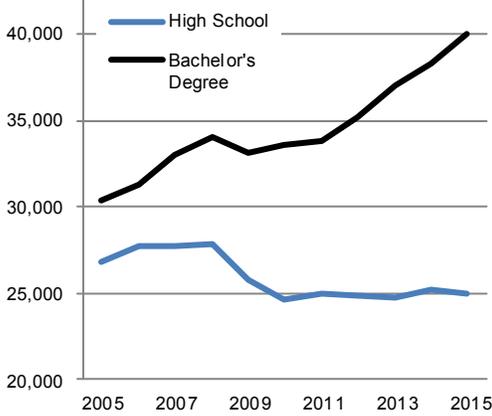


US Employment by Education

High School Graduate vs College Graduate - Thousands



Employment by Education

Forty million US workers have a college degree, an increase of almost 10 million in the last 10 years. In comparison, there are fewer workers with only a high school diploma than 10 years ago.

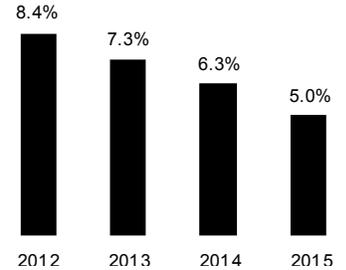
Many of the fastest growing industries, like Professional and Business Services, require college degrees for many of their openings. Conversely, industries that typically employ lots of folks with less formal education, such as Construction, still haven't recovered the jobs lost in the recession.

In the city of Portland, 46 percent of adults have a college degree. Among the 50 largest cities in America, that places Portland as the 8th best educated city. The best educated large city is Seattle at 60 percent, followed by Washington DC (55%) and San Francisco (53%).

EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

Unemployment Rate

Portland Metro - Seasonally adjusted



Employment Growth

Portland Metro

May 2015 **1,111,900**
Growth +35,500 (+3.3%)
Year-over-year

Industry Growth

Portland Metro
Year-over year growth (percentage)

Construction	+1,900 (+0.5%)
Manufacturing	+5,400 (+4.6%)
Transportation & Warehousing	+800 (+2.4%)
Information	+1,200 (+5.2%)
Financial Activities	+2,500 (+3.9%)
Professional & Business Services	+9,300 (+5.7%)
Healthcare & Social Assistance	+7,400 (+5.7%)
Leisure & Hospitality	+1,700 (+1.6%)

Unemployment by Education

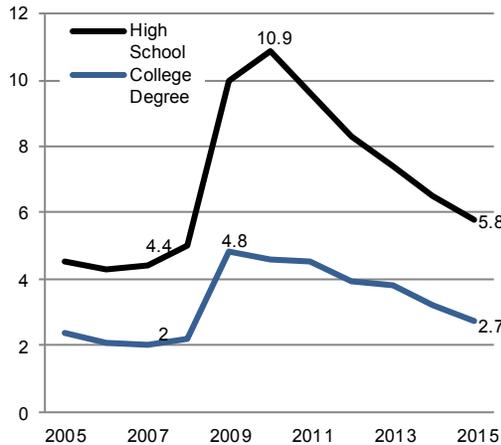
For Americans with a four year college degree the unemployment rate is 2.7 percent, while those with just a high school diploma have a rate about 3 percentage points higher.

Before the recession, folks in the workforce with a college degree enjoyed a low 2 percent unemployment rate.

During the recession, workers with just a high school diploma were much more likely to lose a job and have difficulty getting a new job, compared to workers with college degrees.

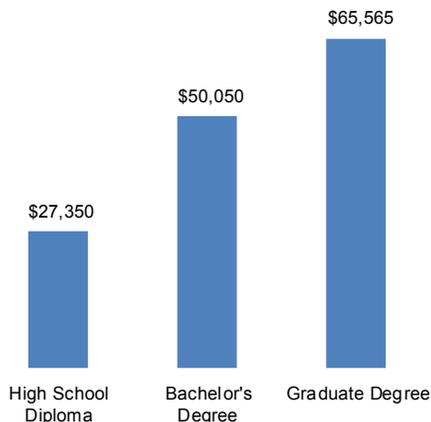
US Unemployment Rate

High School Graduate vs College Graduate



Income by Education

Median Income 2013 - US Census



Income by Education

The average American worker with a college degree makes almost twice what the average worker with just a high school diploma earns.

Over the course of a 40 year career, the average college graduate can expect to earn \$2.4 million. That's about \$1 million more than the average high school graduate.

For more detail on wages for college graduates - and college major - read this report from the US Census: www.census.gov/prod/2012pubs/acsbr11-04.pdf

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