

THE MORE YOU LEARN, THE MORE YOU EARN.

Studies show that more education leads to higher lifetime earnings. So, the more you learn the more you earn. Here are the average earnings for American workers based on the amount of education they have attained.

EDUCATIONAL LEVEL	HOURLY	ANNUALLY
Less Than High School Diploma	\$ 10.47	\$21,788
High School Diploma	\$14.87	\$30,940
Some College, No Degree	\$16.85	\$35,048
Associate Degree	\$18.02	\$37,492
Bachelor's Degree	\$24.05	\$50,024
Master's Degree	\$28.50	\$59,280
Doctoral Degree	\$36.02	\$74,932
Professional Degree	\$36.85	\$76,648

The above data is based on 2006 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. SOURCE: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Over a forty year working career, these additional earnings really add up. Just by staying in school and graduating, workers earn an average of \$8,000 per year more, or \$320,000 more in their lifetimes. That's more than a quarter-million dollars just for finishing high school.

Add in a two year Associate Degree and the lifetime earnings jump to \$600,000 more than the high school dropout will earn. Think about it – over a half-million dollars for finishing high school and going to college for just two years.

PLAY IT SMART. Do what you need to do to finish high school – dropping out is NOT an option. Then think about going to college. Remember, the more you learn, the more you earn.

