



A College Degree Makes a Difference in Life

College access and preparation are vitally important to help students thrive

Bachelor's Degrees Pay More

In 2019, people with a bachelor's degree earned

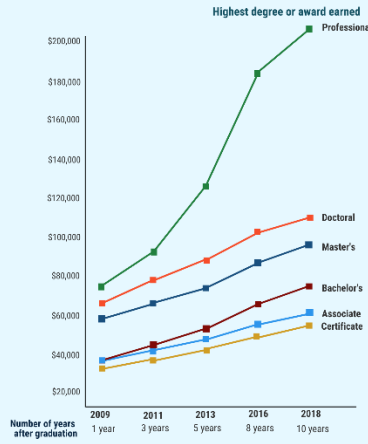
\$30,468

more than those without a high school diploma.

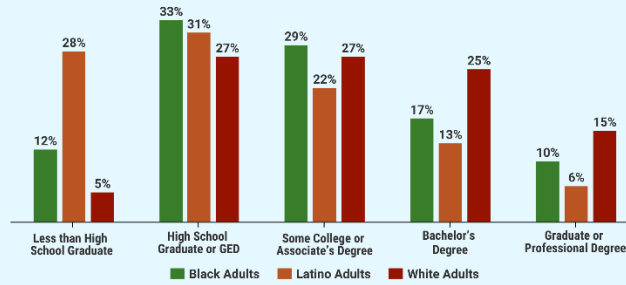


Add the gains continue to grow each year, especially for people with professional degrees.

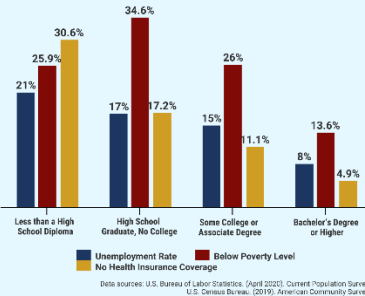
Earnings of 2008 Graduates Over 10 Years



U.S. Adult Educational Attainment



Unemployment, Poverty & Health Insurance by Educational Attainment



Bachelor's Degrees Provide Security

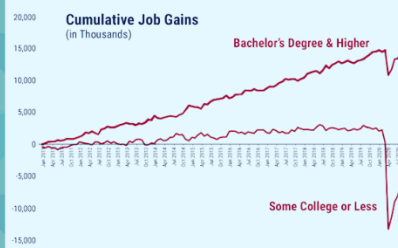


Adults with at least a bachelor's degree earn more income throughout their lives, have stronger protections against unemployment risk, are less likely to experience poverty and are more likely to have health insurance.



The data show it is critical to encourage college enrollment and ensure all students have access to courses that prepare them for college.

Since 2010, Job Gains Have Not Been Evenly Distributed



See related article, "College Degrees Are Worth It – People with Bachelor's Degrees Have Lower Poverty Rates" <https://idra.news/nlOct20b>