

Better educated workers have higher worklife earnings

Those who earn a bachelor's degree earn more than \$2.1 million over a lifetime (approximately 40 years), almost twice as much as those who did not earn a high school diploma (\$1.0 million). Those with a professional degree (such as doctors and lawyers) on average earn more than four times as much at \$4.4 million.

\$4.4 million
earned over lifetime



\$2.1 million
earned over lifetime



**Bachelor's
degree**

\$1.0 million
earned over lifetime



**Less than high
school diploma**

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