Economics Pays

Median annual wages by college major, early career vs. mid-career

$115K
median mid-career wage for Economics majors

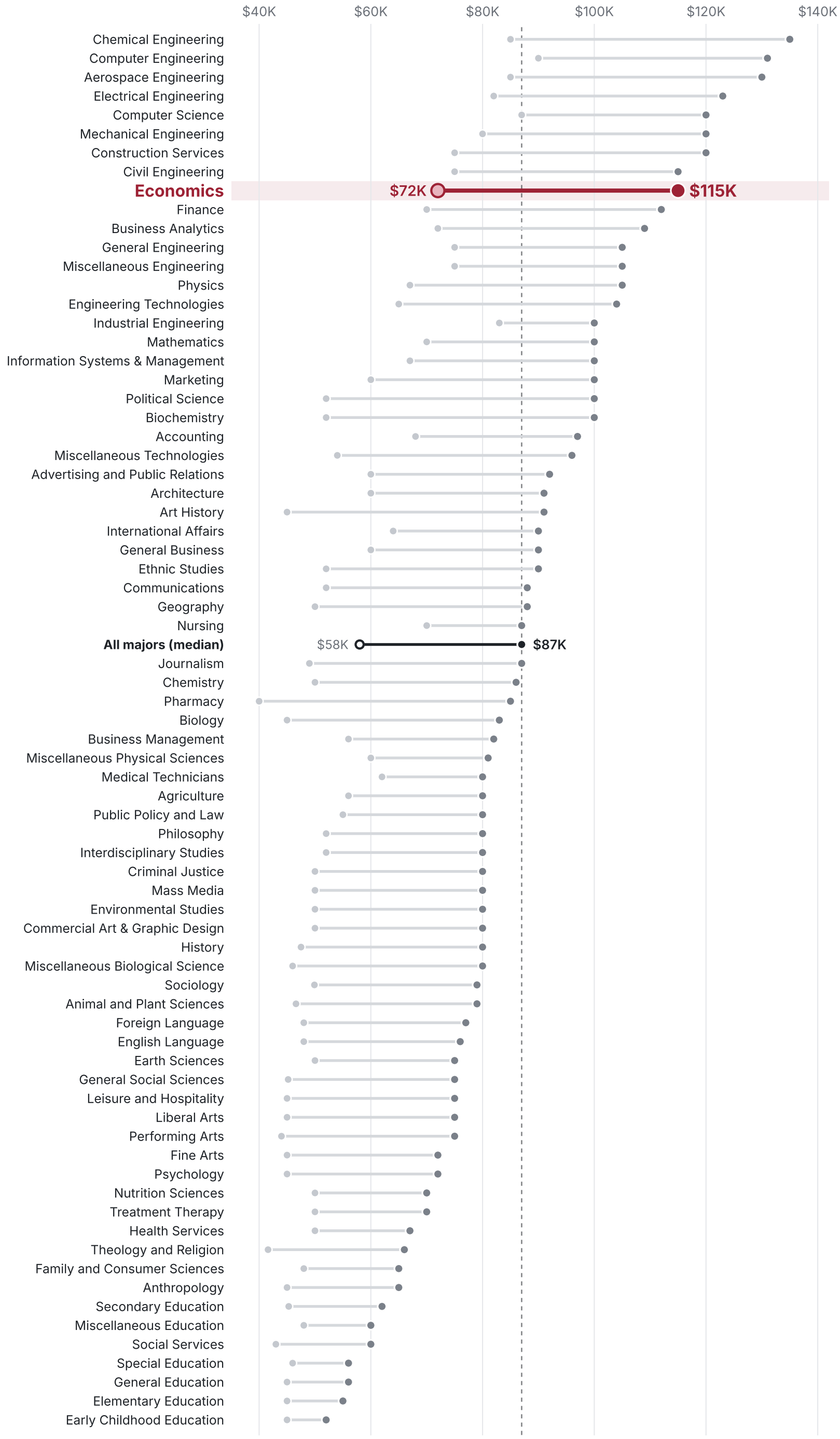
+32%
above the median for all majors ($87K)

#1
among business and social-science majors

Top 8
of 73 majors by mid-career pay

How to read: Early career (ages 22–27) → Mid-career (ages 35–45)

Majors sorted by mid-career wage. Dashed line = median for all majors.



Source: Federal Reserve Bank of New York, “The Labor Market for Recent College Graduates.” Median wages for full-time workers.