

American Economic Association Universal Academic Questionnaire Summary Statistics

This report contains information from the 2006 Universal Academic Questionnaire, an annual survey of US economics departments. A survey is sent to each institution, addressed to the chair of the Department of Economics. Responses apply only to that department. Economists employed in other academic units are not included in the survey. We try to maintain the confidentiality of individual institutions'

responses. The accuracy and scope of these tables depends on the cooperation of departments in completing the UAQ. The 2007 questionnaire will be mailed in October.

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TABLE 1A—NOMINAL 2006–07 ACADEMIC-YEAR SALARIES OF TENURED OR TENURE-TRACK
ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS
(Mean of institutional means)

	Professor	Associate professor	Assistant professor
PhD schools	\$129,771 (79) [\$30,564]	\$93,317 (70) [\$20,640]	\$83,540 (74) [\$9,632]
MA schools	\$95,564 (33) [\$16,268]	\$76,358 (28) [\$10,136]	\$70,313 (30) [\$10,650]
BA schools	\$89,308 (115) [\$24,226]	\$72,224 (100) [\$13,568]	\$65,983 (82) [\$17,643]

TABLE 1B—NOMINAL 2006–2007 ACADEMIC-YEAR SALARIES OF TENURED OR TENURE-TRACK
FULL AND ASSISTANT PROFESSORS OF ECONOMICS AT PhD GRANTING UNIVERSITIES, BY 1995
NATIONAL RESEARCH COUNCIL “TIERS”

	Professor	Assistant professor
Tiers 1 & 2 (ranks 1–15)	\$183,820 (9) [\$16,032]	\$97,214 (9) [\$5,241]
Tier 3 (ranks 16–30)	\$158,318 (8) [\$27,184]	\$89,686 (8) [\$6,859]
Tier 4 (ranks 31–48)	\$143,050 (10) [\$18,466]	\$88,552 (10) [\$7,821]
Tier 5 (ranks 49+)	\$113,472 (52) [\$16,674]	\$78,809 (47) [\$7,200]

Notes: School category based on highest degree awarded in economics. Number of observations (institutions) are in parentheses. Standard deviations are in brackets. Includes salaries of faculty on leave; excludes visiting faculty. Calendar-year salaries converted to academic year by multiplying by 0.818.

TABLE 2—NOMINAL ACADEMIC-YEAR SALARIES OF TENURED OR TENURE-TRACK ACADEMIC ECONOMISTS
OVER THREE YEARS FOR A MATCHED SAMPLE
(Percentage change from prior year in parentheses)

	Professor	Associate professor	Assistant professor
<i>PhD institutions</i>			
Observations	46	36	41
2006–07	\$133,341 (5.6%) [\$33,618]	\$94,427 (3.4%) [\$22,355]	\$83,108 (3.0%) [\$9,154]
2005–06	\$126,238 (5.2%) [\$26,737]	\$91,288 (4.4%) [\$20,845]	\$80,696 (6.0%) [\$8,201]
2004–05	\$119,988 [\$26,737]	\$87,460 [\$19,298]	\$80,696 [\$8,009]
<i>BA institutions</i>			
Observations	45	37	30
2006–07	\$91,460 (6.3%) [\$23,835]	\$74,580 (2.7%) [\$13,895]	\$68,557 (11.1%) [\$21,684]
2005–06	\$86,010 (4.4%) [\$16,413]	\$72,641 (4.0%) [\$12,049]	\$61,732 (4.2%) [\$12,311]
2004–05	\$82,420 [\$15,569]	\$69,861 [\$13,408]	\$59,267 [\$9,896]

Notes: Salaries are means of institutional means; not all institutions report at each rank every year; individual faculty move among ranks from year to year. Includes salaries of faculty on leave; excludes visiting faculty. Calendar-year salaries converted to academic year by multiplying by 0.818. Standard deviations are in brackets.

TABLE 3—EMPLOYMENT CONDITIONS FOR NEW ASSISTANT PROFESSORS HOLDING PHD, 2006–07
(Means of reporting institutions: Number reporting in parentheses)

	Salary	Additional compensation ^a	Teaching load (courses per year)
PhD institutions	\$82,061 (45) [\$20,776]	\$29,367 (27) [\$24,440]	3.5 (44) [0.9]
MA institutions	\$72,921 (14) [\$8,903]	\$19,363 (8) [\$10,818]	4.4 (14) [0.9]
BA institutions	\$64,860 (30) [\$9,869]	\$7,160 (10) [\$5,005]	6.1 (33) [2.5]

Notes: Some institutions hired more than one new assistant professor; thus, means cover more people than institutions, but are not weighted by number of new hires. Standard deviations are in brackets.

^aIncludes guaranteed summer compensation (over all years) and other compensation of cash value to employees, such as a signing bonus, averaged over only those institutions reporting additional compensation. Does not include fringe benefits, moving expenses, computer that remains the property of the institution.

TABLE 4—DISTRIBUTIONS OF FACULTY, 2006–07

	Number of sample institutions	Tenured or tenure-track				Full-time nontenure- track	Part-time	
		Full professor	Associate professor	Assistant professor	Other		Tenured or tenure-track	Nontenure- track
<i>Rank</i>								
PhD institutions	88	1,131	369	510	21	170	36	255
% at rank		45.4	14.8	20.5	0.8	6.8	1.4	10.2
MA institutions	37	230	140	119	8	41	65	92
% at rank		33.1	20.1	17.1	1.2	5.9	9.4	13.2
BA institutions	149	499	348	284	27	97	70	136
% at rank		34.2	23.8	19.4	1.8	6.6	4.8	9.3
<i>Sex (percent female)</i>								
PhD institutions	88	7.4	19.5	29.2	52.4	38.2	22.2	30.6
MA institutions	37	13.9	17.1	36.1	37.5	34.1	27.7	21.7
BA institutions	149	14.2	33	33.8	29.6	30.9	34.3	22.9
<i>Black or Hispanic (percent)^a</i>								
PhD institutions	88	3.1	3.8	10	0	2.9	0	3.1
MA institutions	37	4.3	5	0.8	0	0	12.3	5.4
BA institutions	149	3.4	2.9	8.5	3.7	9.3	14.3	4.4
<i>Asian (percent)^a</i>								
PhD institutions	88	7.7	13.6	19.2	4.8	10	11.1	7.1
MA institutions	37	8.3	8.6	16.8	0	9.8	4.6	3.3
BA institutions	149	6	9.2	18	7.4	10.3	2.9	2.2

Notes: Includes faculty on leave during 2006–07 but excludes visiting appointments. Person who is full-time at the institution but only part-time in economics department is considered full-time.

^a Nonresponses to ethnic diversity question could not be distinguished from blanks that represent zeros; thus all blanks were treated as zeros. This convention may understate ethnic representation. Ethnic representation includes only US citizens and permanent residents.

TABLE 5—GRADUATE PROGRAM CHARACTERISTICS, 2006–07

	Applications	Offers of admission	Acceptances	New students enrolled
<i>PhD students (N = 25)</i>				
Number	4,973	1,312	393	335
Percent female	36.2	35.9	33.3	31.9
Percent change from 2005–06	5.1	0.2	–2.5	–0.9
<i>MA students at PhD granting institutions (N = 33)</i>				
Number	1,836	1,067	466	383
Percent female	42.4	45.9	39.7	37.3
Percent change from 2005–06	19	16.6	5	–4.5
<i>MA students at MA (only) granting institutions (N = 22)</i>				
Number	730	579	317	255
Percent female	40.4	37.8	37.2	37.1
Percent change from 2005–06	8.6	25.3	–0.6	14.9

Note: Data reported only for institutions reporting all columns for last two years; no double-counting between MA and PhD students.

TABLE 6—DEGREES AWARDED JULY 1, 2005–JUNE 30, 2006

	82 PhD institutions		35 MA institutions		158 BA institutions		All 275 institutions	
	Total	% female ^a	Total	% female	Total	% female	Total	% female
BA	11,955	31.8	1,466	29.3	3,782	34.1	17,203	32.1
MA	948	31.4	292	41.4			1,240	33.8
PhD	655	33.6					655	33.6

^aPercent female based on only those institutions reporting sex breakdown.