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ANNUAL SALARY

Professional Degree **\$85,228**

Doctorate Degree **\$82,732**

Master's Degree **\$68,952**

Bachelor's Degree **\$57,252**

Associate's Degree **\$41,184**

Some College, No Degree **\$38,532**

High School Diploma **\$34,736**

No High School Diploma **\$25,376**

Earn more than an extra quarter million dollars in your lifetime just by staying in high school and graduating. Think twice before dropping out.

Dollar Amounts = Average Annual Salary.
Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics,
Current Population Survey.

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DID YOU KNOW?

The nationwide poverty level for 2014 is:

\$11,670
for an individual
\$23,850
for a family of 4

Educational Level	Average earnings for all U.S. workers			Careers
	Annual	Weekly	Hourly	
Professional Degree (2-8 years beyond Bachelor's)	\$85,228	\$1,639	\$40.98	Attorney, Physical Therapist, Medical Doctor Hot Career: Audiologist
Doctoral Degree (3-5 years beyond Bachelor's)	\$82,732	\$1,591	\$39.78	Medical Scientist, Psychologist, University Professor Hot Career: Biochemist
Master's Degree (2-3 years beyond Bachelor's)	\$68,952	\$1,326	\$33.15	Financial Analyst, Physician Asst., School Counselor Hot Career: Healthcare Social Worker
Bachelor's Degree (4 years beyond High School)	\$57,252	\$1,101	\$27.52	Systems Analyst, Registered Nurse, Journalist Hot Career: Database Administrator
Associate Degree (2-3 years beyond High School)	\$41,184	\$792	\$19.80	Dental Hygienist, Electrician, Police Officer Hot Career: Medical Equipment Repairer
Some College, No Degree	\$38,532	\$741	\$18.53	Chef, Locksmith, Teacher Aide Hot Career: Paramedic
High School Diploma	\$34,736	\$668	\$16.70	Retail Sales, Home Care Aide, Truck Driver Hot Career: Bicycle Repairer
No High School Diploma	\$25,376	\$488	\$12.20	Cashier, Fast Food, Laborer Hot Career: Construction helpers

ARE YOU THINKING OF DROPPING OUT OF SCHOOL?

In addition to losing out on money, dropping out could affect you for the rest of your life. Students who drop out are more likely to face hardships such as:

- Unemployment
- Layoffs
- Low Wages
- Poverty
- Homelessness
- Health Issues
- Single Parenthood
- Trouble with the law

STILL UNSURE?

Talk with a parent, teacher, counselor, coach, minister, friend, or anyone else you can trust to help you make the best decision for you.

