



QUESTION OF THE DAY

PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Q: How much more per week does a college grad earn compared to someone with some college?

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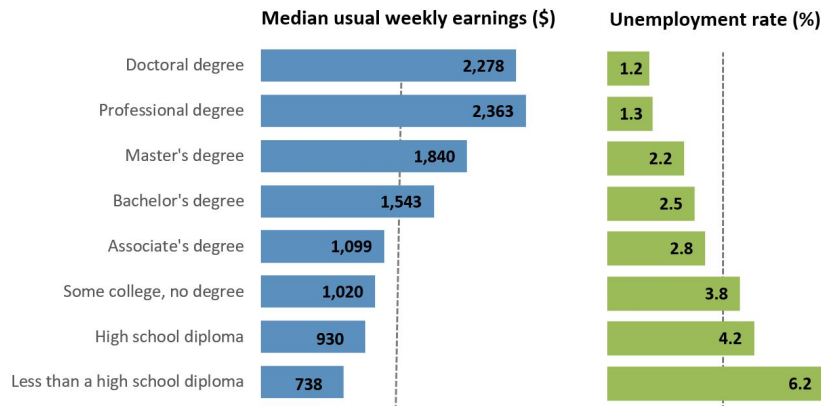


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A: About \$523 per week MORE
(or over \$27,100 per year)

Earnings and Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment, 2024



Source: BLS

FOLLOW-UP QUESTIONS

1. Why do you think college grads earn so much more than those who start but don't complete a degree?
2. Do you think wages gaps based on educational attainment will increase or decrease in the future?
3. What are some ways a worker can increase their income without increasing the educational attainment listed on this chart?
4. Your friend says that spending \$20,000/year to go to college isn't worth it when you can get a job now that pays \$35,000. Do you agree or disagree? Use data from the chart to support your answer.