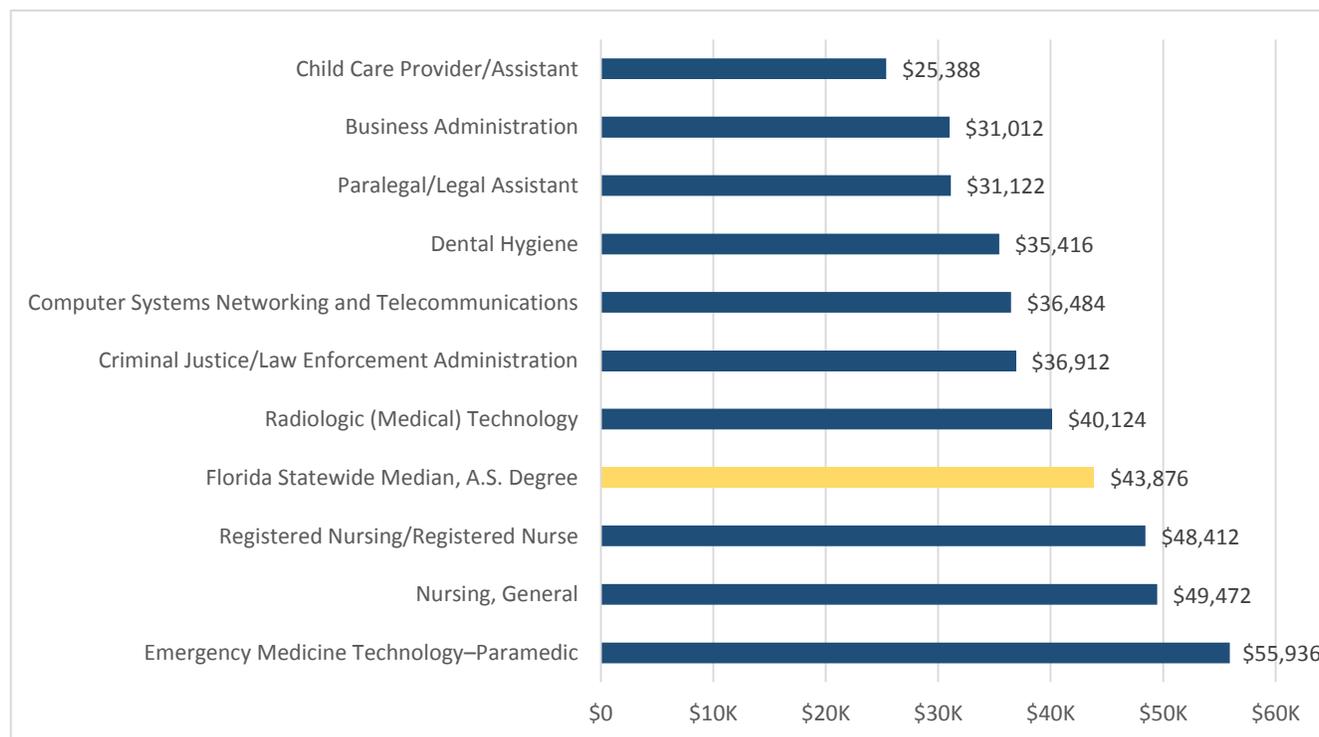


## Economic Security Report of Employment and Earnings Outcomes From Florida’s Public Postsecondary Educational Institutions Summary December 2015

Florida’s Economic Security Report focuses on the median first-year earnings of recent graduates and completers<sup>1</sup> from Florida’s public postsecondary educational institutions – State University System of Florida (SUS), Florida College System (FCS), and District Technical Centers (DTCs). The report documents the variation in first-year earnings among completers who earned degrees or certificates from these postsecondary institutions. Additionally, it presents data on the percentage of completers from various institutions who are receiving public assistance and the percentage enrolled in continuing education programs, as well as debt accumulated by all students, not just graduates. The results show that the types of postsecondary credentials completers earn and where they earn them, matter.

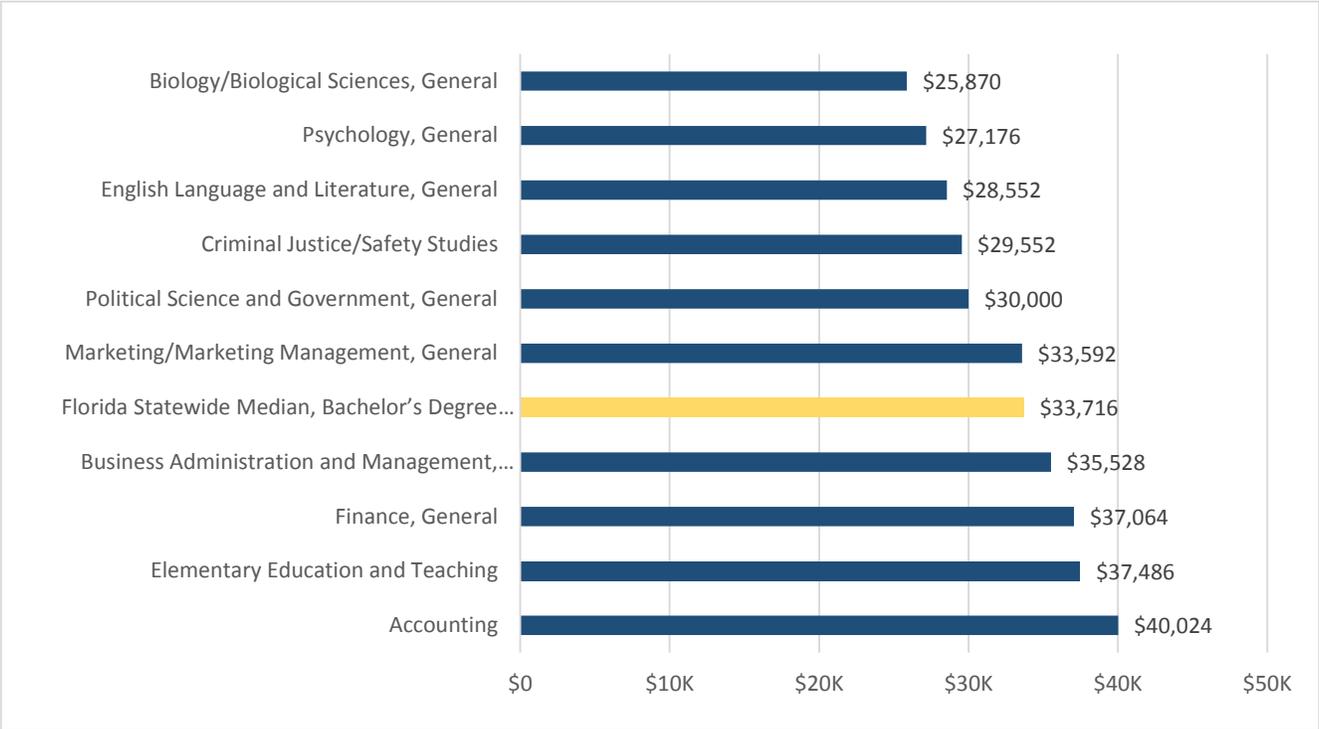
Increased levels of educational achievement provide a boost in earnings power – the more you learn, the more you earn. However, there is often wide variation in the average earnings of graduates with the same level credential depending on what they studied. The following chart shows some of the most popular fields of study of graduates with an Associate of Science (A.S.) Degree. The median first-year earnings of a graduate with an A.S. degree in Child Care Provider/Assistant were around \$25,000. In contrast, a graduate with an A.S. degree in Nursing earned almost twice that amount, while a graduate who earned an A.S. degree in Emergency Medical Technology-Paramedic earned more than \$55,000.



This is also true for graduates with a bachelor’s degree. The figure below shows the variation in the earnings of graduates in the most popular bachelor’s degree programs in Florida. The range is from less than \$30,000 per year (Biology, Psychology, English, and Criminal Justice) to more than \$40,000 (Accounting). Elementary

<sup>1</sup> In this report, “graduates” is a specific term used to identify any person who has earned a degree (e.g., associate’s, bachelor’s, or master’s). “Completers” is a more general term used to identify any person who has completed any level of postsecondary education (e.g., certificates, diplomas, bachelor’s degrees, etc.).

Education and Teaching and Finance graduates earn, on average, more than \$37,000 the first year after graduation.



As reflected in this summary, there are many factors to consider when exploring education and career choices. We encourage you to visit [Beyond Education](#) to review the full Economic Security Report and obtain valuable information for you to consider as you research the many postsecondary learning opportunities available to you in the State of Florida.