

EDUCATION REALLY PAYS

National average annual earnings by education level for persons 18 yrs old and older in 1999 US Census

Level of education	Average per month 1999	Average per year 1999	Total over 35 year career (3% pay increases annually)
Less than High School Diploma	\$1,343	\$16,121	\$974,709
High School Diploma	\$2,048	\$24,572	\$1,485,674
Some college no degree	\$2,247	\$26,958	\$1,629,937
AA/AS Degree	\$2,679	\$32,152	\$1,943,977
Bachelor's Degree	\$4,407	\$52,883	\$3,197,416
Master's Degree	\$4,637	\$55,641	\$3,364,171
Doctorate Degree	\$7,236	\$86,833	\$5,250,104
Professional Degree	\$8,416	\$100,987	\$6,105,884

THE VALUE OF AN ASSOCIATES DEGREE

60 units to get an Associates degree

Associates degrees earn \$458,303 more than High School Diplomas

Value of \$7,638 per unit over lifetime

Would you get an Associates degree if someone offered you \$424 dollars per hour to take an 18 week class?

THE VALUE OF A BACHELORS DEGREE

124 units to get a Bachelors degree

Bachelors degrees earn \$1,253,439 more than Associates degrees

Value of \$10,108 per unit over lifetime

Would you continue on for a Bachelors degree if someone offered you \$562 per hour to take an 18 week class?

Income information from US Census Bureau March 2000 Table 9

www.census.gov/population/www/socdemo/education/p20-536.html

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