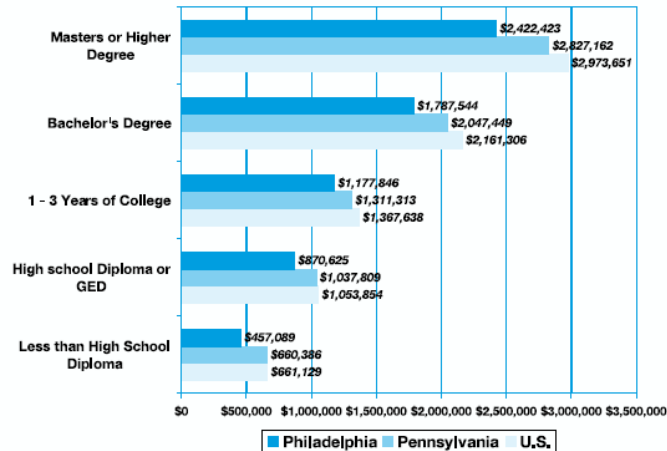


Earnings prospects for Philadelphians without a high school diploma are grim

- Over the course of their lifetime, high school dropouts in Philadelphia can expect to earn:
 - **53%** of what a Philadelphian with a high school diploma or GED will earn.
 - **39%** of what a Philadelphian who has 1-3 years of college will earn.
 - **26%** of what a Philadelphian with a bachelor's degree will earn.
 - **19%** of what a Philadelphian with a graduate degree will earn.
- In Pennsylvania overall, completing high school increases one's lifetime earnings expectation by **57%** compared to a high school dropout. In Philadelphia, completing high school increases one's lifetime earnings expectation by **90%** compared to a high school dropout.
- Completing high school and college increases a Philadelphian's lifetime earning expectation by **291%** compared to a high school dropout.
- The expected lifetime earnings gap between a Philadelphia high school graduate and someone without a high school diploma is **\$413,536**.
- Expected lifetime earnings for Philadelphians are low at every education level compared to national averages. But the lag is greatest for Philadelphia's high school dropouts, who earn only **69%** of the national average expected lifetime earnings for someone without a high school diploma.

Expected Lifetime Earnings of the 18 to 64 Year Old Population of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and the U.S., By Level of Educational Attainment, 2006



Without a diploma, at risk of unemployment

- In Philadelphia, the unemployment rate for those without a diploma exceeds **20%**.
- The unemployment rate for those without a high school diploma here is almost **double** the rate for those with a high school diploma.
- The unemployment rate for those without a high school diploma here is if more than **5** times the rate for those with a college degree.
- The unemployment rate for those without a high school diploma here is more than **double** the national rate for those without a high school diploma.

Unemployment rates by Educational Attainment

