

## Education & Earning Power

Want to know the best way to earn a lot of money? Stay in school!

As this below chart shows, the more you learn ... the more you earn. If you get a 2-year Associate Degree, you can expect to make double what a 9th grade dropout will make. Get your 4-year Bachelor Degree, and you will make nearly three times more. And that is not just for one year, but for the rest of your life. Over a 30-year long career, the difference between what you will earn with a bachelors degree or dropping out in 9th grade can be more than \$1 million.

Education Level	Average Income Male	Average Income Female
Less than 9th grade	\$20,789	\$15,978
Some high school but no diploma	\$25,095	\$17,919
High school diploma (includes GED)	\$34,303	\$24,970
Some college no degree	\$40,337	\$28,697
Associate degree (2-year)	\$41,952	\$31,071
Bachelor degree	\$56,334	\$40,415
Master's degree	\$68,322	\$50,139
Professional	\$99,411	\$58,957
Doctorate degree	\$80,250	\$57,081

*National Center for Education Statistics, Outcomes of Education Report. Statistics are based on 2000 income data.*