COLLEGE PAYS

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*Annual earnings*

Here is data from 2015 for American workers 18 and older.

advanced degree $92,525

bachelor’s degree $65,481

high school graduate $35,615

From high school to bachelor’s degree boosts one’s income $29,866 annually.

From bachelor’s to advanced degree boosts one’s income another $27,044 annually.

*Lifetime earnings*

Over a 40-year career, the difference is millions of dollars.

advanced degree $92,525 × 40 years = $3,701,000

$27,044 × 40 years = $1,081,760

total: $**4**,**782**,**760**

bachelor’s degree $65,481 × 40 years = $2,619,240

$29,866 × 40 years = $1,194,640

total: $**3**,**813**,**880**

high school graduate $35,615 × 40 years = $**1**,**424**,**600**