

The National Perspective on Humanities PhD Employment

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UC Survey Responses / UC Research Doctorates Conferred (IPEDS)

		2001	2002	2008	2009	2013	2014
Arts, Interdisciplinary	Number of responses	37	32	67	60	61	60
	Number of research doctorates	113	104	133	155	163	167
Engineering & computer science	Number of responses	59	86	164	204	197	263
	Number of research doctorates	500	481	879	874	980	943
Health sciences and professional fields	Number of responses	56	70	88	125	138	122
	Number of research doctorates	309	323	372	405	438	413
Humanities	Number of responses	77	83	91	138	104	144
	Number of research doctorates	337	343	397	370	442	397
Life sciences, physical sciences, and math	Number of responses	117	249	226	384	430	526
	Number of research doctorates	751	727	1,367	1,369	1,571	1,587
Social sciences	Number of responses	72	128	110	203	175	208
	Number of research doctorates	425	413	517	458	566	591
Grand Total	Number of responses	418	648	746	1,114	1,105	1,323
	Number of research doctorates	2,435	2,391	3,665	3,631	4,160	4,098

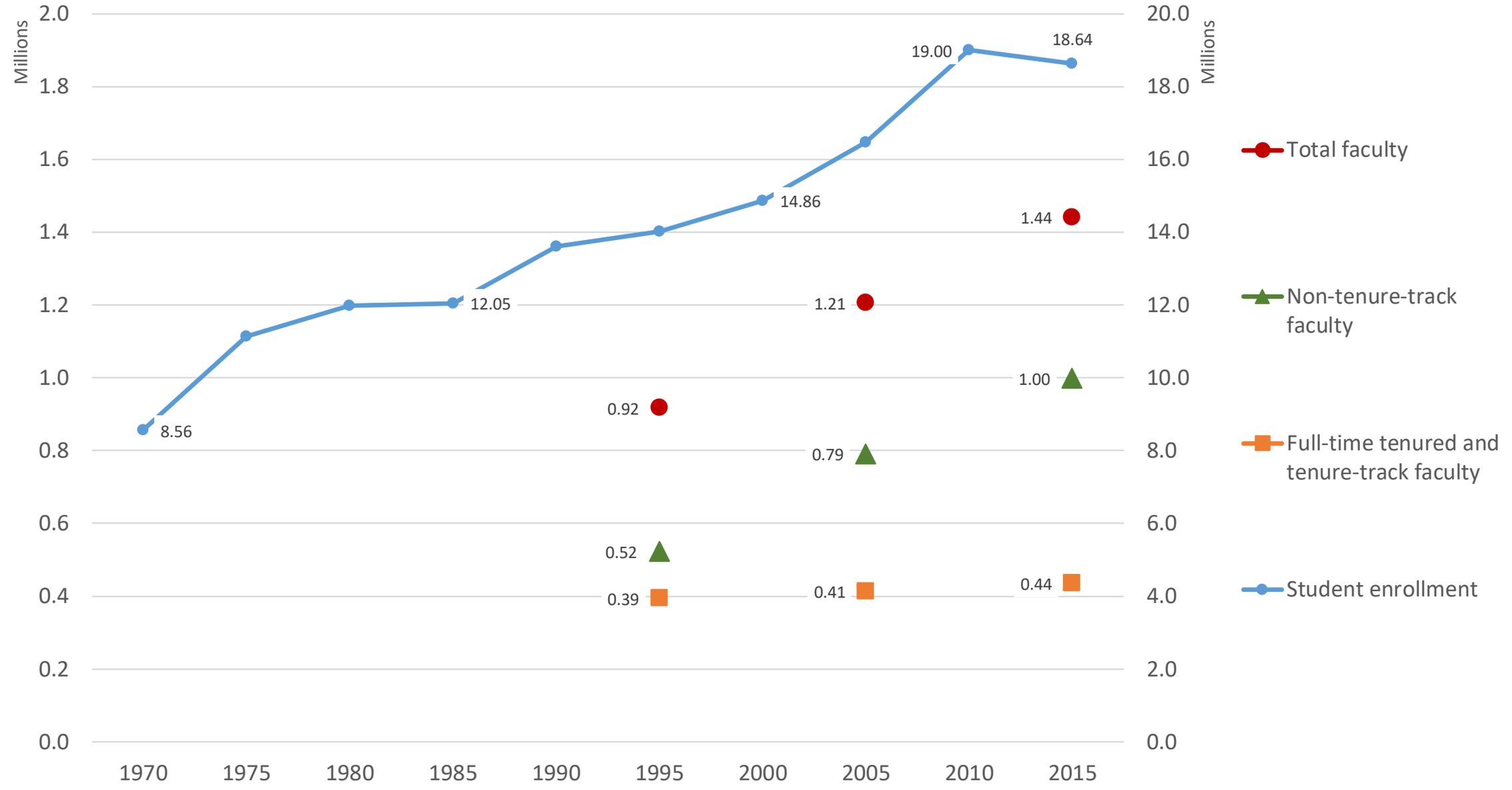
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Arts, Interdisciplinary	32.7	30.8	50.4	38.7	37.4	35.9
Engineering & computer science	11.8	17.9	18.7	23.3	20.1	27.9
Health sciences and professional fields	18.1	21.7	23.7	30.9	31.5	29.5
Humanities	22.8	24.2	22.9	37.3	23.5	36.3
Life sciences, physical sciences, and math	15.6	34.3	16.5	28.0	27.4	33.1
Social sciences	16.9	31.0	21.3	44.3	30.9	35.2
Grand Total	17.2	27.1	20.4	30.7	26.6	32.3

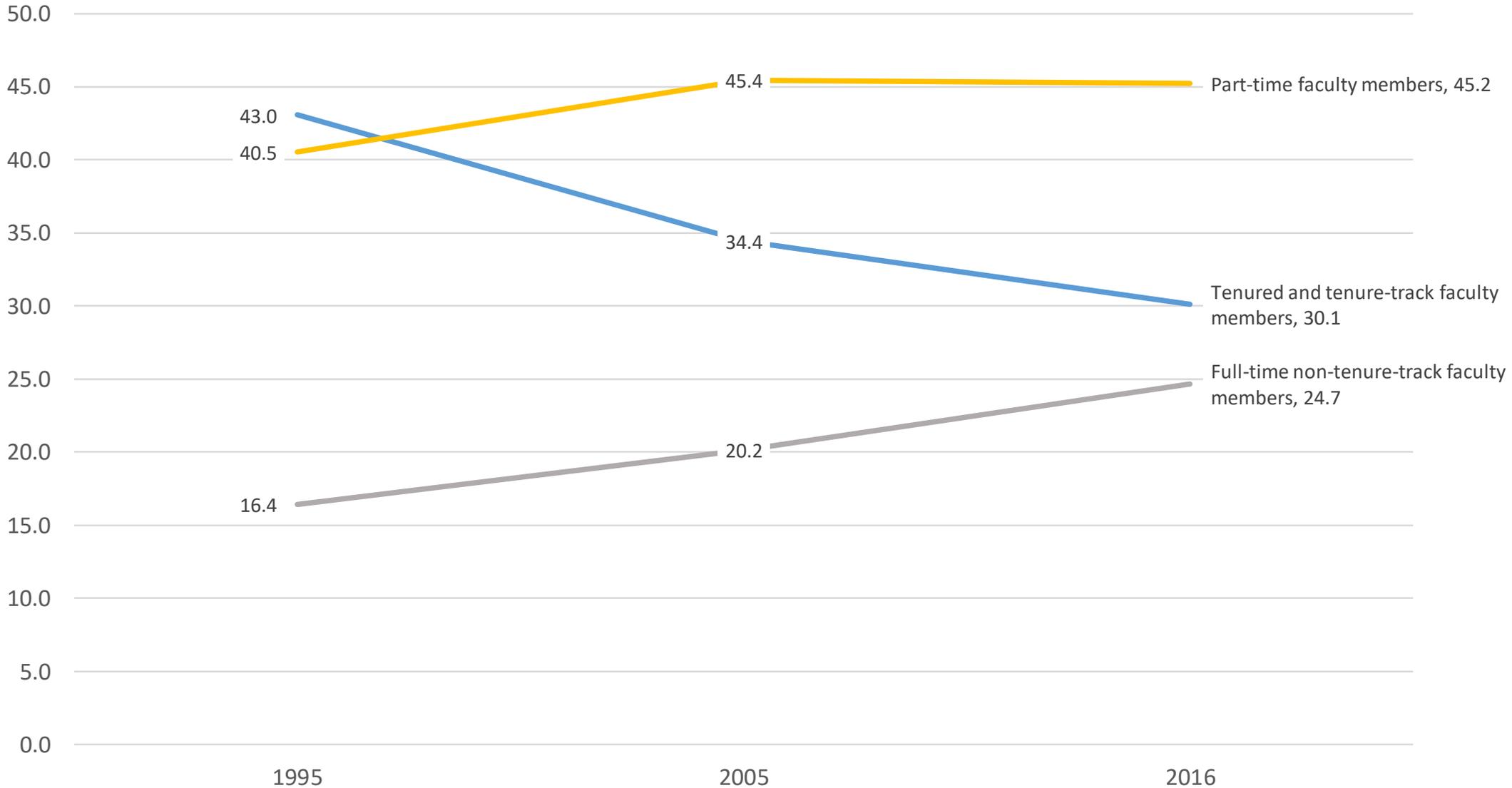
Growth in Student Enrollment, 1970–2015, and Growth in the Number of Faculty Members by Tenure Status, 1995, 2005, 2015

Faculty Population

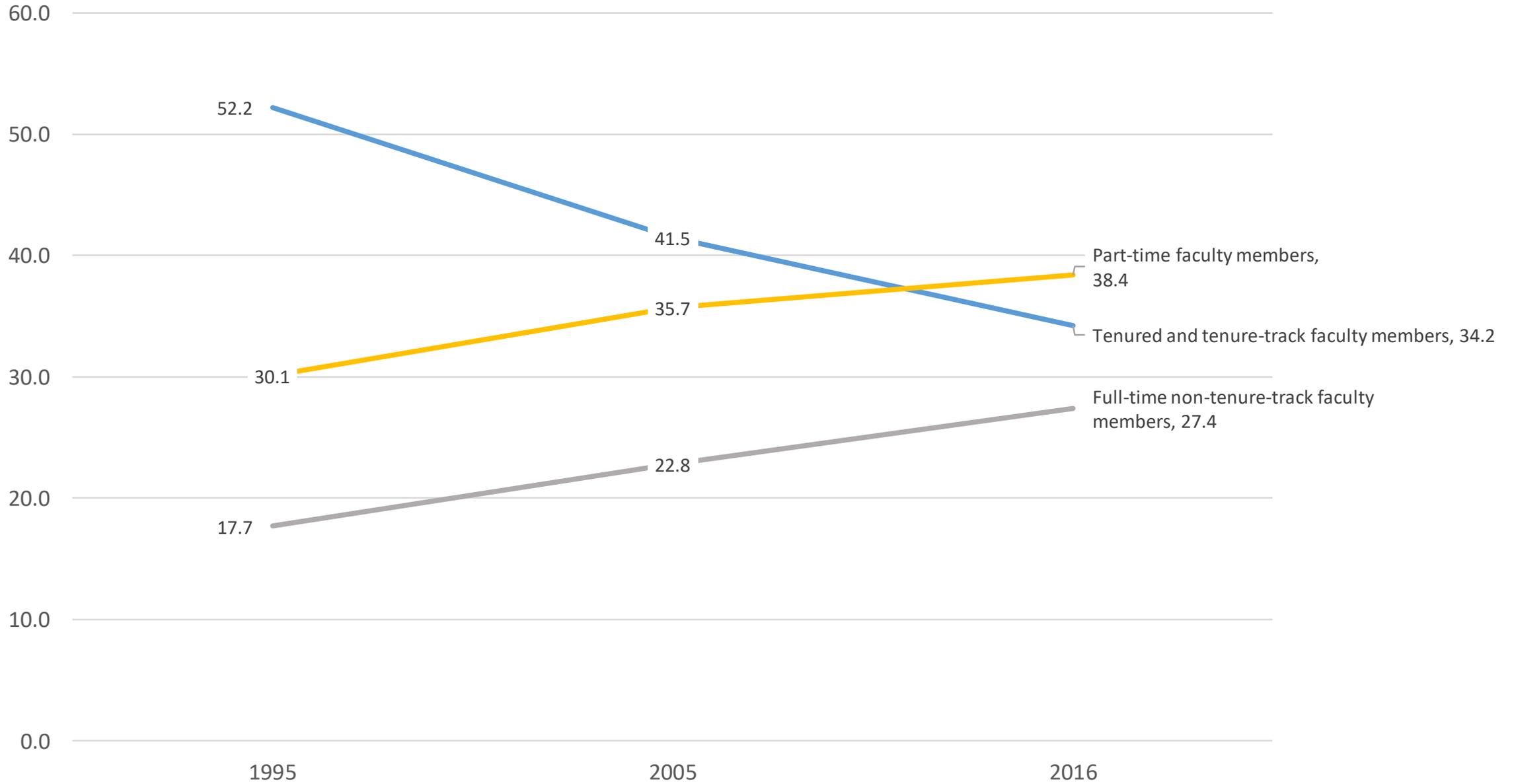
Student Enrollment



Percentage of Faculty Members in Full-Time Tenured and Tenure-Track, Full-Time Non-Tenure-Track, and Part-Time Positions, 1995, 2005, 2016
Degree-granting, Two- and Four-Year Public and Private Nonprofit Institutions

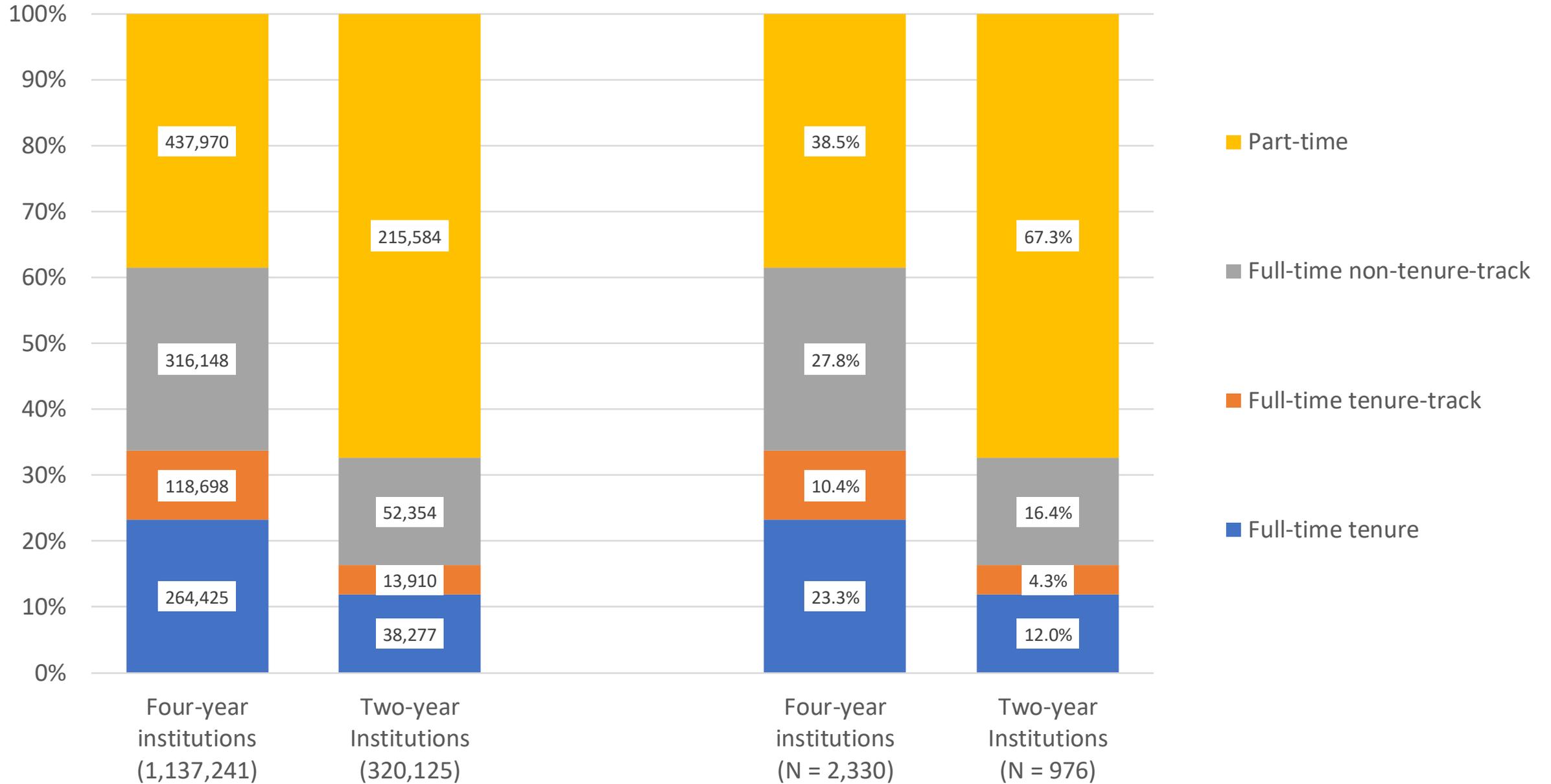


Percentage of Faculty Members in Full-Time Tenured and Tenure-Track, Full-Time Non-Tenure-Track, and Part-Time Positions in Four-Year Institutions, 1995, 2005, 2016
Degree-granting, Public and Private Nonprofit Institutions

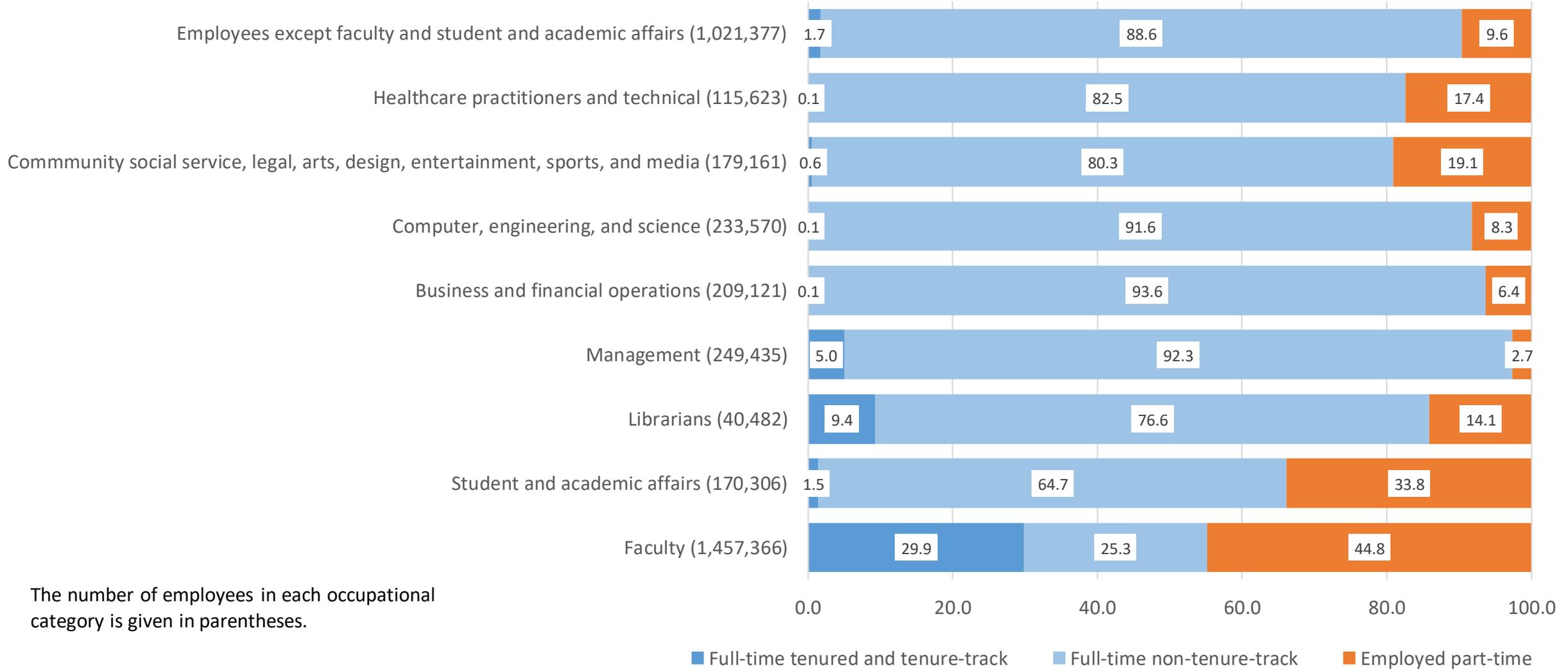


Distribution of Faculty Members, by Institution Type and Tenure and Employment Status, Fall 2017

Degree-granting, Two- and Four-year Public and Private Nonprofit Institutions in the 50 States and the District of Columbia



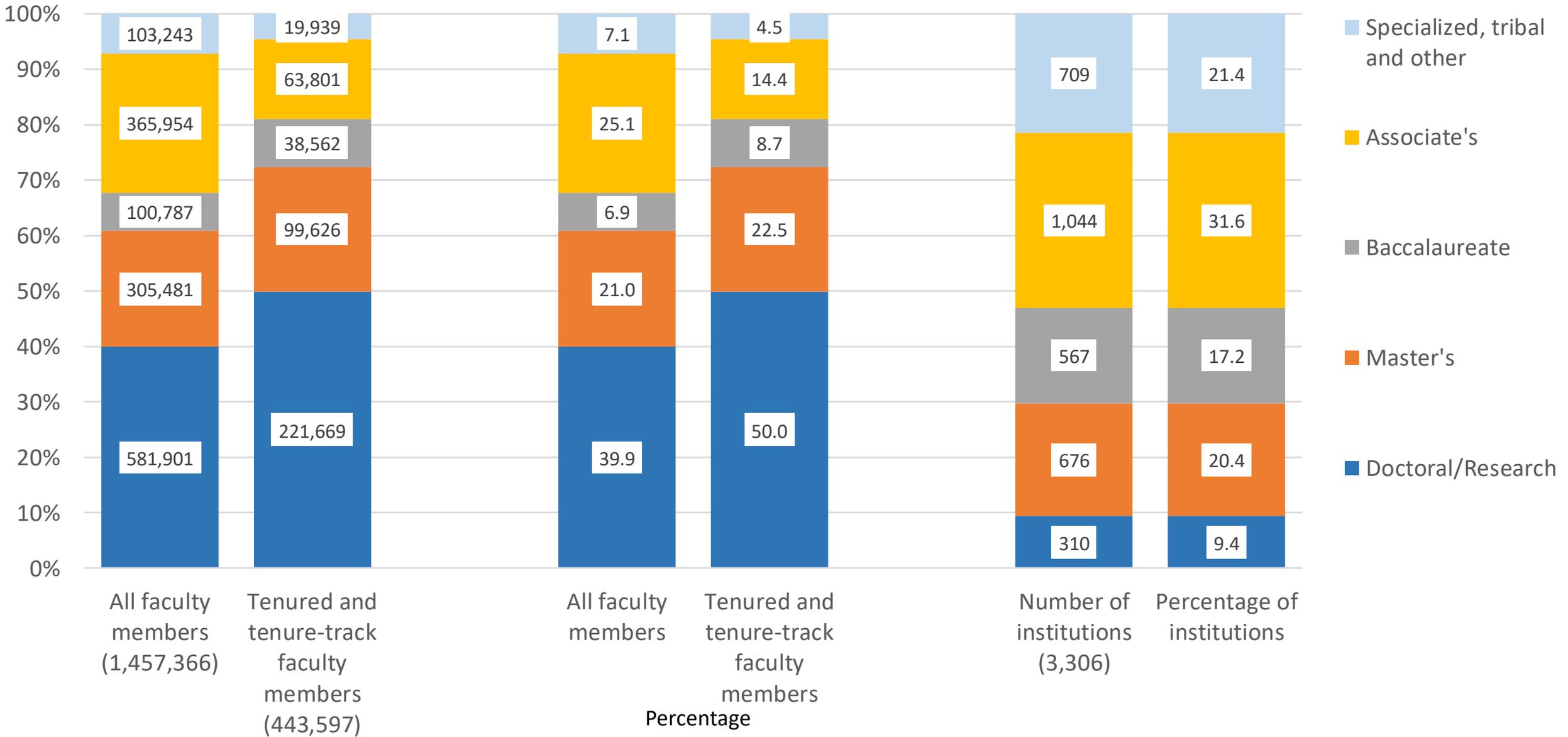
Percentage of Employees Employed Full- and Part-Time, by IPEDS Occupational Category, Fall 2017
 Two- and Four-Year Public and Private Nonprofit Institutions of Higher Education in the Fifty States and the District of Columbia



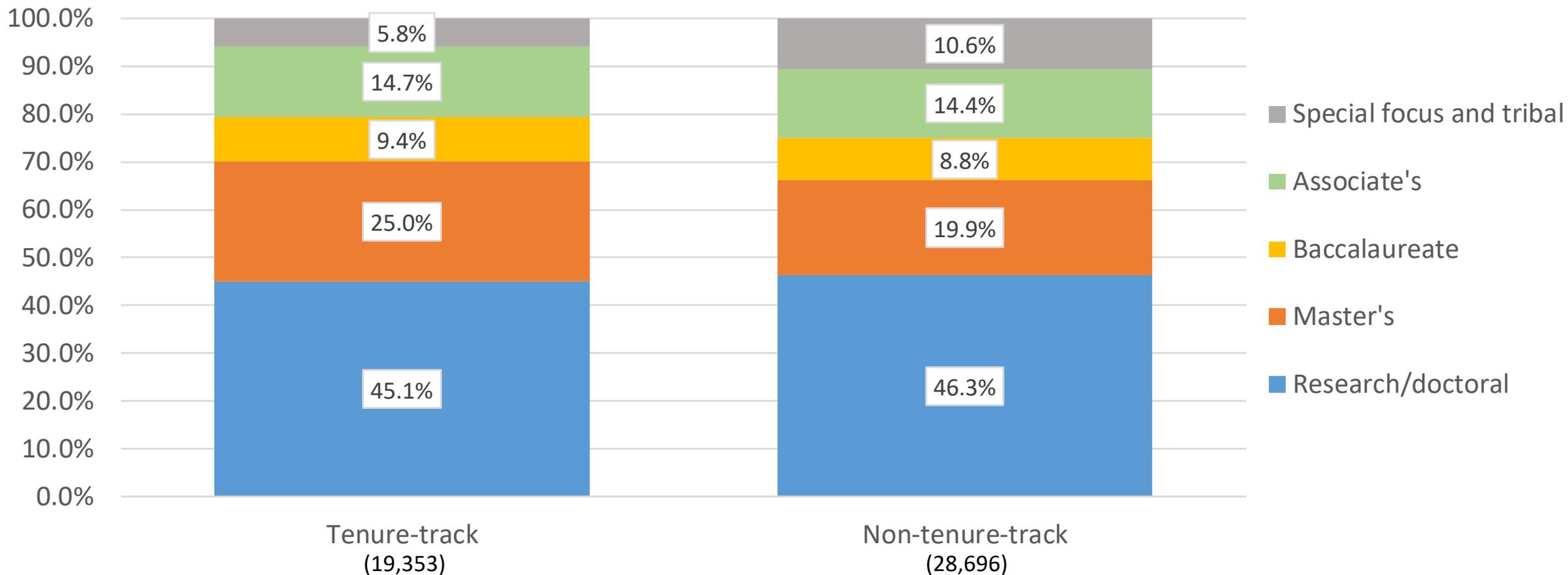
The number of employees in each occupational category is given in parentheses.

Distribution of Faculty Members and Postsecondary Institutions, by Carnegie Classification of Institution, Fall 2017

Degree-granting, Two- and Four-year Public and Private Nonprofit Institutions in the 50 States and the District of Columbia

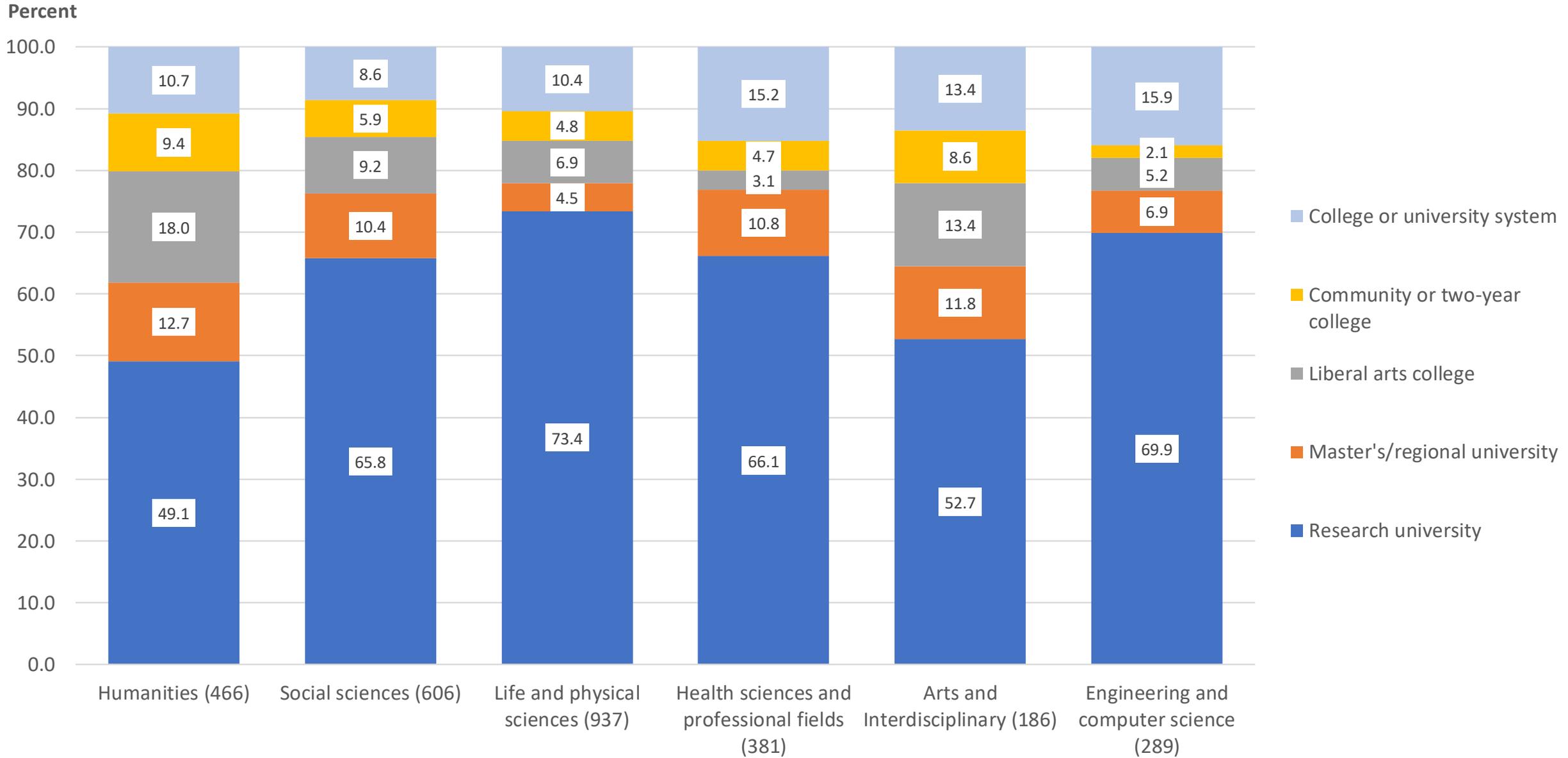


Distribution of New Hires to Full-Time Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Positions, by Carnegie Classification of Hiring Institution, Fall 2016



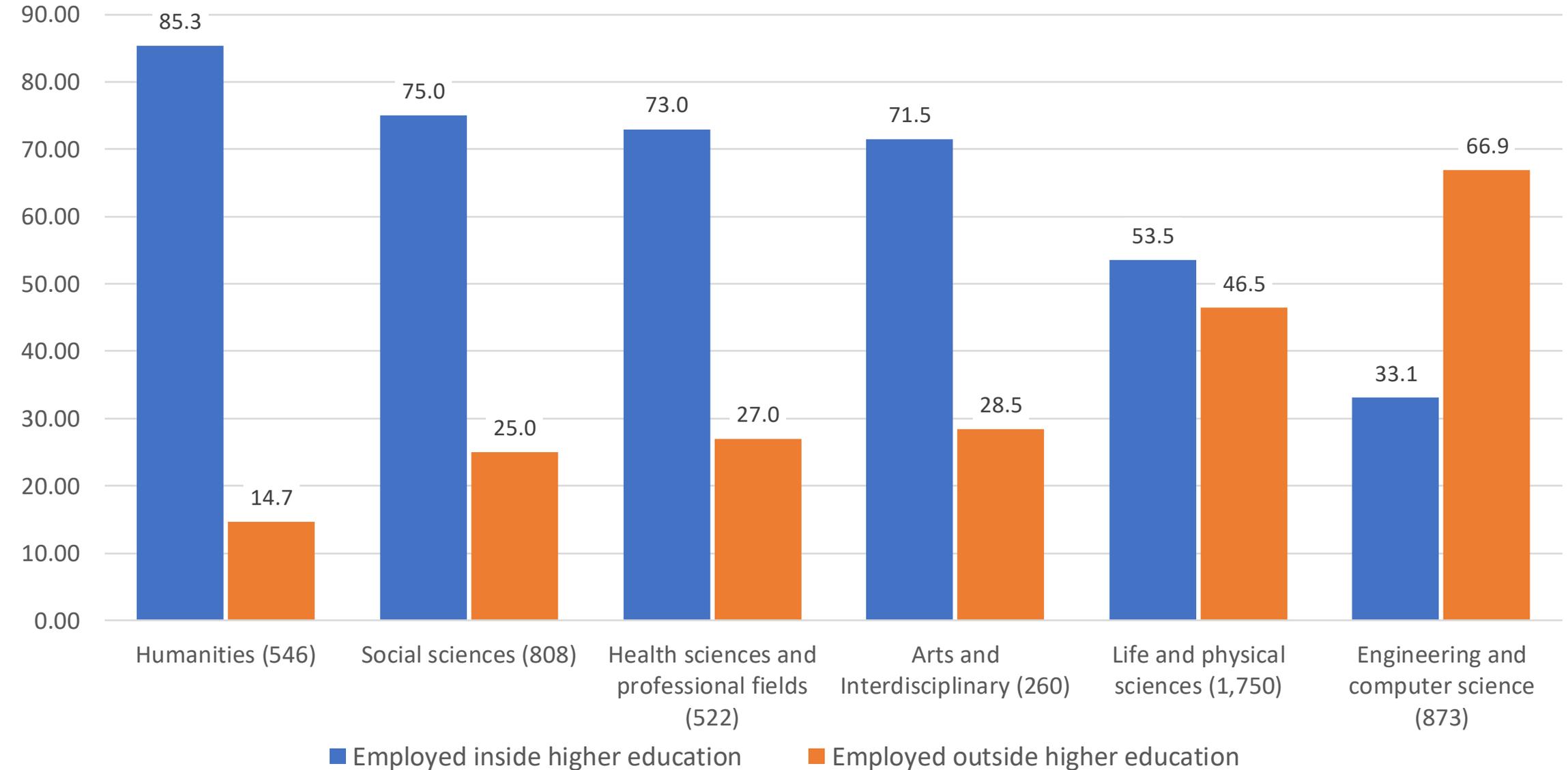
Note: This accounting excludes 86 institutions not classified in the 2015 Carnegie Classification. In 2015–16, 2,909 Carnegie classified institutions reported new full-time hires. 1,638 Carnegie-classified institutions hired new tenure-track faculty members and 2,200 institutions hired new non-track faculty members. Nine non-classified institutions hired 93 full-time tenure-track faculty members; 22 hired 318 full-time non-tenure-track faculty members.

Distribution of Respondents Employed in Higher Education, by Discipline and Type of Higher Education Institution



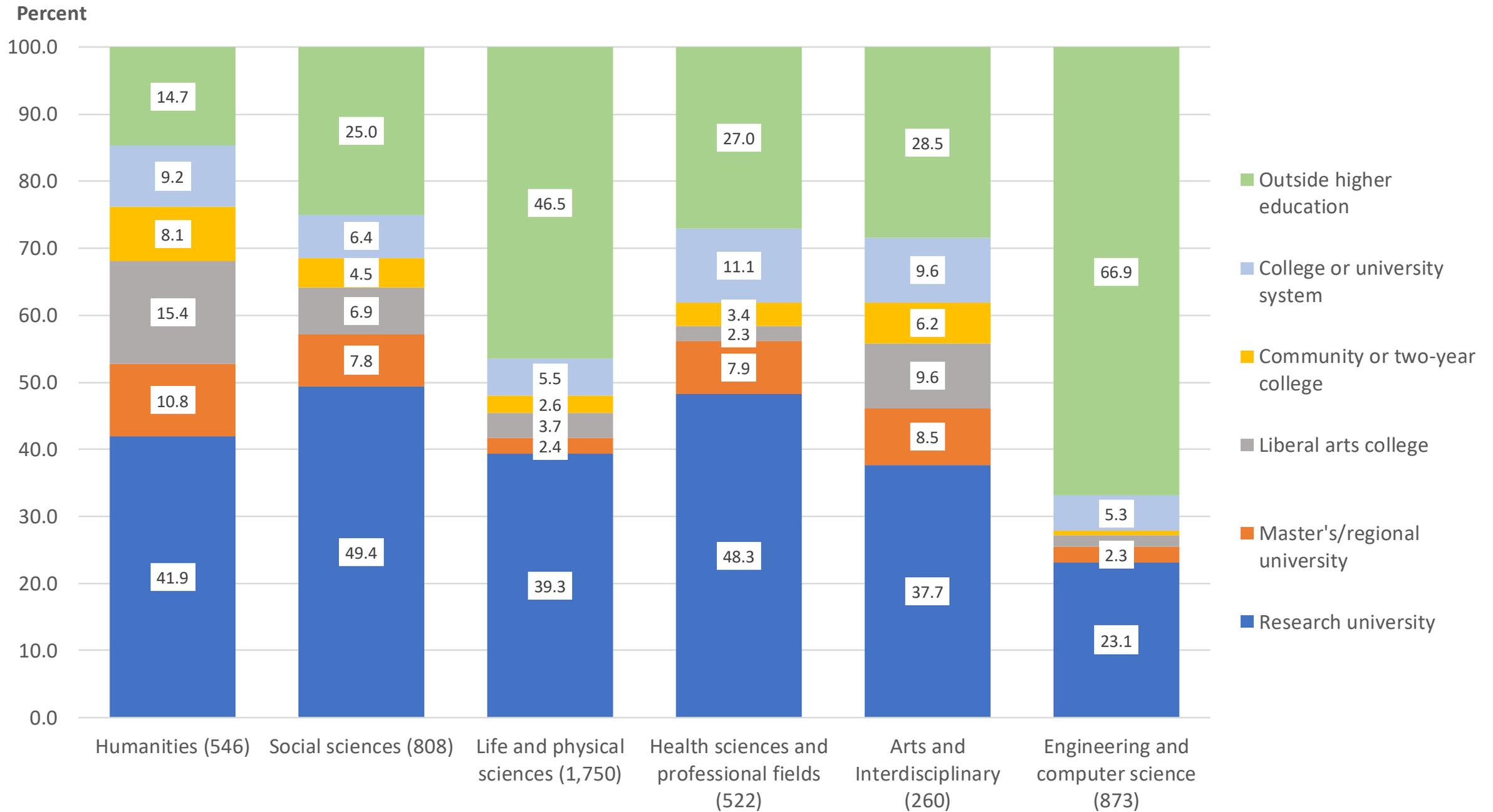
Percentage of Respondents Employed inside and outside of Higher Education, by Discipline

Percent

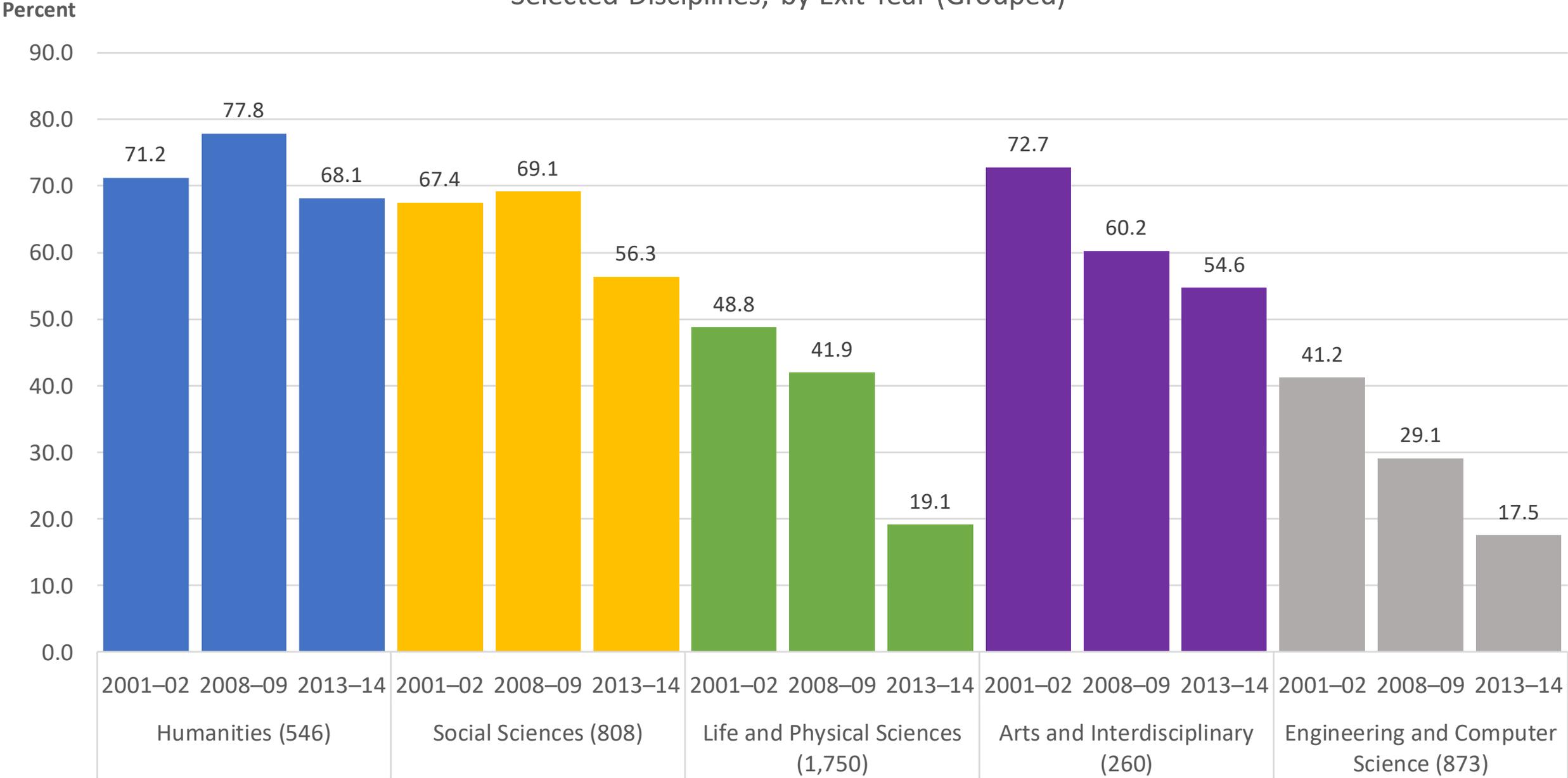


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Distribution of Respondents by Discipline, Employment Sector, and Type of Higher Education Institution



Percentage of Respondents with Known Employment Who Are Employed as Faculty Members, Selected Disciplines, by Exit Year (Grouped)



Percentage of Respondents Employed in Higher Education Who Are Employed as Researchers, Selected Disciplines, by Exit Years (Grouped)

Percent

60.0

50.0

40.0

30.0

20.0

10.0

0.0

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Humanities (516)

Social sciences (604)

Life and physical sciences
(935)

Arts and Interdisciplinary
(184)

Engineering and Computer
Science (289)

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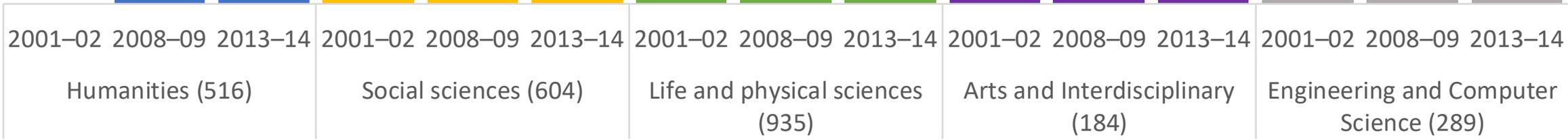
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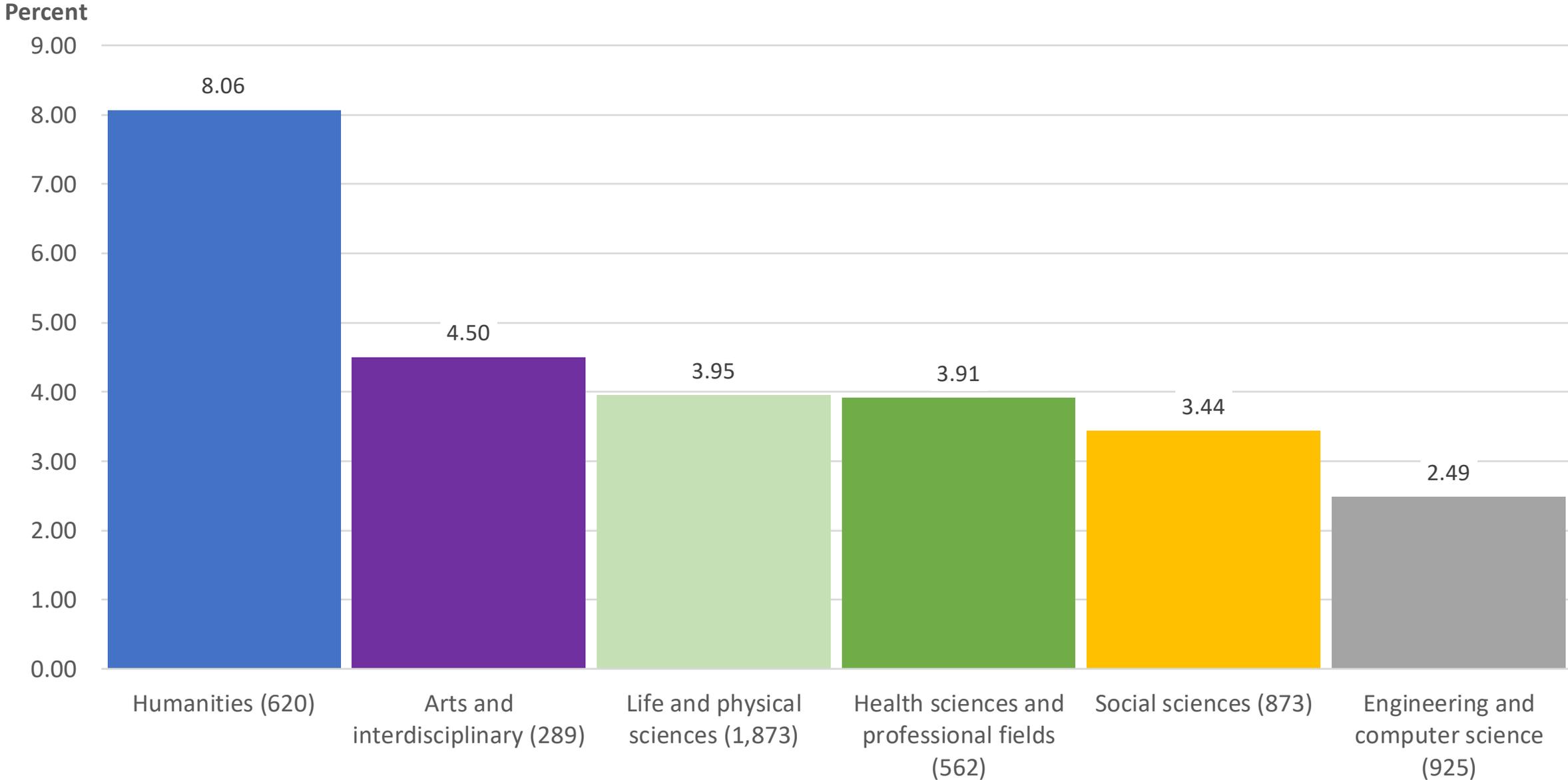
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Percentage of Each Discipline Group's Respondents "Not Employed"

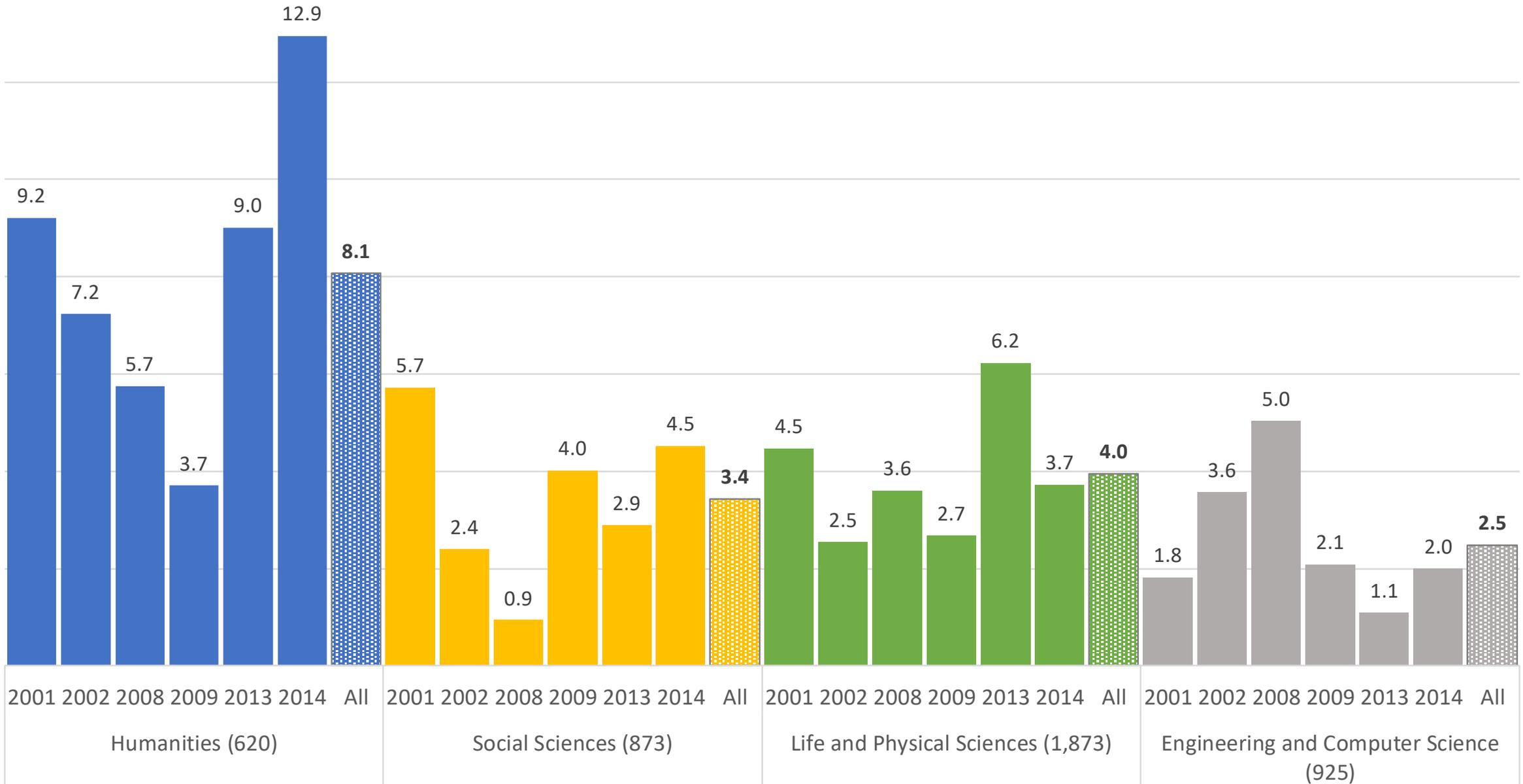


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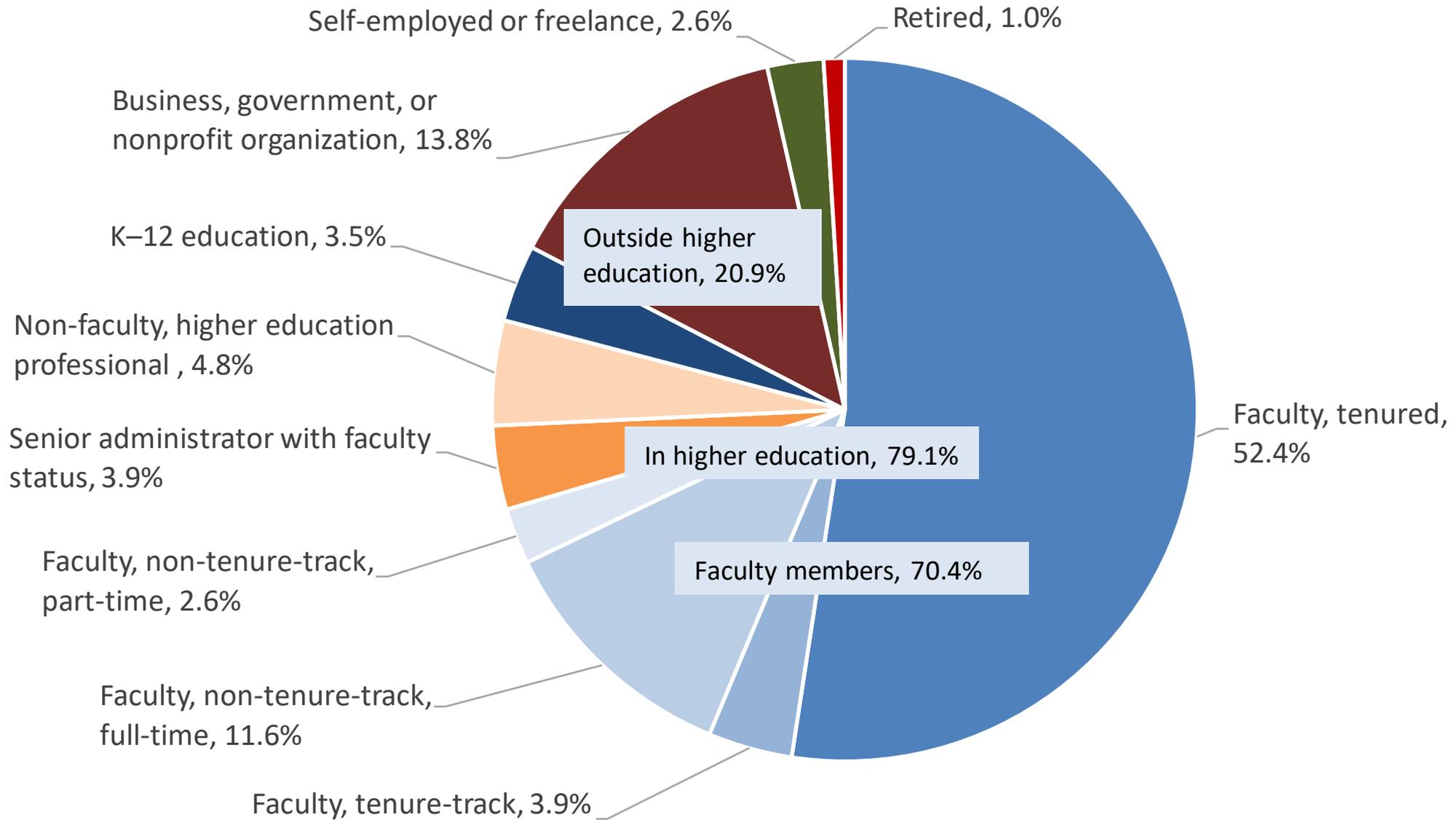
Percentage of Respondents "Not Employed," Selected Disciplines, by Exit Year

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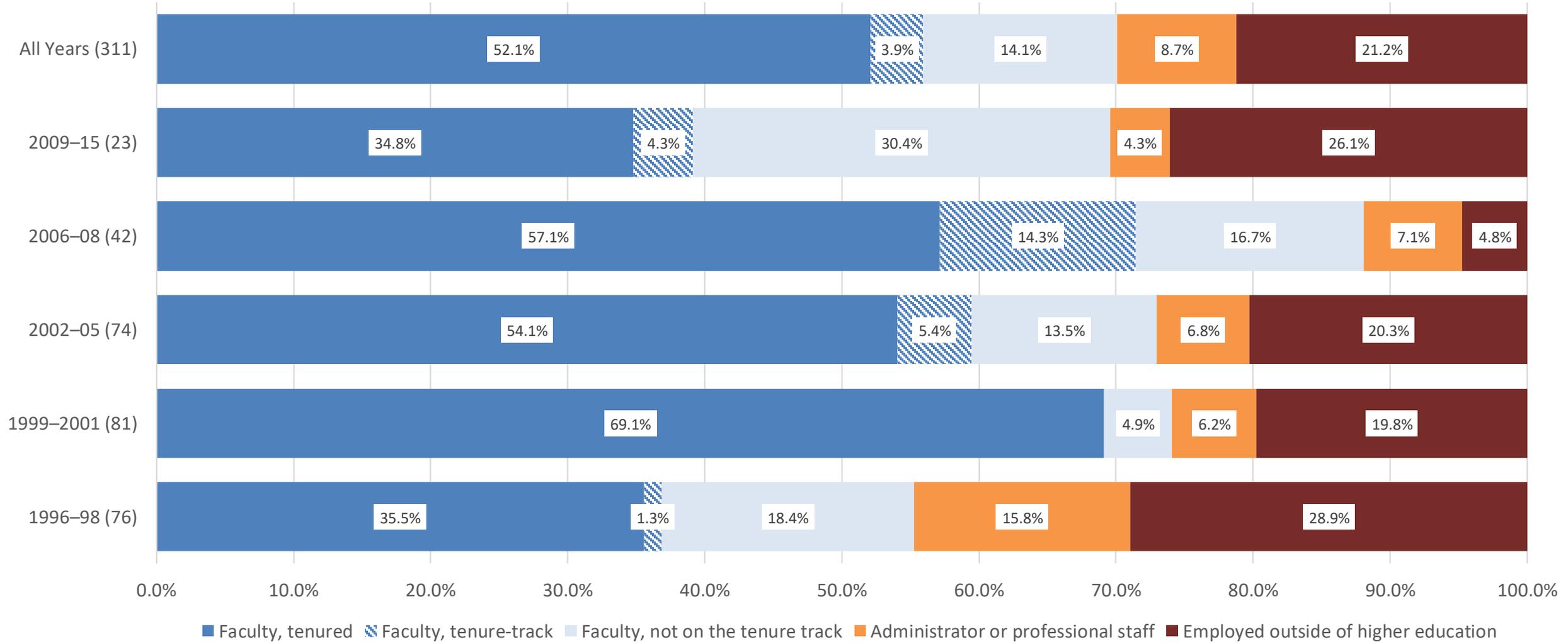
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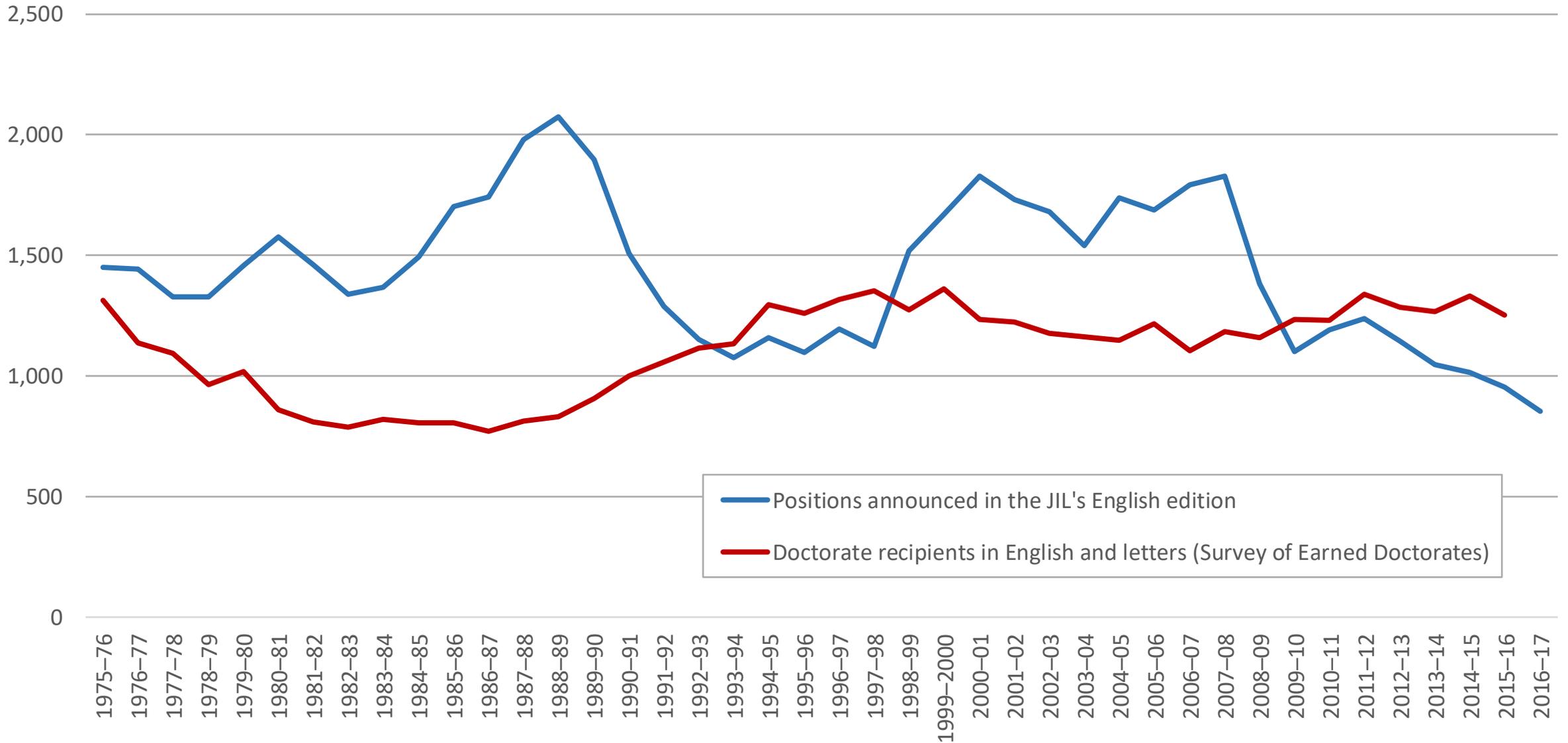
Occupations of Modern Language Doctorate Recipients in Summer 2017



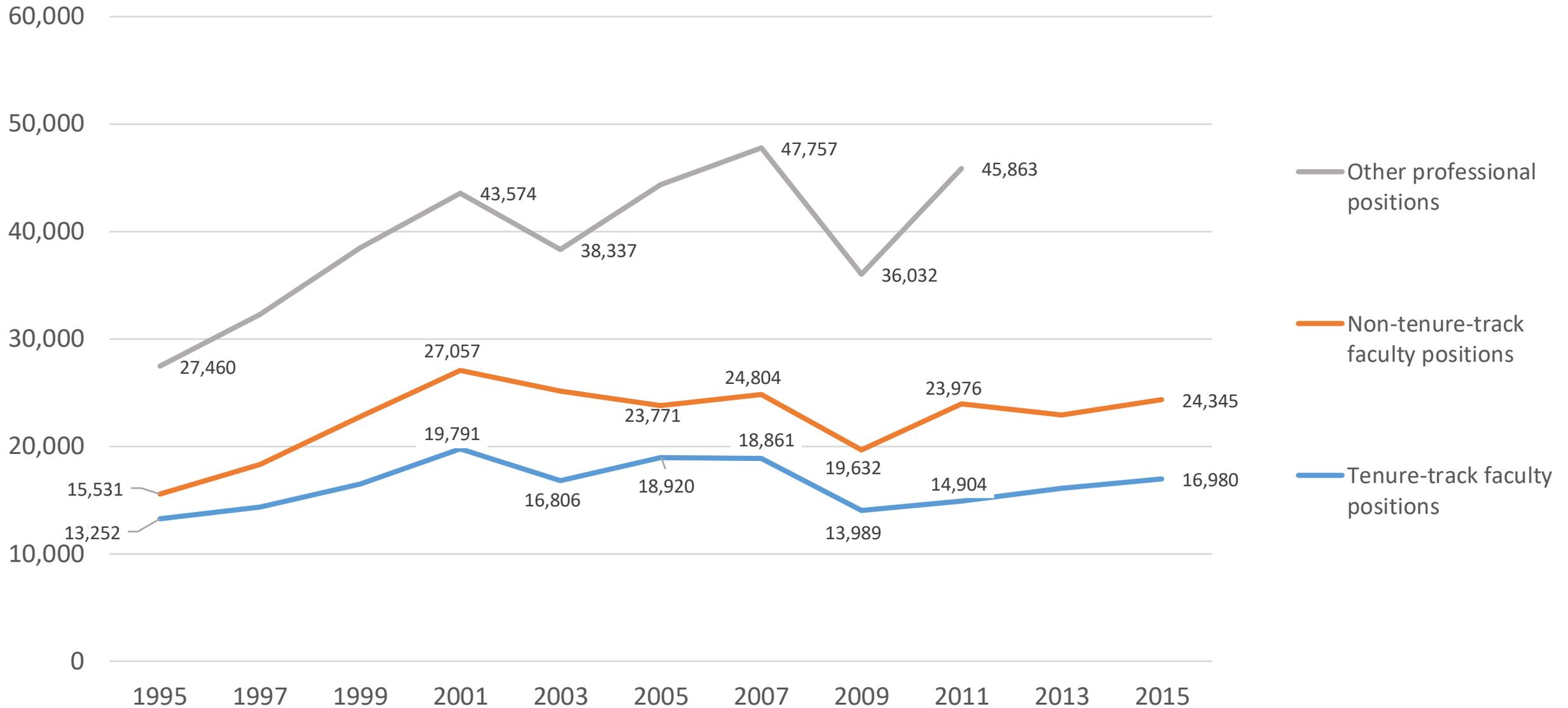
Current (2017) Employment of Modern Language Doctorate Recipients, by Year Degree Was Received
 311 Respondents Who Provided Information about Current Employment



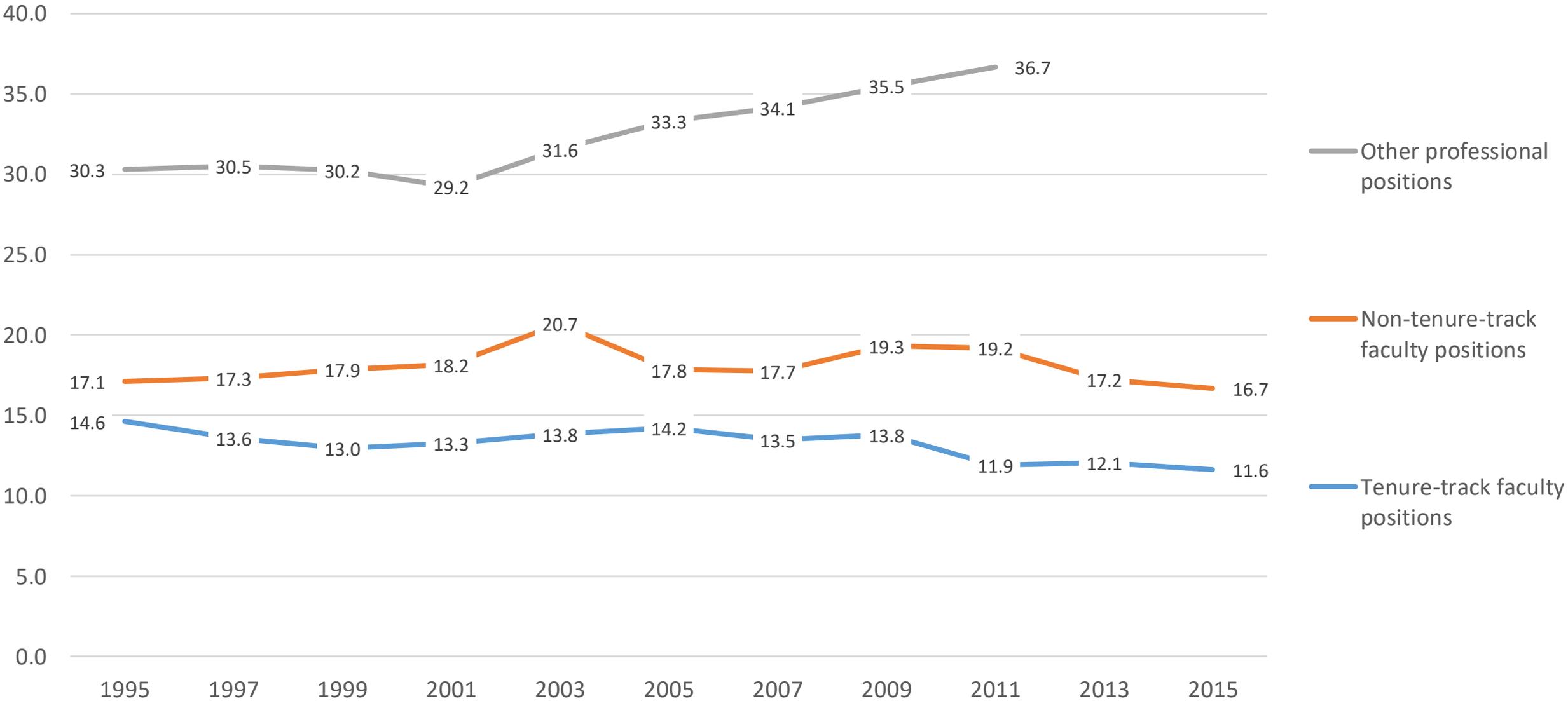
Positions Announced in the *MLA Job Information List*, English Edition, 1975–76 to 2016–17,
and Doctorate Recipients in English and Letters, 1976–2016



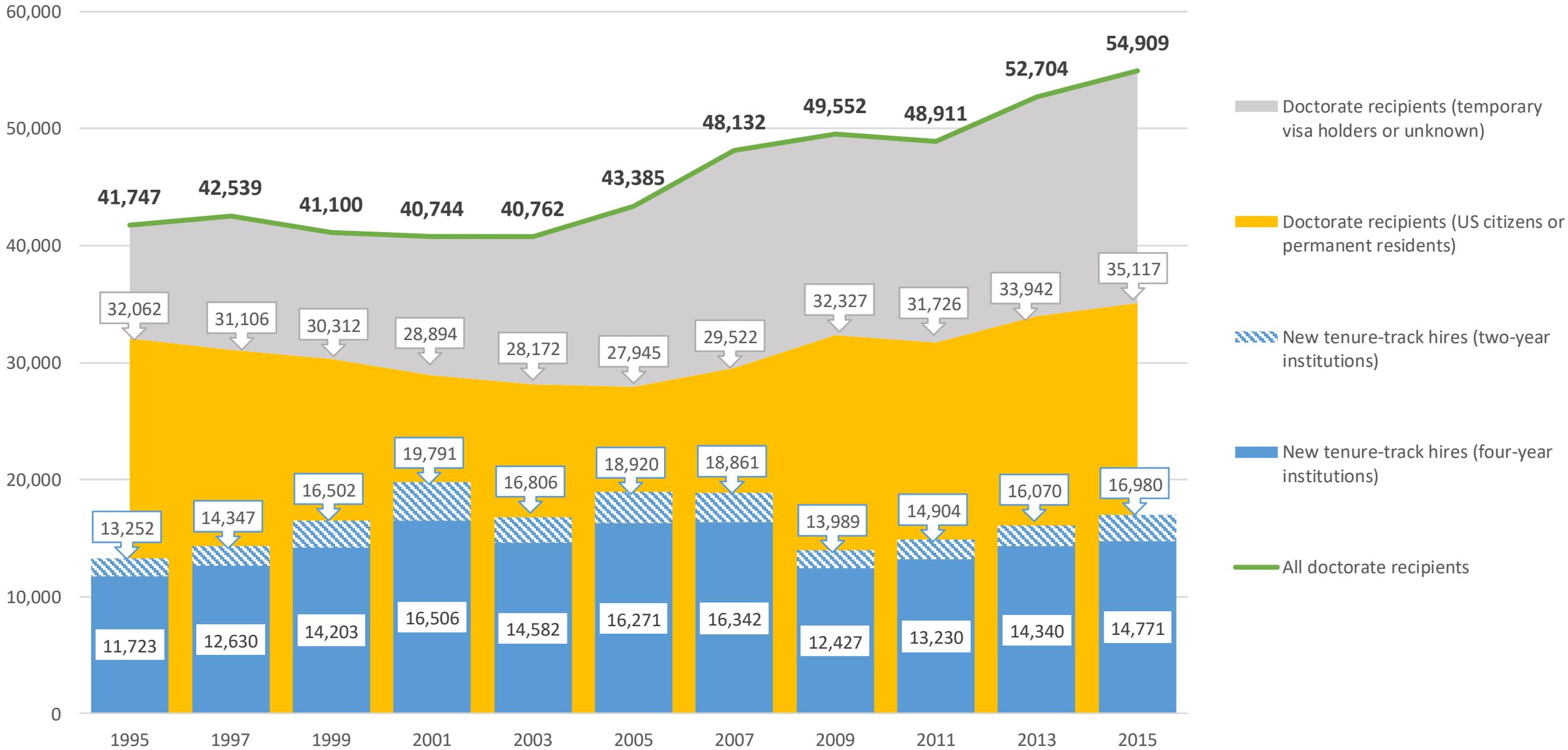
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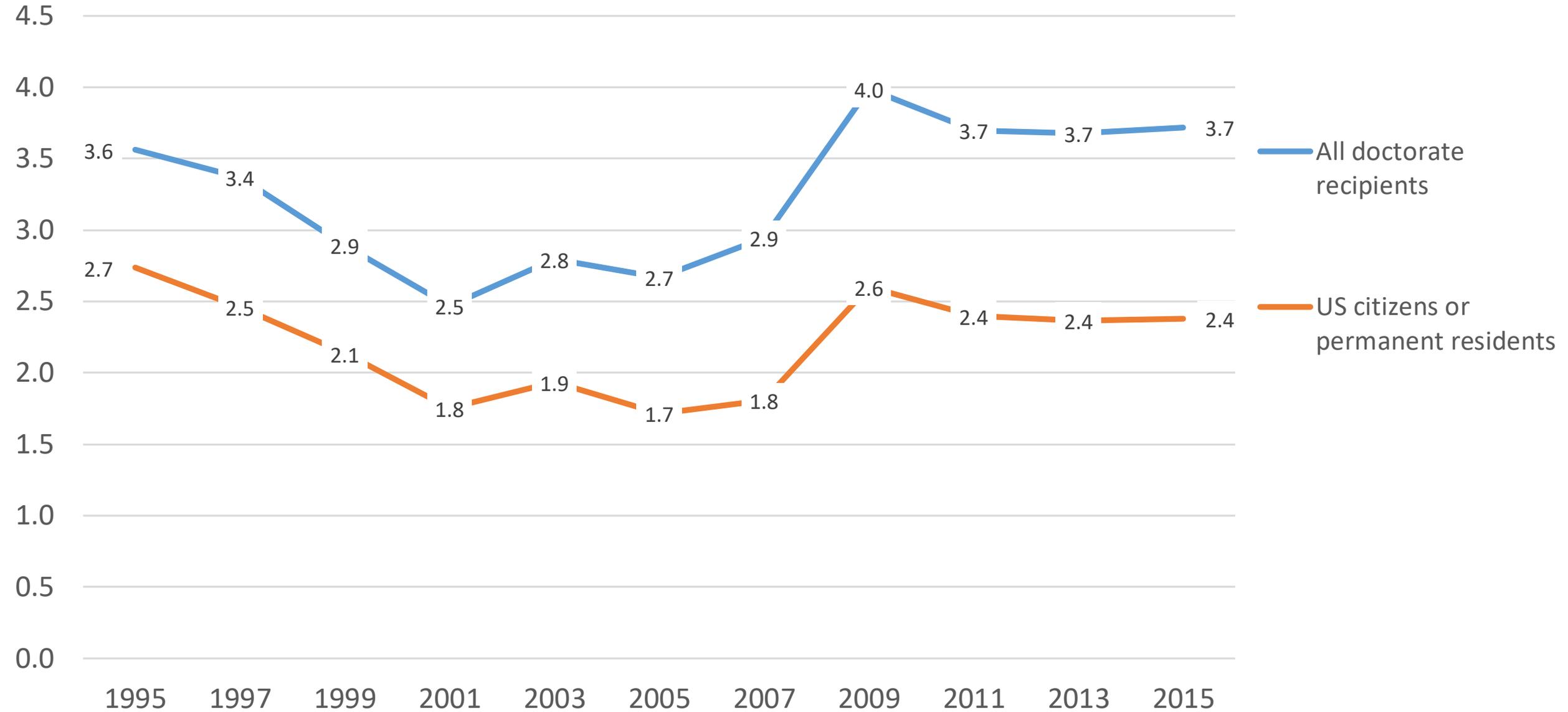
Percentage of All New Full-Time Hires Hired to Tenure-Track and Non-Tenure-Track Faculty Positions and Other Professional Positions, 1995–2015



New Doctorate Recipients, by Citizenship Status, and New Hires to Tenure-Track Faculty Positions
in Four- and Two-Year Institutions, 1995–2015

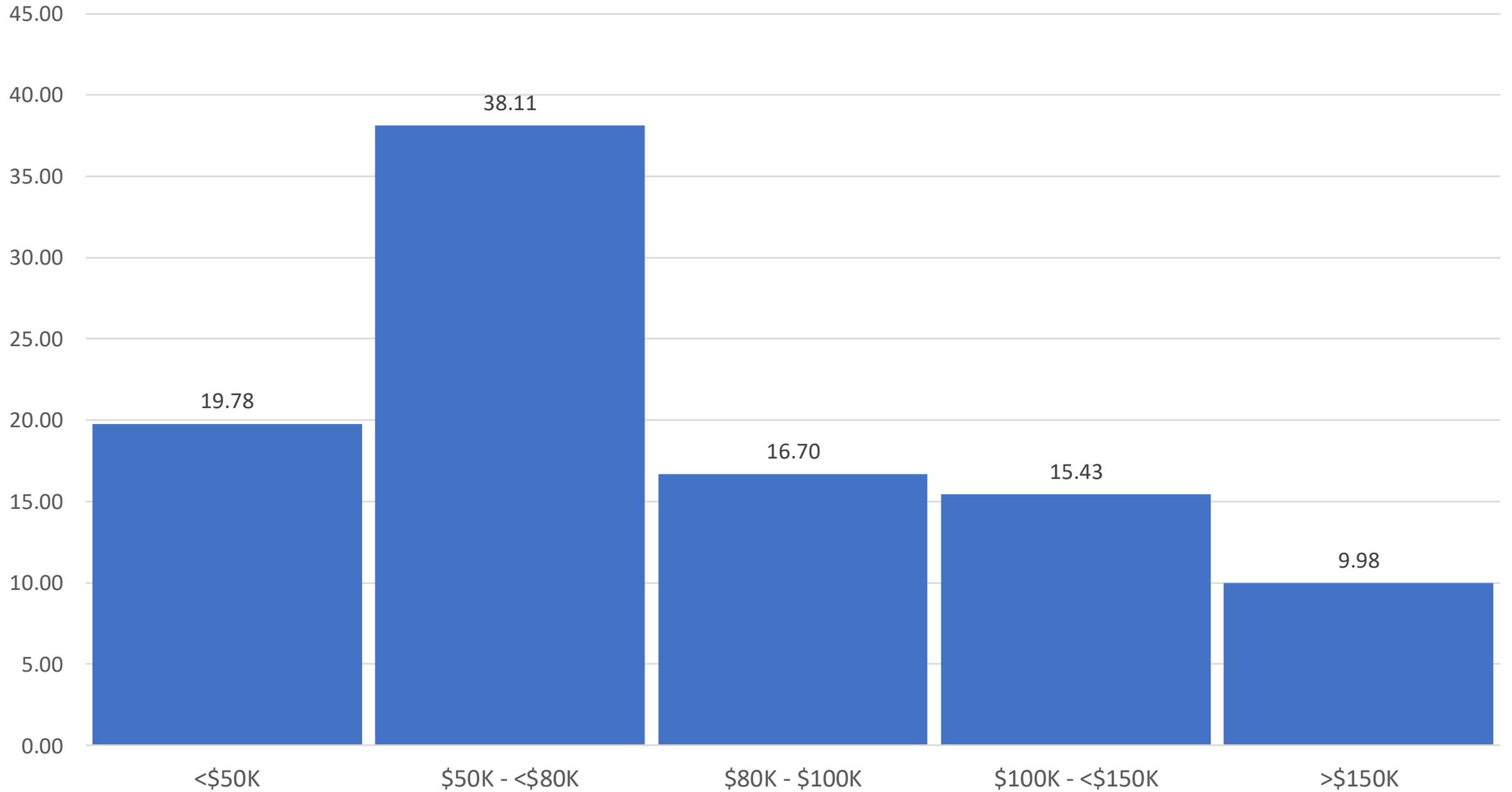


Ratio of New Doctorate Recipients to New Hires to Tenure-Track Faculty Positions in Four-Year Institutions, 1995–2015



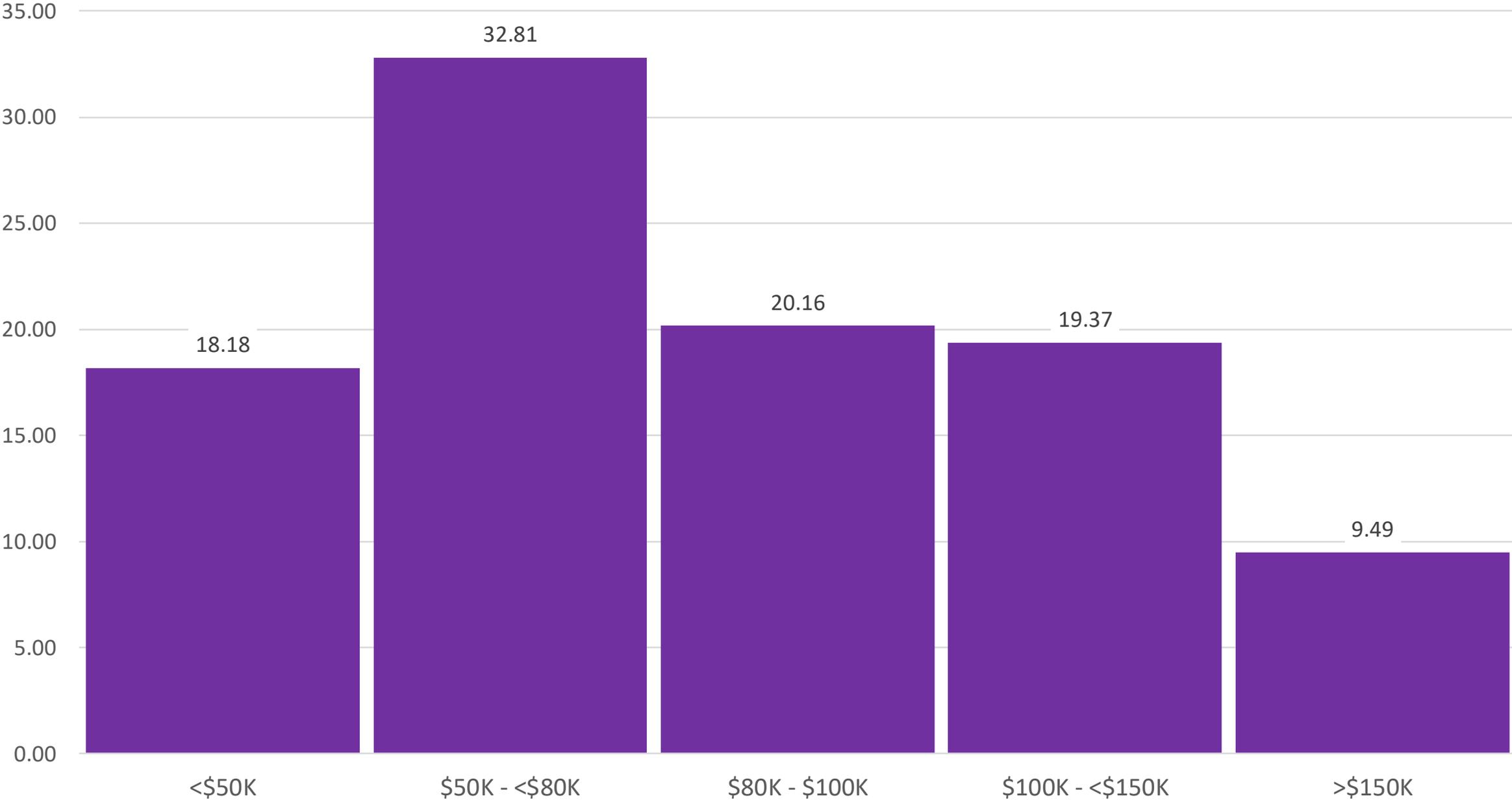
Distribution of Earnings: Humanities

(Percentage of Respondents at Different Earnings Levels)



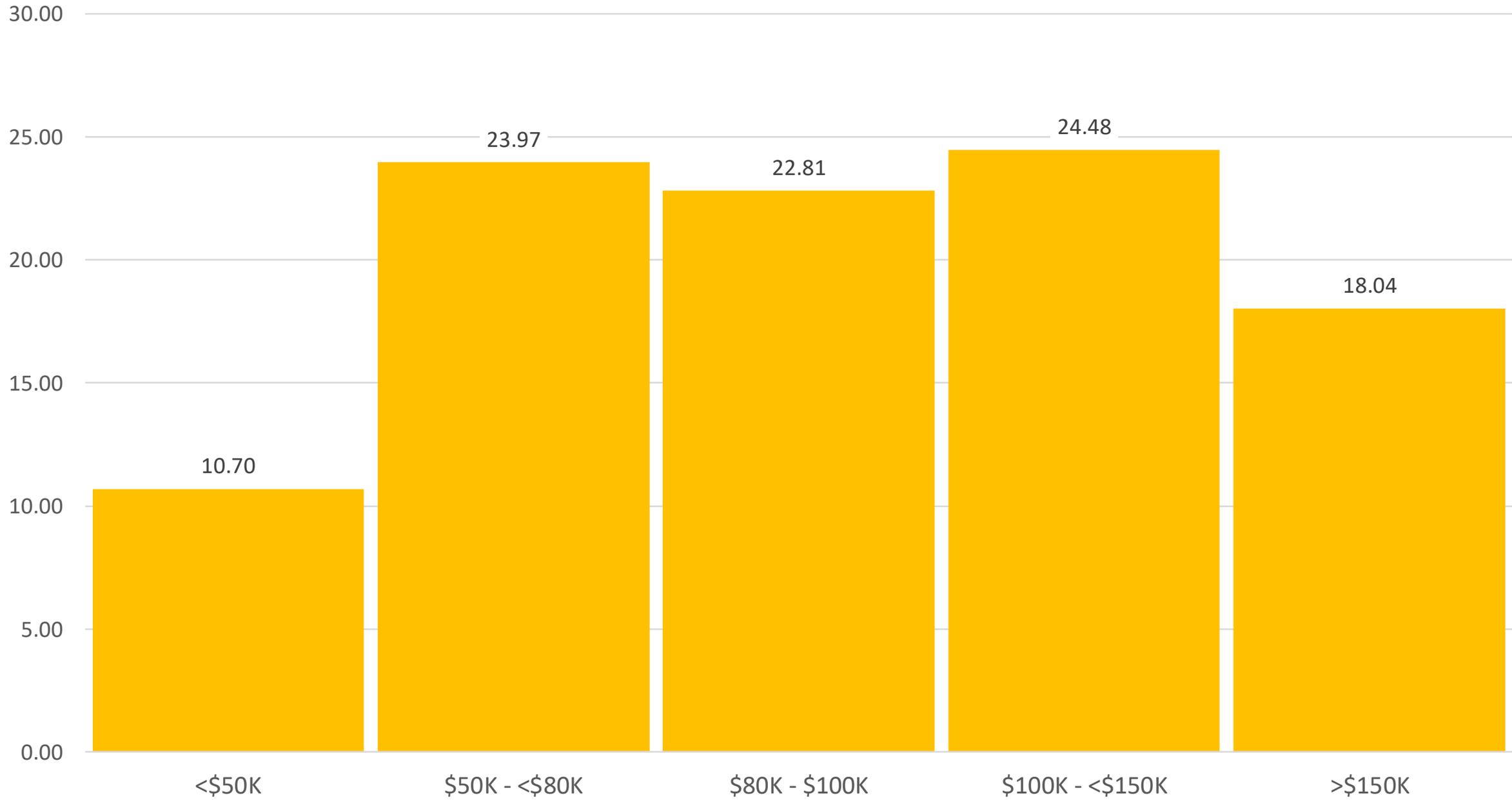
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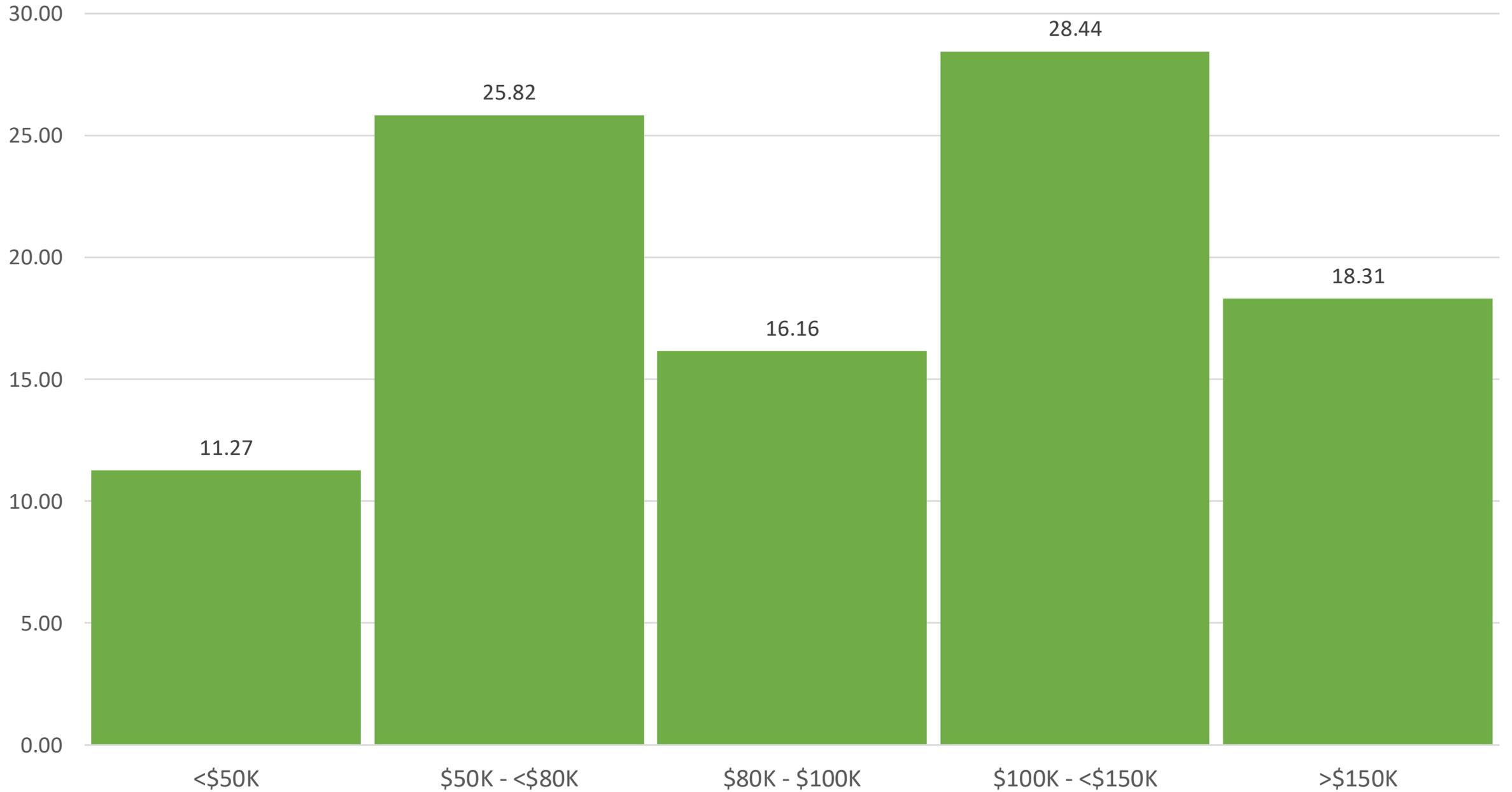
Distribution of Earnings: Social Sciences

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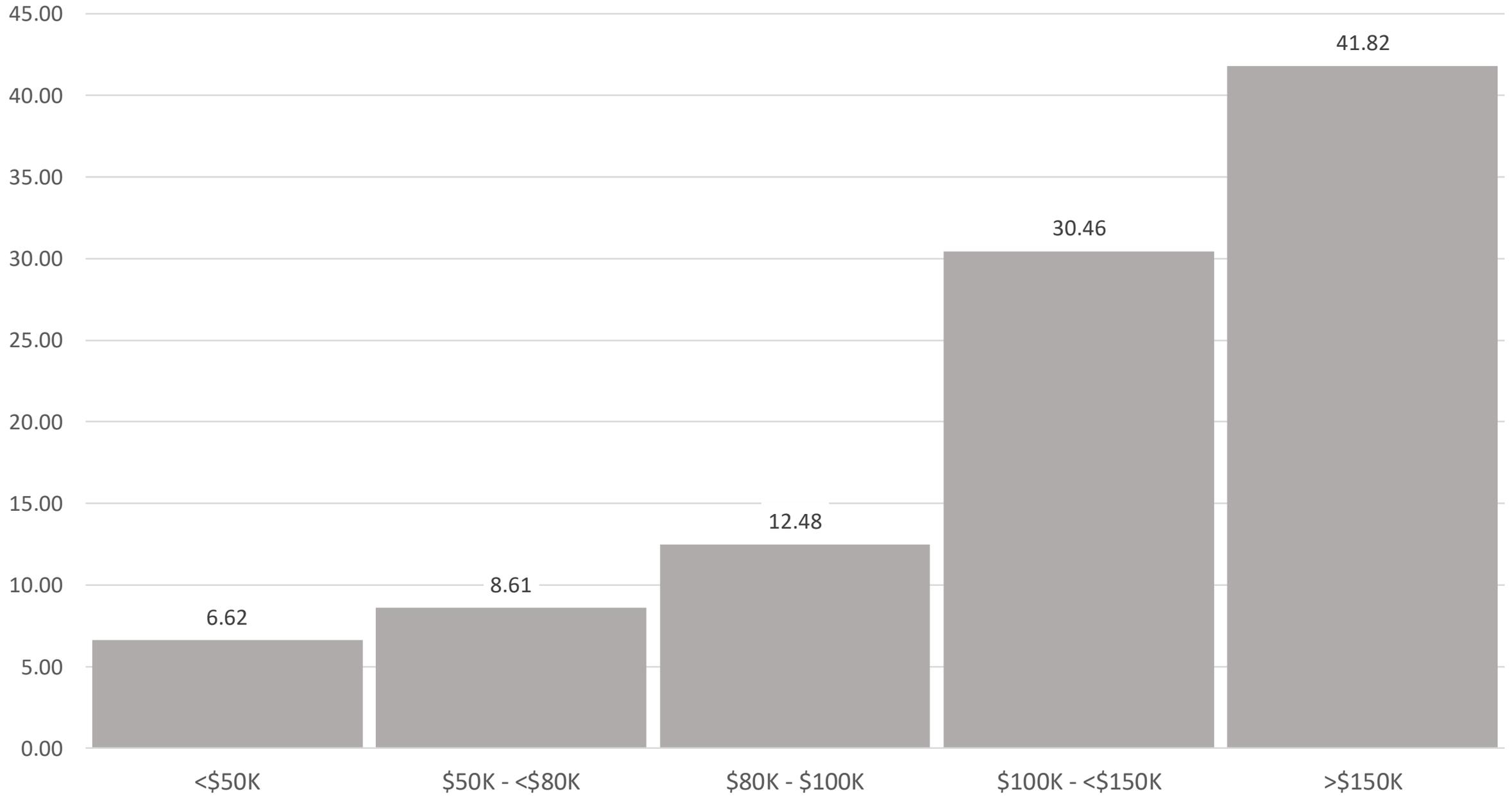


Distribution of Earnings: Life and Physical Sciences

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Distribution of Earnings: Engineering
(Percentage of Respondents at Different Earnings Levels)



“The contempt of risk and the presumptuous hope of success are in no period of life more active than at the age at which young people choose their professions.”

Adam Smith, *The Wealth of Nations*, 1776

