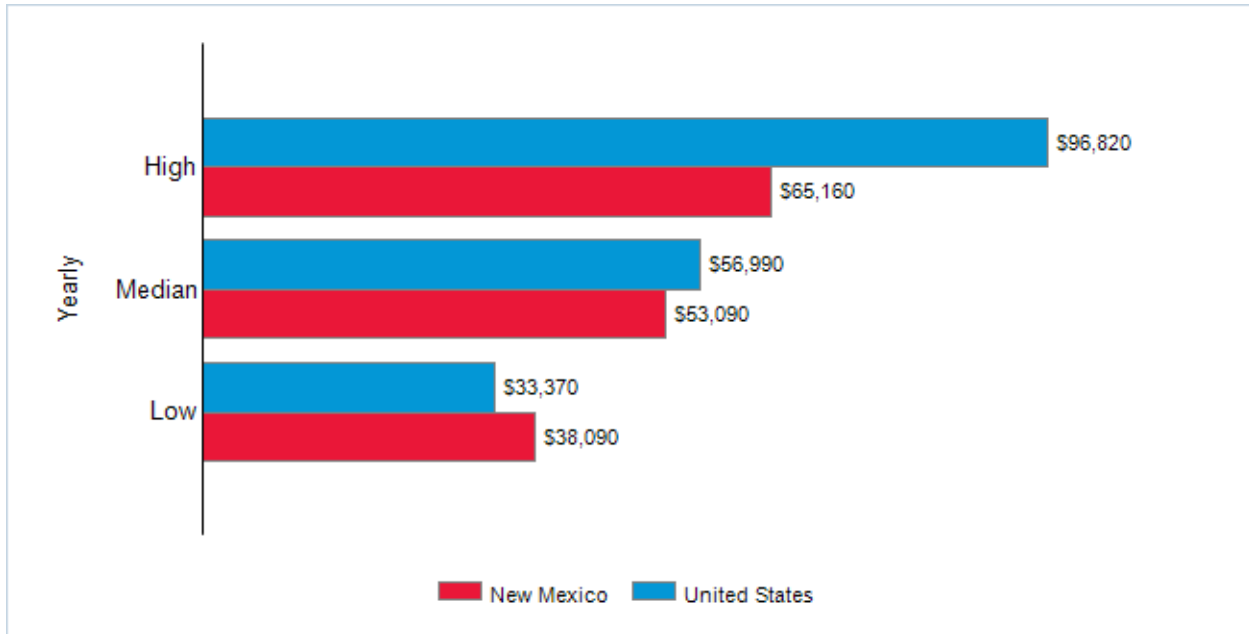
**Yearly Wages for Historians in NM**



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## CAREER ONE STOP

### Yearly Wages for Curators in NM



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### Tips

What can you do with a degree in History? Quite a lot! [The American Historical Association built a website that answers this question and many more.](#)

Some of the top transferable skills that History majors can acquire are:

- Analytical
- Verbal and Written Communication
- Problem-solving
- Research
- Social perceptiveness

### Learn More

[Handshake](#)  
[O\\*NET – Museum Technicians and Conservators](#)  
[Occupational Outlook Handbook – Historians](#)  
[Student Activities Center](#)  
[Buzzfile Employers by Major - History](#)

[New Mexico Department of Cultural Affairs](#)  
[New Mexico History Museum](#)  
[American Alliance of Museums](#)  
[American Association for State and Local History](#)

[American Institute for Conservation of  
Historic and Artistic Works](#)  
[Association of Science-Technology  
Centers](#)  
[International Council of Museums](#)  
[International Institute for Conservation  
of Historic and Artistic Works](#)  
[National Association for Museum  
Exhibition](#)  
[Occupational Outlook Handbook:  
Archivists, curators, and museum  
workers](#)

[Society for American Archaeology](#)  
[Society of American Archivists](#)  
[ARMA International](#)  
[Council of State Archivists](#)  
[Mid-Atlantic Regional Archives  
Conference](#)  
[Midwest Archives Conference](#)  
[National Association of Government  
Archives and Records Administrators](#)  
[Natural Science Collections Alliance](#)  
[Academy of Certified Archivists](#)