

What to Expect with Less Than a High School Diploma

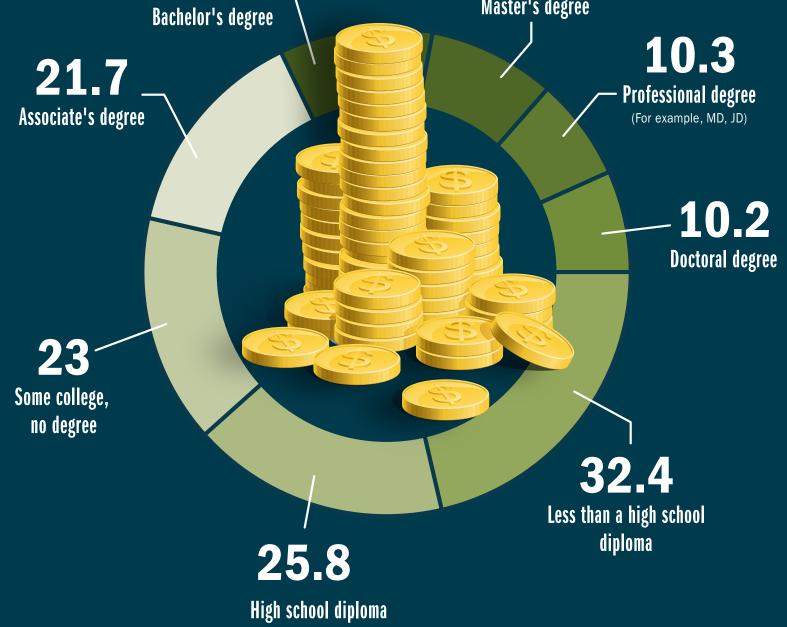
WHAT IS HUMAN CAPITAL?

The skills, knowledge, and training people possess, measured by their economic value.



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Sources: Current Population Survey, U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, https://www.bls.gov/emp/images/ep_chart_001.png; Atlanta Fed calculations



32.4 years

at 2019 annual median income to earn a million dollars with less than a high school diploma



26 percent

2018 poverty rate for individuals 25 and older with less than a high school diploma



percent

2019 unemployment rate for those in the labor force with less than



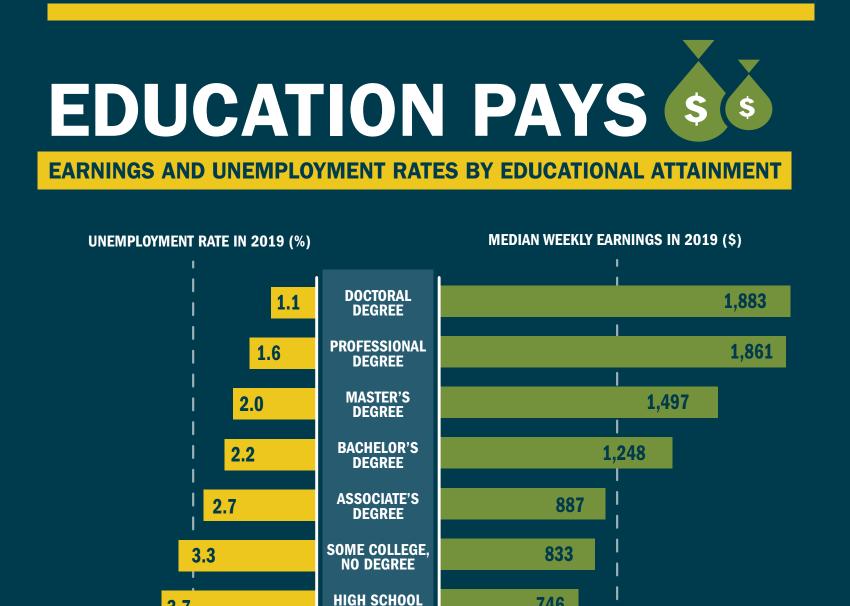
592 dollars

2019 median weekly earnings for workers

high school diploma

with less than a high school diploma

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