

Why go to college?

Unemployment rate in 2007 (percent)	Level of education completed	Median earnings in 2007 (dollars)
1.3	Professional degree	74,204
1.4	Doctorate	77,844
1.8	Master's degree	60,580
2.2	Bachelor's degree	51,234
3.0	Associate degree	38,480
3.8	Some college, no degree	35,516
4.4	High school graduate, no college	31,408
7.1	Less than a high school diploma	22,256

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey, 2008.

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