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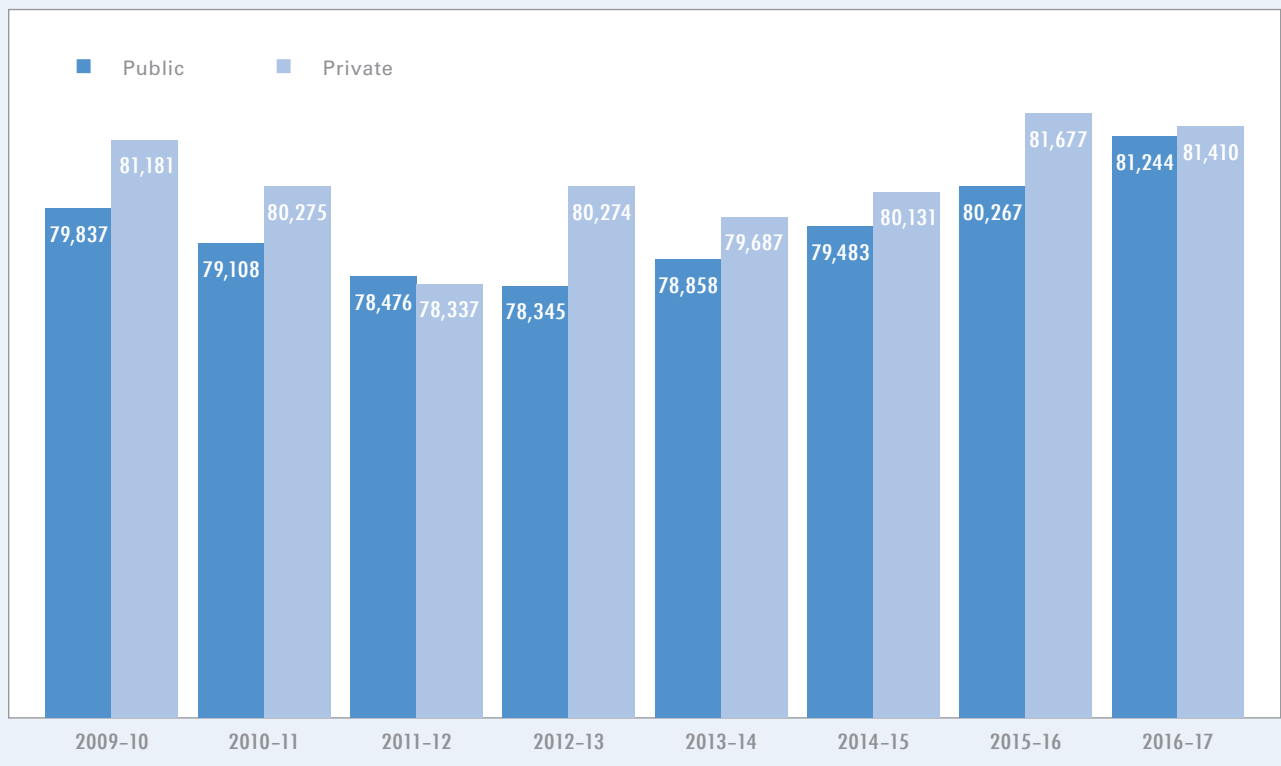
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## SALARIES IN SOCIOLOGY: FACULTY SALARIES VIRTUALLY EQUAL AT PUBLIC AND PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS

Sociology faculty at private institutions have earned slightly more, on average, than those at public institutions over the past eight years, but the differences are negligible. After adjusting for inflation, earnings across all ranks at private institutions were at most \$2,000 more than at public institutions between 2012 and 2016, and virtually equal in AY 2016–17.

Some variation in this pattern exists for sociology faculty at different ranks. The biggest public-private salary difference is found at the associate level, where sociology professors' salaries at private institutions averaged between \$2,000 and \$4,000 more than their same-ranked colleagues at public institutions. Among assistant professors, this difference was less than \$2,000. The relationship among full professors varied from year to year; in some years, the average salary for full professors was slightly higher in at private institutions, and in other years it was lower.

Mean Salary for Sociology Faculty at Public and Private Institutions in U.S. Dollars (Adjusted Dollars)



Notes: Includes full-time assistant, associate, and full professors at 4-year institutions; 'Adjusted Dollars' were calculated using the 2016 Consumer Price Index. Data not available for 2007–2008 and 2008–2009, resulting in an 8-year comparison rather than the 10 years seen in other Salaries in Sociology Research Snapshots.

Source: College and University Professional Association for Human Resources. *Faculty in Higher Education Salary Survey for Four-Year Colleges and Universities* (formerly the *National Faculty Salary Survey*), 2009–2017. Analysis by ASA.