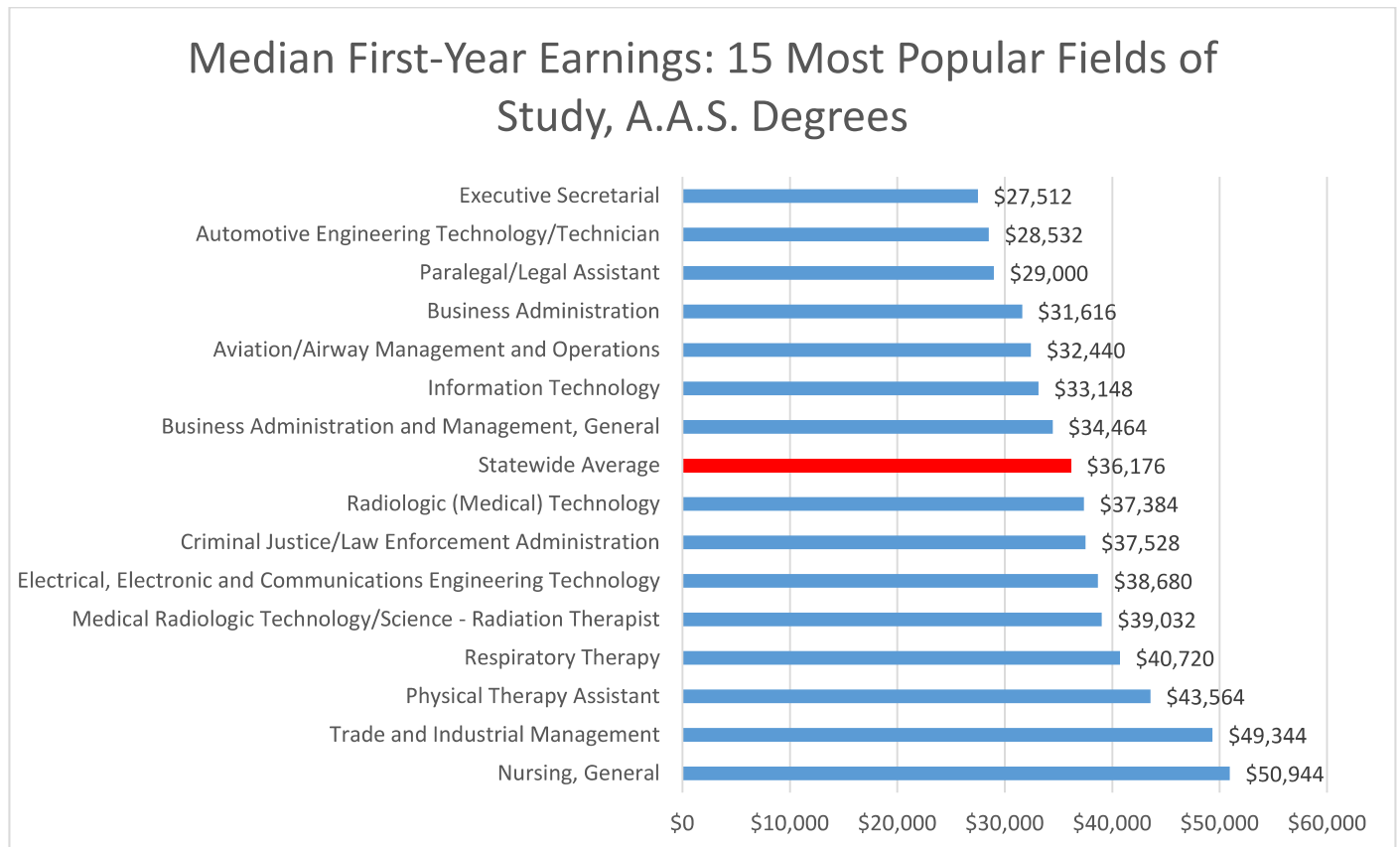


## Measuring the Economic Success of Florida’s Graduates

The Economic Security Report provides students, parents, and others with information on graduates of Florida’s public institutions of higher education, including the State University System (SUS), Florida College System (FCS) and District Technical Centers (DIST).<sup>1</sup>

Degrees and certifications matter – the more you learn, the more you earn. Increased levels of educational achievement provide a boost in earnings power.

Typically, the type of degree selected will be associated with earnings potential as well. The chart below shows earnings for various associate of applied science degrees at the FCS level.<sup>2</sup> As indicated in the chart, a student’s career choice and field of study can greatly impact the student’s long-term earnings potential.

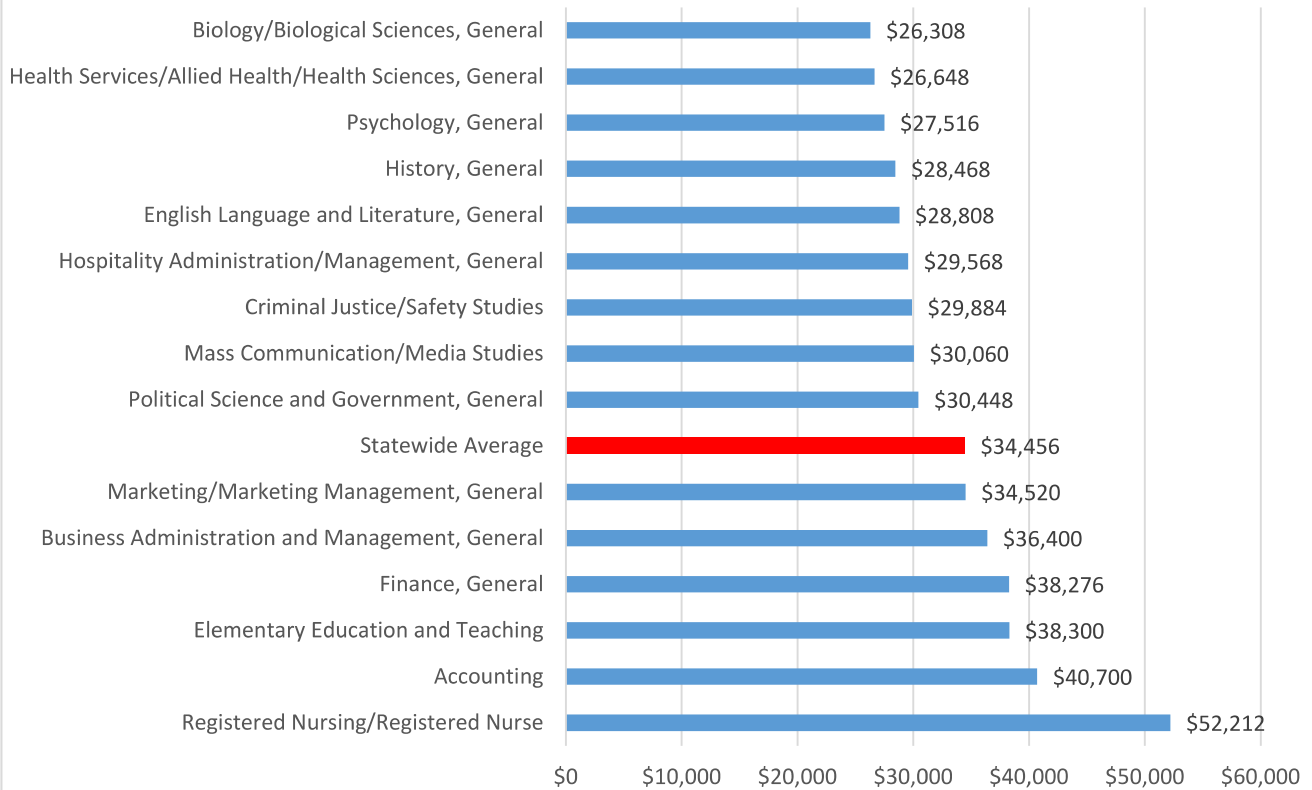


A wide variation in earnings is also true for graduates with a bachelor’s degree. While personal interest and other factors should drive choice of institution and major, understanding the earnings of recent bachelor’s graduates will aid students in choosing a program to meet their long-term career goals. The chart below shows the 15 most popular bachelor’s programs in 2013-2014 by earnings.

<sup>1</sup> The data source for information in this summary report is the Florida Department of Education’s Florida Education and Training Placement Information Program (FETPIP).

<sup>2</sup> Data represents the median initial earnings for 2013-2014 graduates the first year after graduation.

### Median First-Year Earnings: 15 Most Popular Fields of Study, Bachelor's Degrees



Although each graduate's success reflects a variety of factors – such as their background, the local job market, and where they choose to live – [www.beyondeducation.org](http://www.beyondeducation.org) and the Economic Security Report provide valuable information for students and parents to consider when exploring education and career choices.