

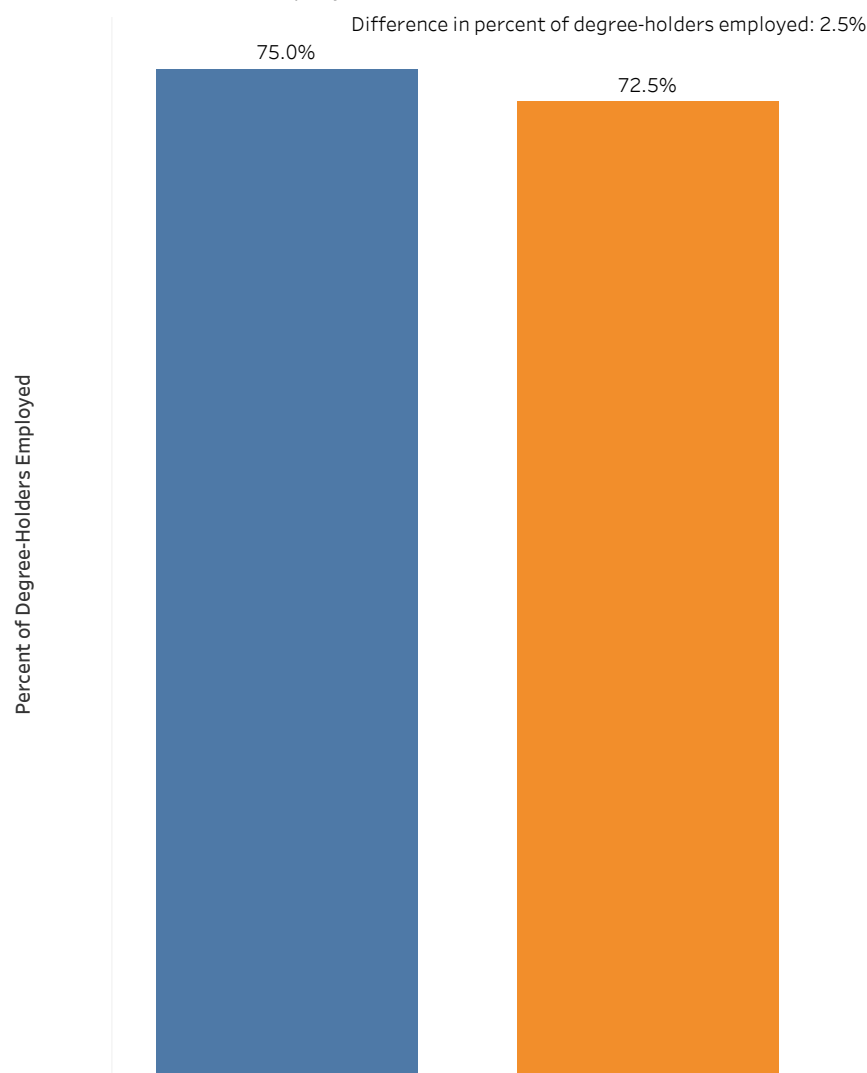


Is acquiring a graduate degree "worth it"?

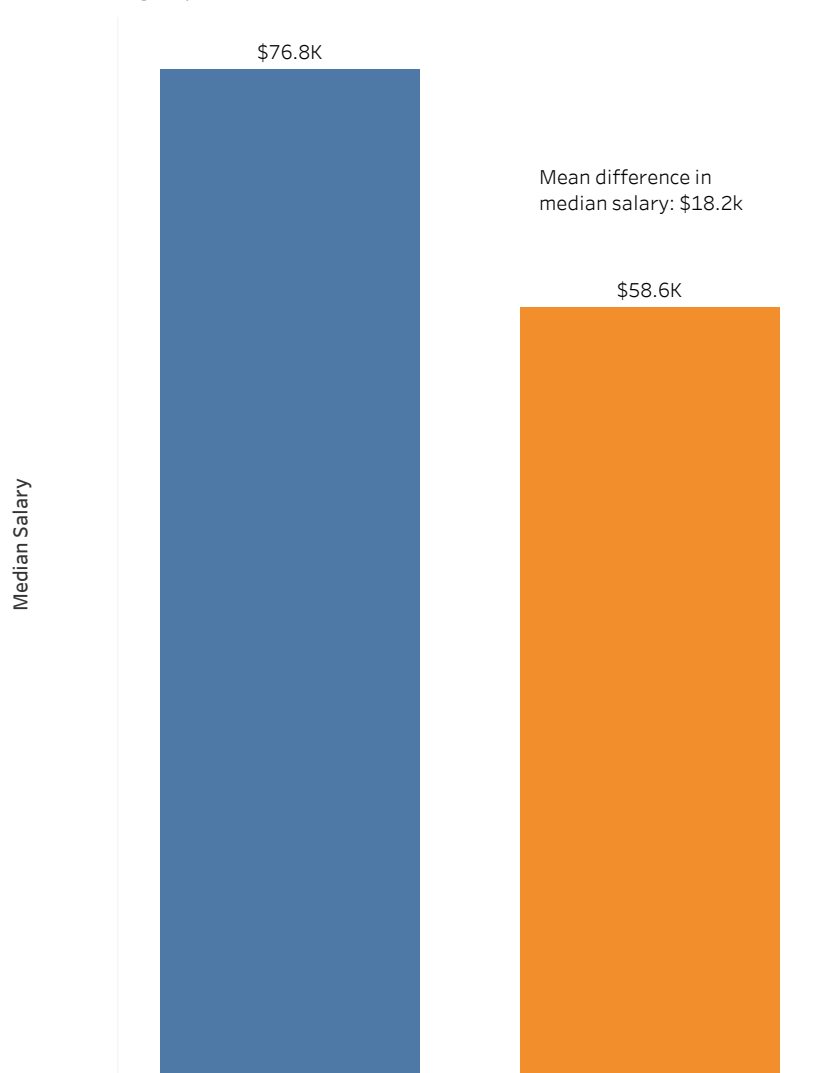


Broadly speaking, **graduates** have better outcomes than **non-graduates**

Graduates are more employed



Graduates get paid more



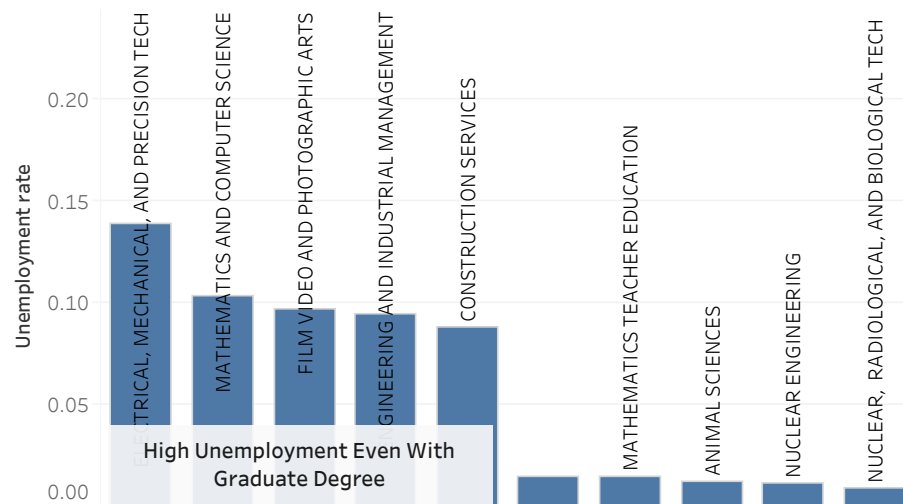
6.806%

Graduate student unemployment rate

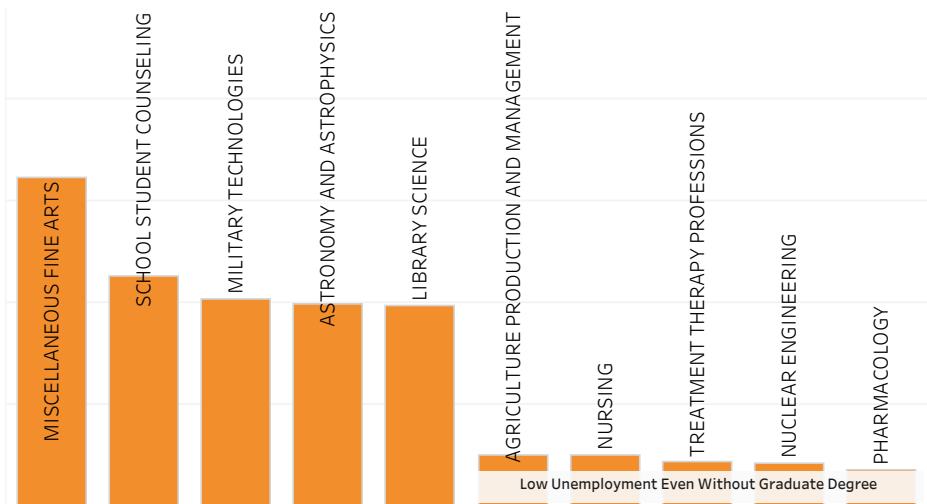
9.333%

Non-graduate student unemployment rate

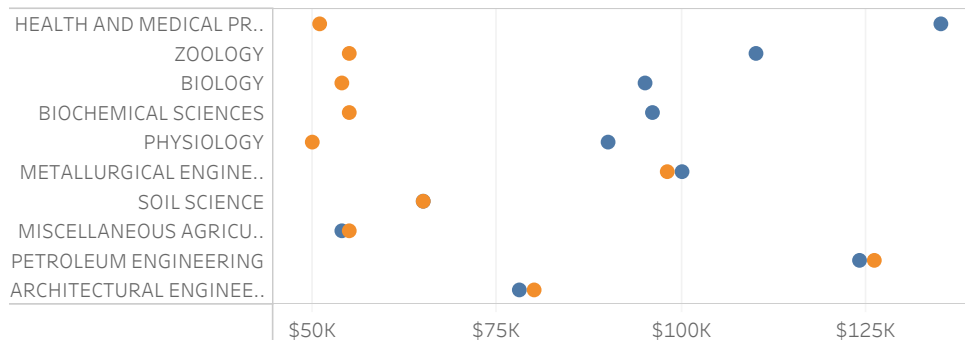
Majors with the Highest and Lowest Unemployment Rates for Grads



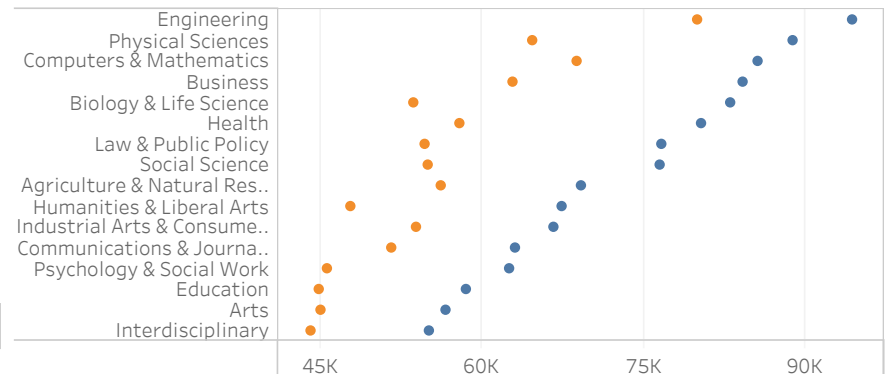
Majors with the Highest and Lowest Unemployment Rates for NonGrads



Majors with the **largest and smallest income disparity** between graduates and non-graduates



Median income disparity between graduates and non-graduates by major field





Which fields of study have the best outcomes?



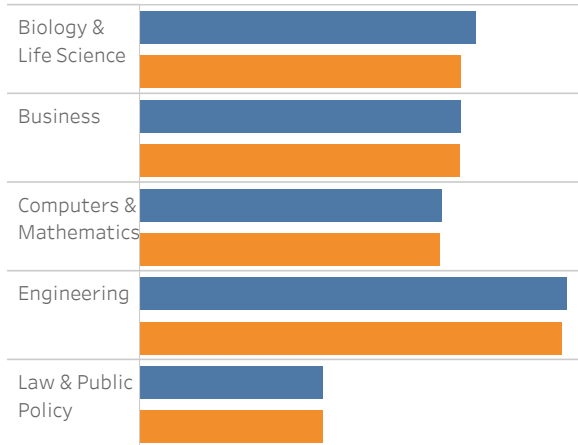
Where are the most graduates finding full-time employment?



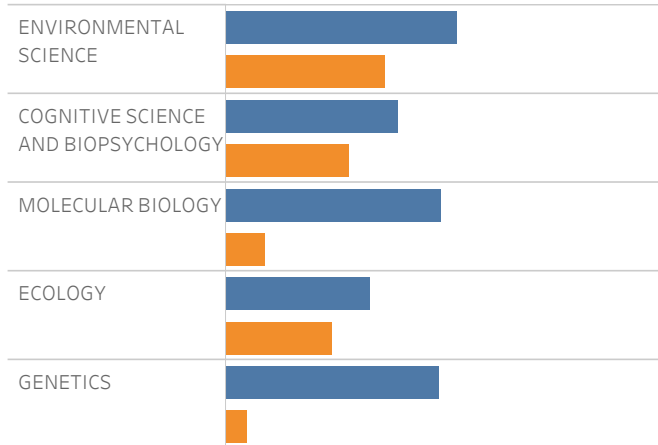


Across majors in which graduate students find the most full-time employment, **graduate students are employed at higher rates** than non-graduate students

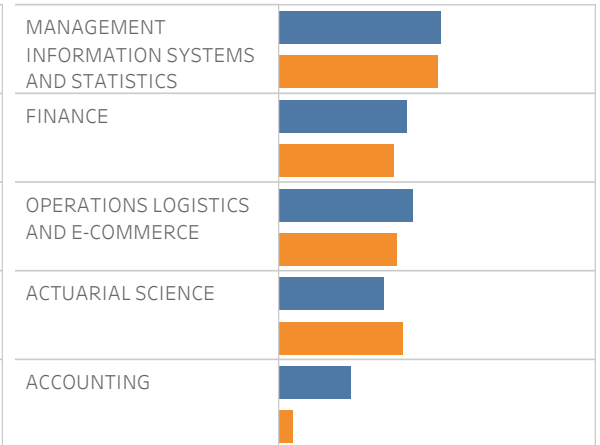
Percentage of employed individuals across the top 5 major fields for graduates by graduate education status



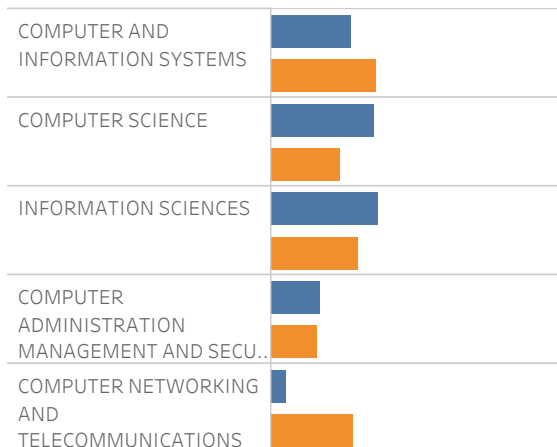
Percentage of employed individuals in Biology & Life Science by graduate education status



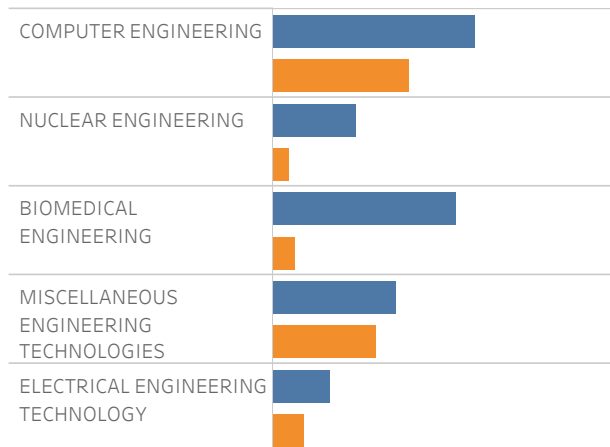
Percentage of employed individuals in Business by graduate education status



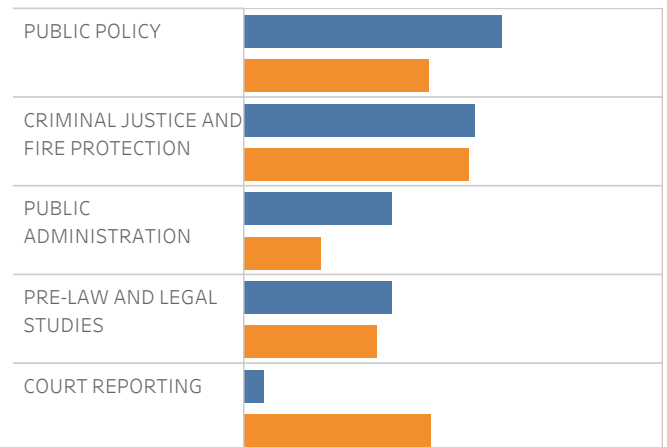
Percentage of employed individuals in Computers & Mathematics by graduate education status



Percentage of employed individuals in Engineering by graduate education status

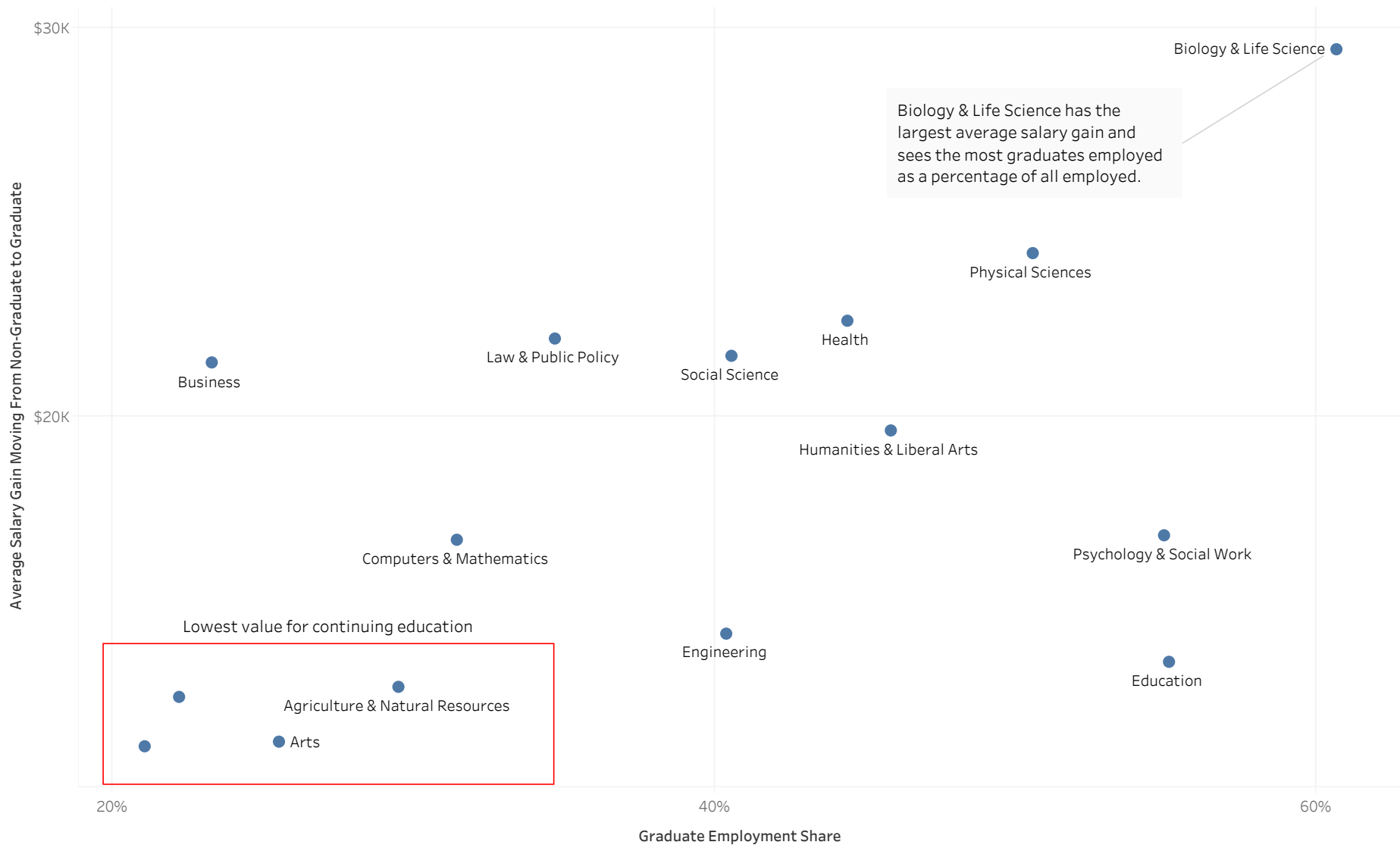


Percentage of employed individuals in Law & Public Policy by graduate education status

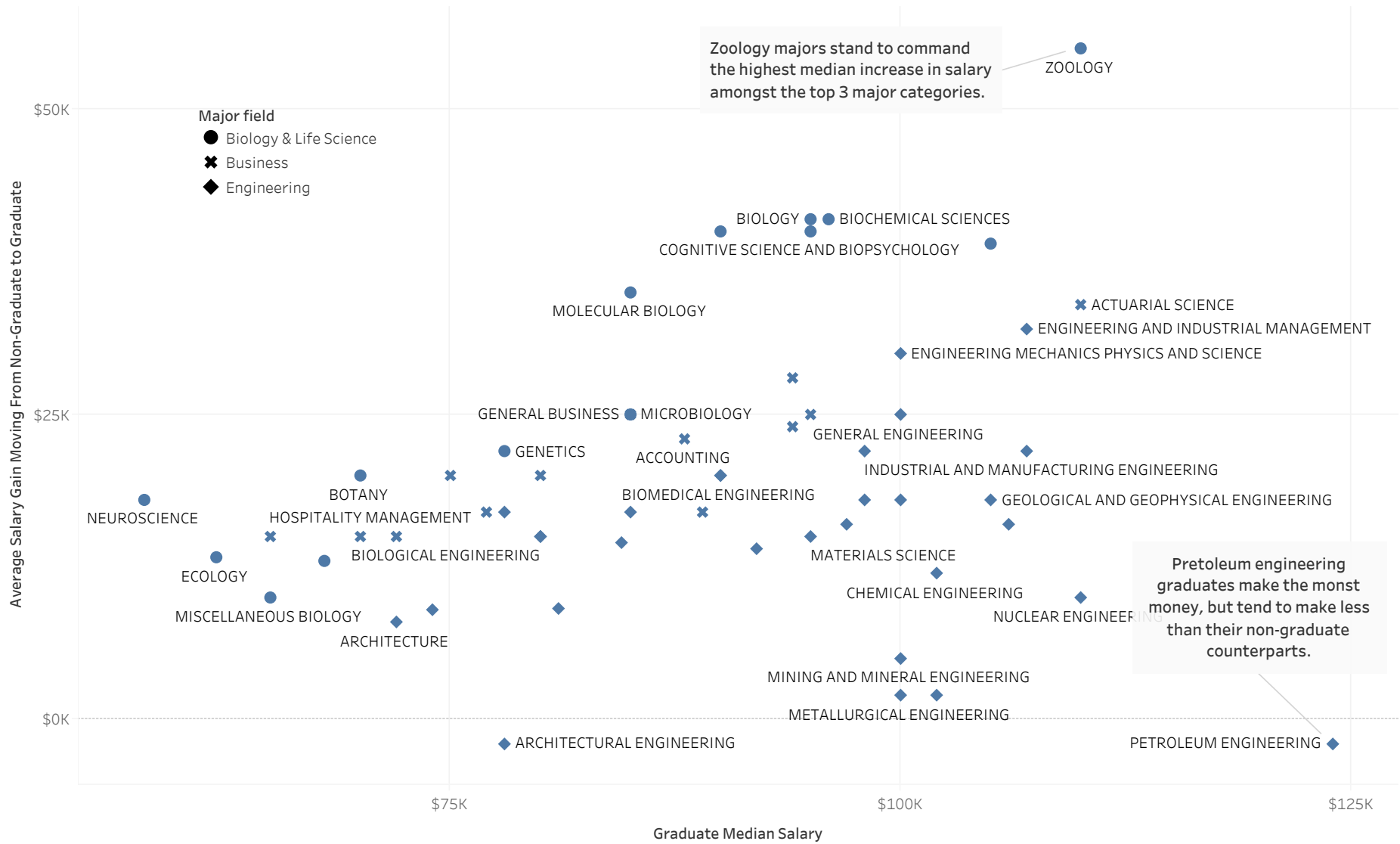




In which major categories should prospective grad students continue their undergraduate education?

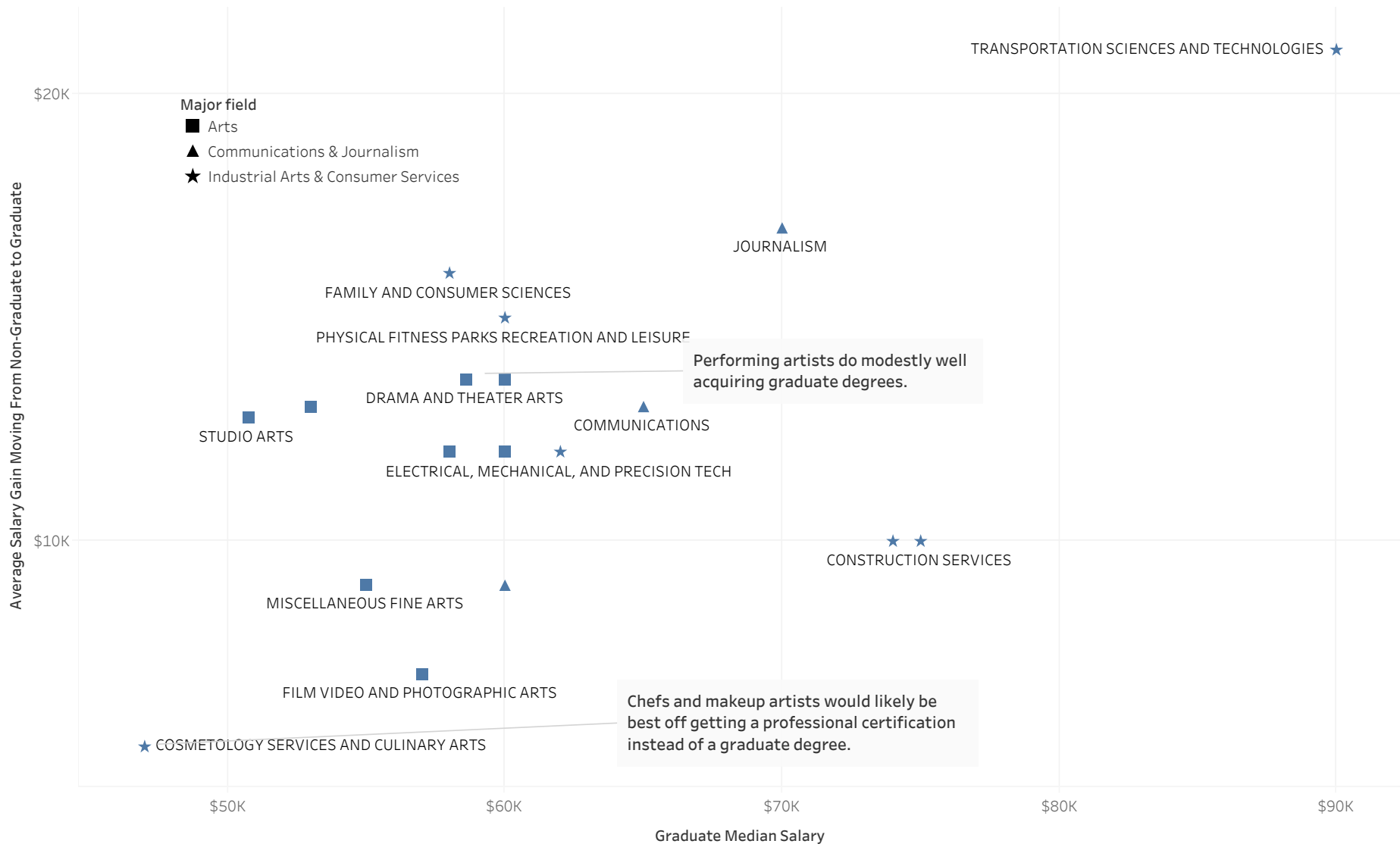


Salary gain for graduates vs median salary in the top 3 full-time employment major fields





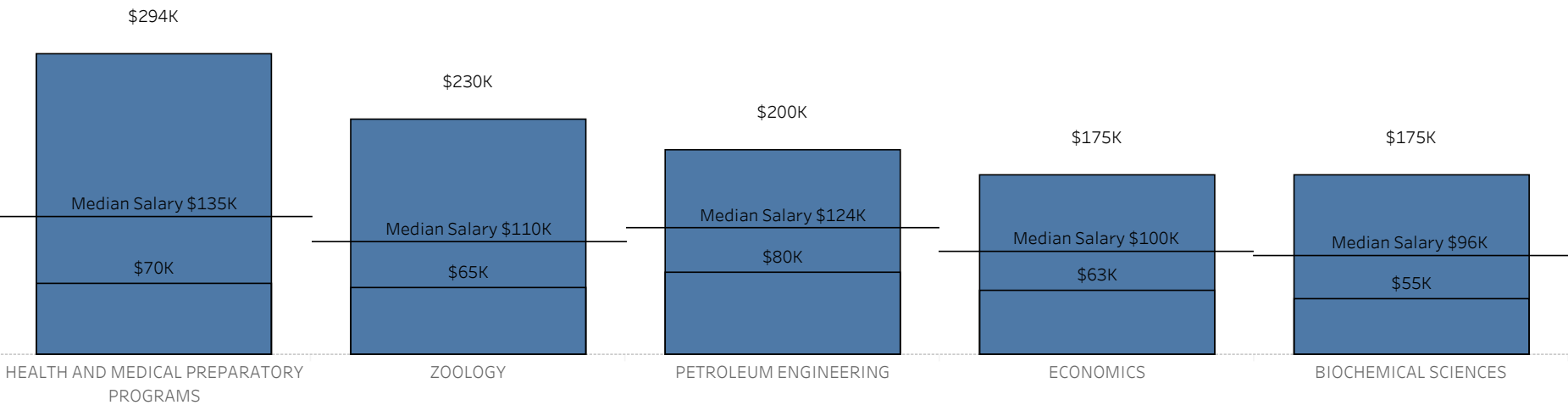
Salary gain for graduates vs median salary in the 3 lowest-value-gained major fields



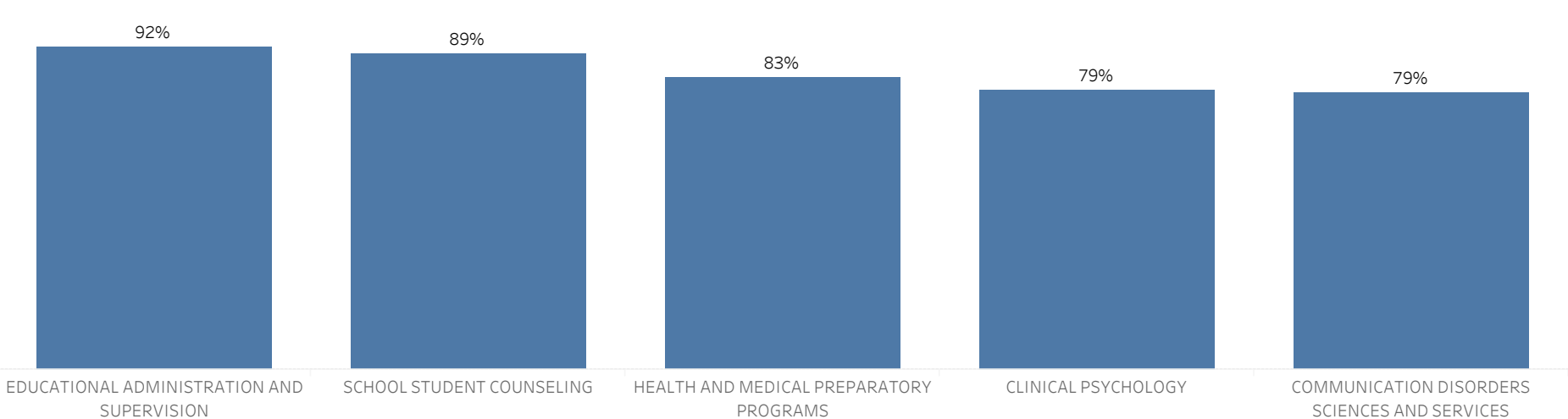


What about those who want to pivot careers?

Top 5 median graduate salaries with quartiles



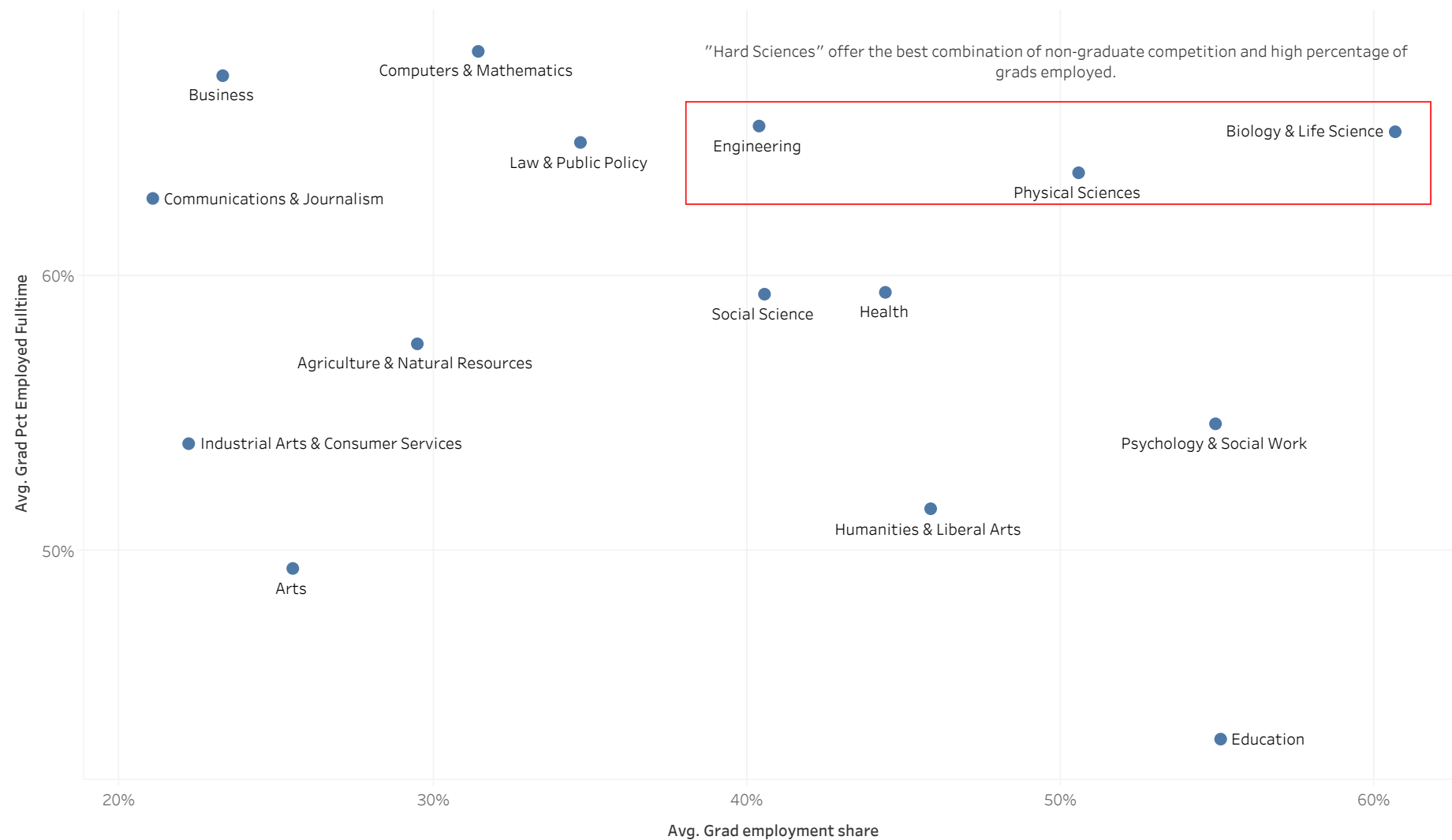
Top 5 majors by share of employed graduates





Among all fields, which has employers that most want a graduate degree-holder?

Percent of graduates employed fulltime vs share of graduates employed



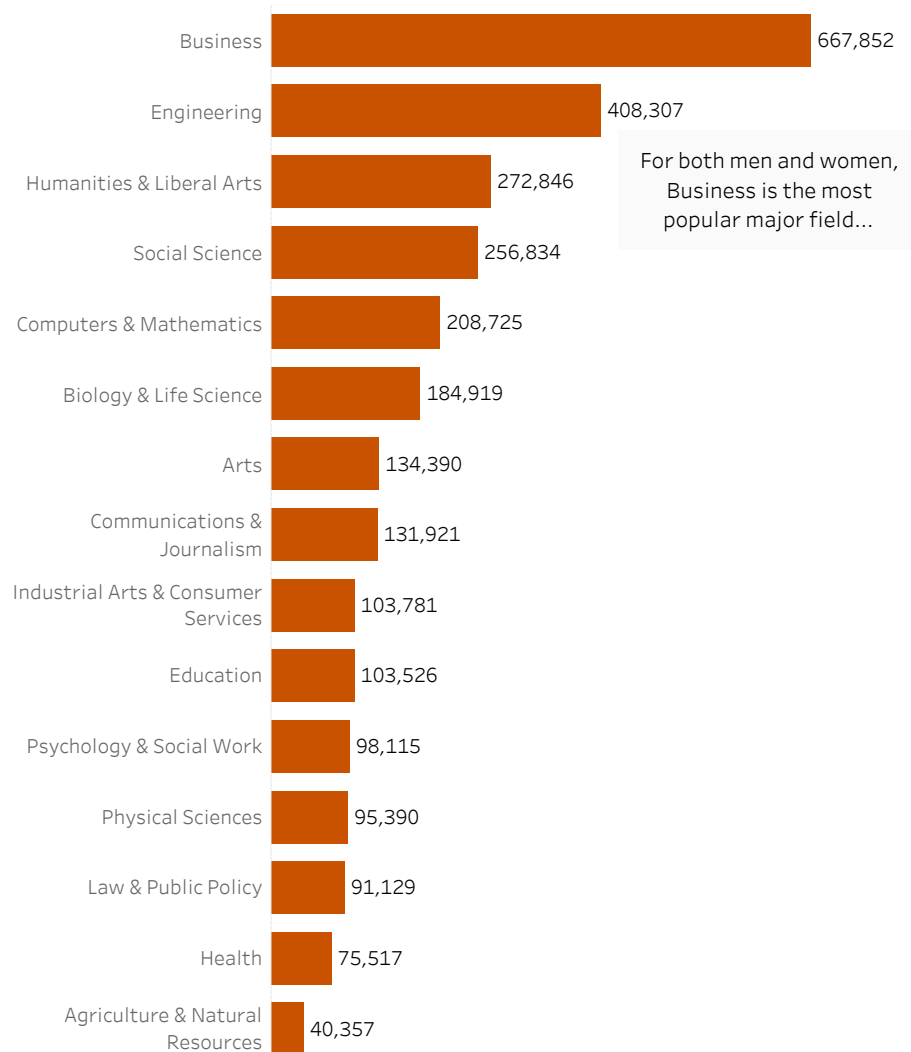


Are the benefits of acquiring a graduate degree distributed equitably?

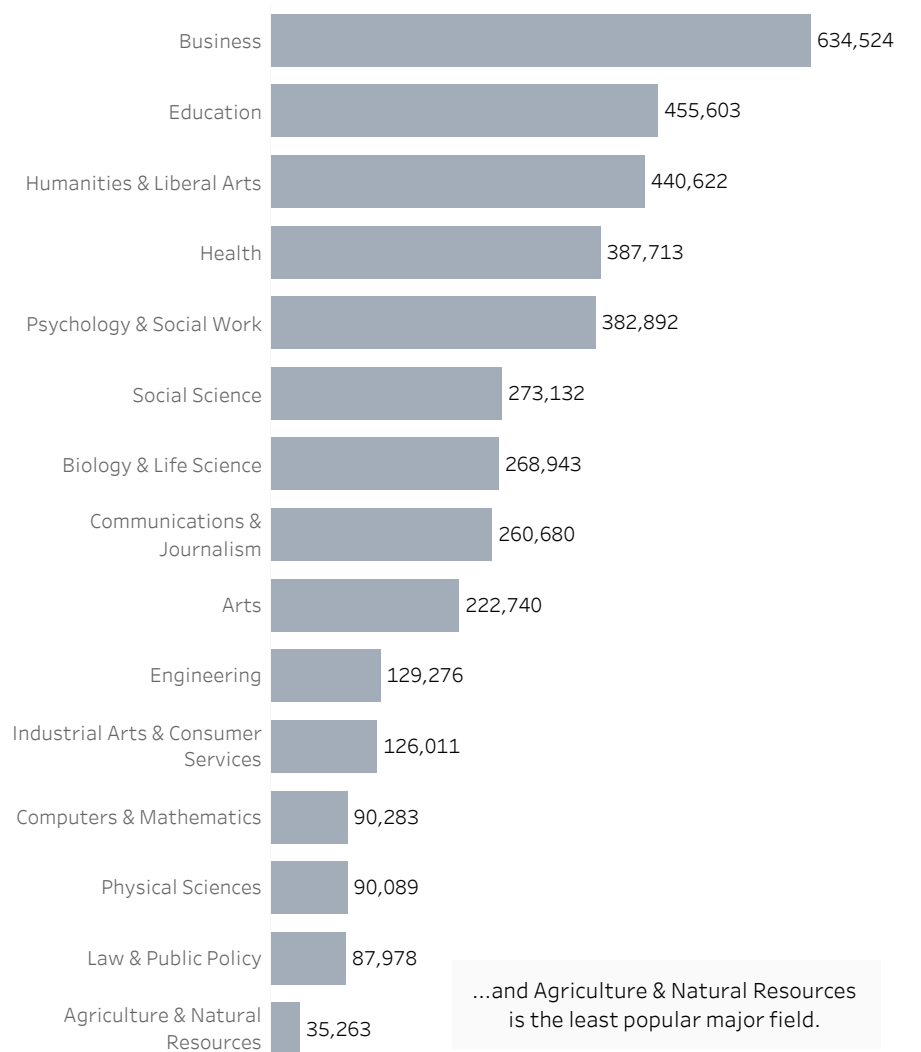


Are the benefits of graduate study distributed equitably?

Number of graduate **men** by major field

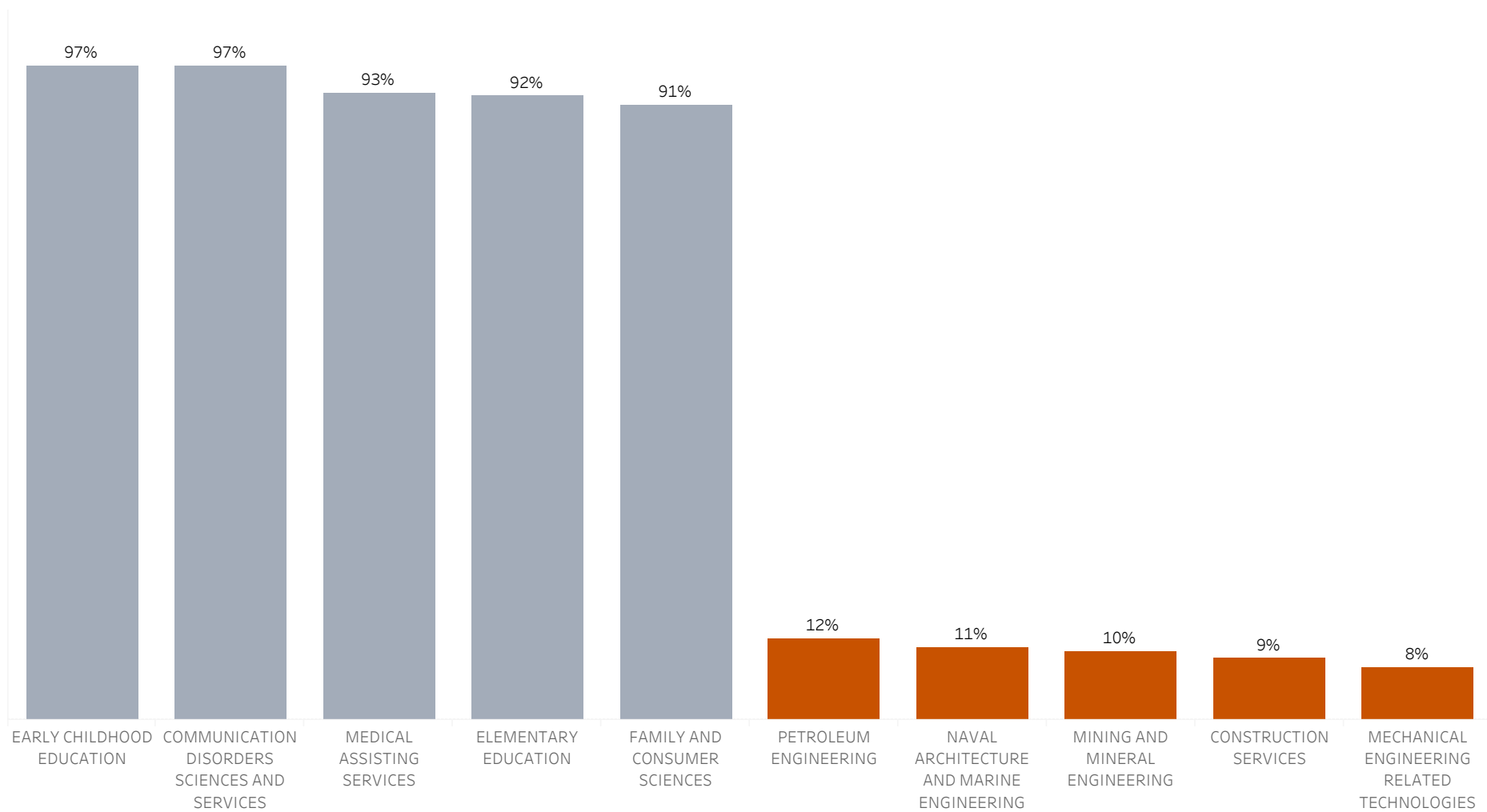


Number of graduate **women** by major field



Gender is not evenly distributed amongst majors

Share of women graduates by major



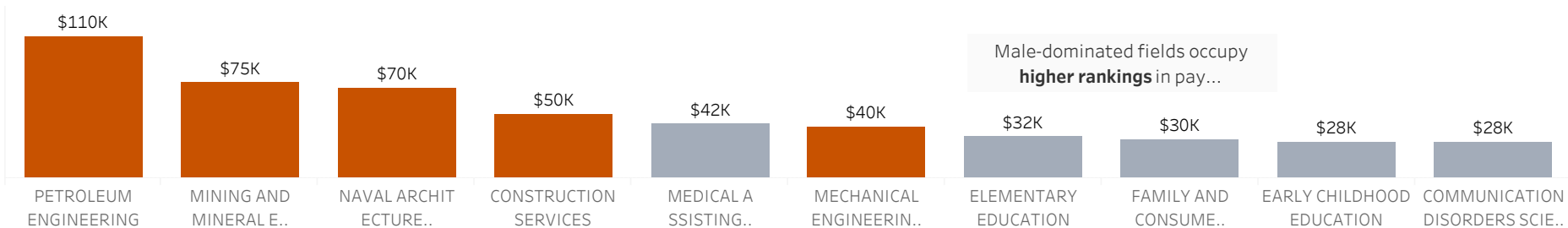
\$40,394

Median salary in **male-dominated** fields

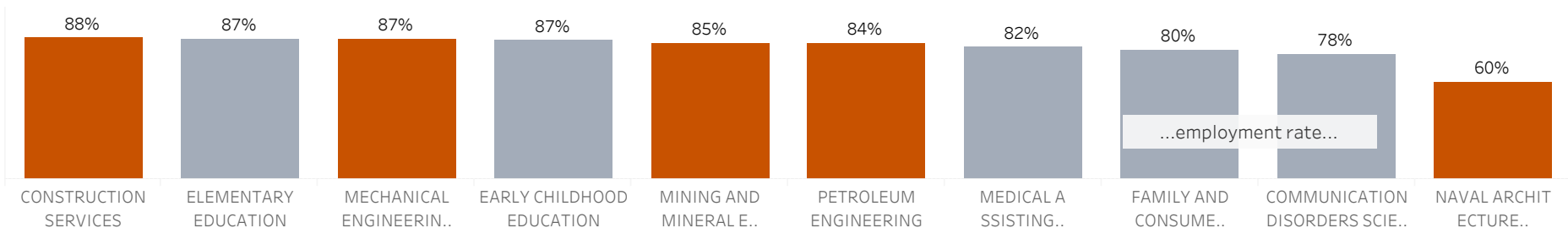
\$32,000

Median salary in **female-dominated** fields

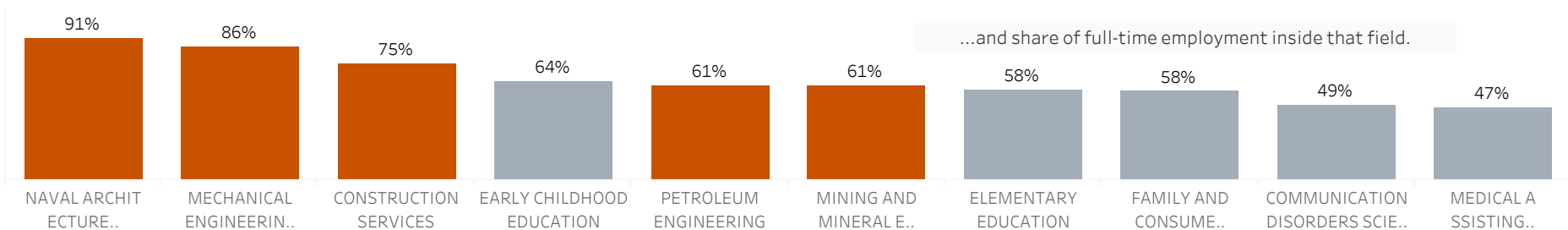
Median pay



Employment rate

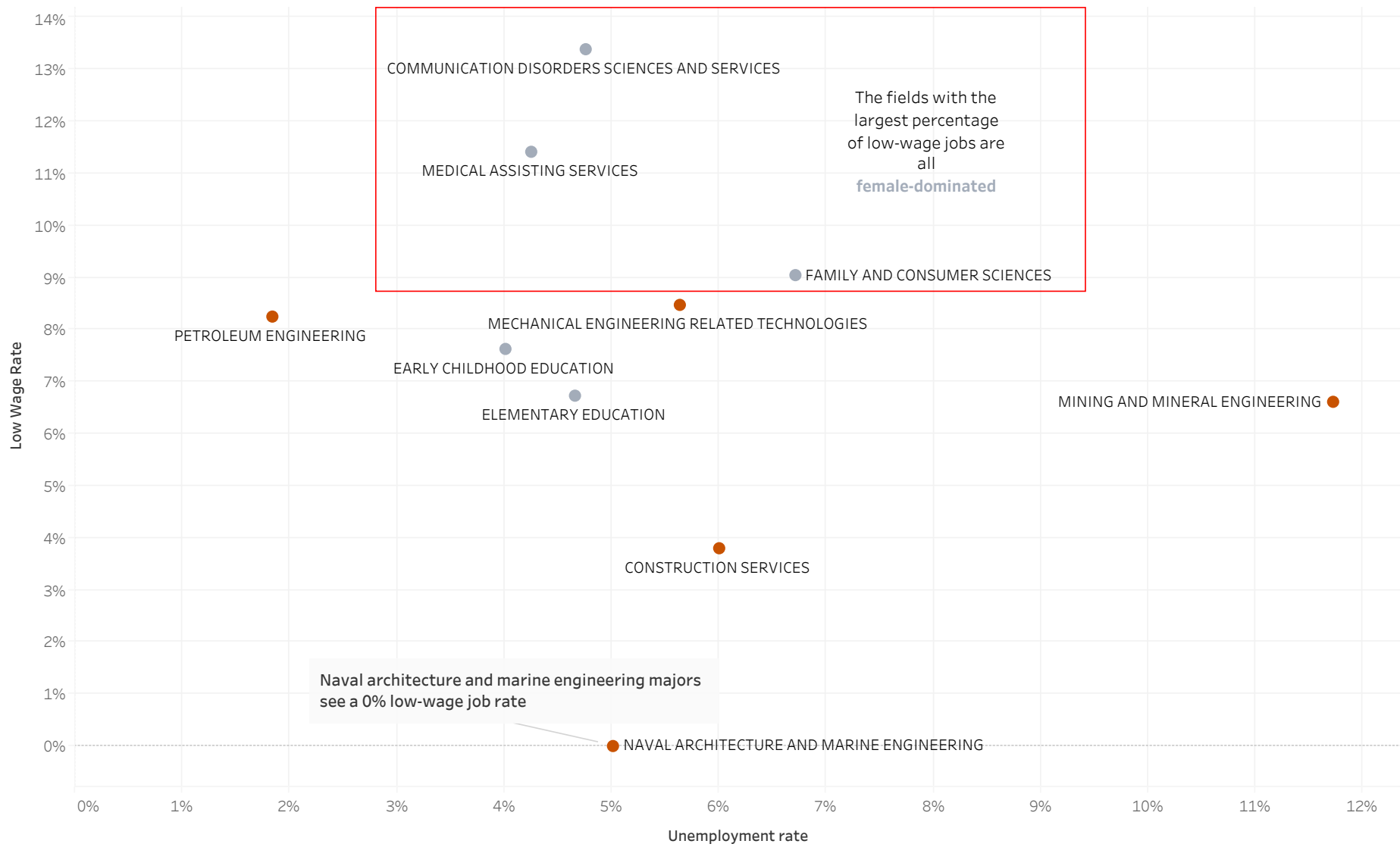


Percentage of total major employment that is full-time

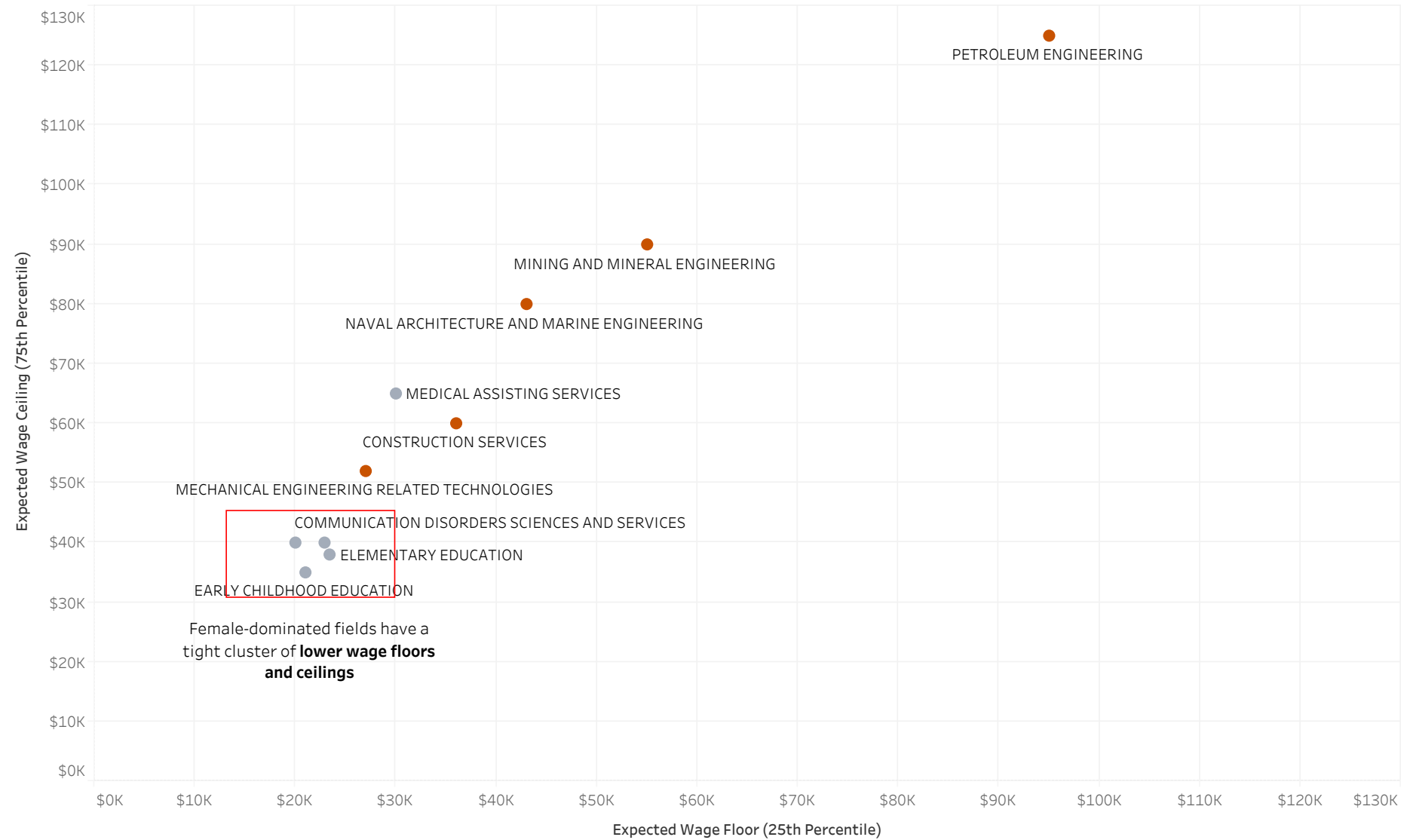




Female-dominated fields see **more negative outcomes**



Salary floors and ceilings by gender





In Conclusion:

Graduate degree-holders have, by and large, **better outcomes** than nongraduate degree-holders.

The **greatest value** in professional outcomes for graduate degree-holders is concentrated in **hard sciences**.

Female-dominated fields see **worse outcomes** for graduate degree-holders compared to male-dominated fields.