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Career Readiness

*How being ready for HIGH SCHOOL
leads to readiness for College and Careers*

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Life's Motivation

- It all starts with a dream...
- How will you reach your dream?



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Careers...

- Shape personal identity
- Determine lifestyles
- Consume time and energy

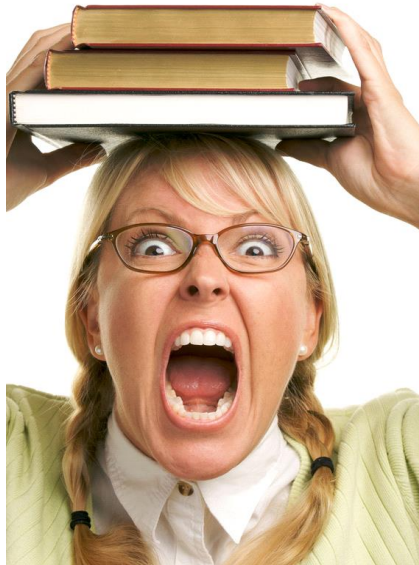


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So how is it that we all know people who **fall into a job...**



- Virtually by **chance**
- Regardless of their interests

...the first job to come along, and is that your job for a **lifetime?**

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Ranked on these criteria:

- Working Environment
- Physical Demands
- Hiring Outlook
- Stress
- Income



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Top Ten

Software Engineer
Actuary
Human Resources Mgr
Dental Hygienist
Financial Planner
Audiologist
Online Adv Mgr
Comp Syst. Analyst
Mathematician
Statistician

Bottom Ten

Lumberjack
Dairy Farmer
Oil Rig Worker
Restaurant Server
Meter Reader
Dishwasher
Shoe Repairer
Taxi Driver
Shipping Clerk
Housekeeper

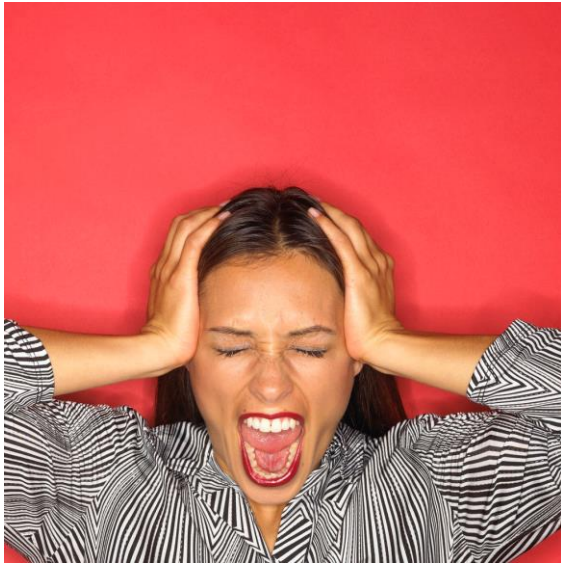
Most Satisfying

Clergy
Physical Therapist
Firefighter
School Principal
Artist (Fine Art)
Teacher
Author
Psychologist
Special Ed. Teacher
Occupational Therapist

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You may be asking yourself...

- Should I go to college?
- Is college right for me?



Well, consider this ...

The Benefits of Higher Education



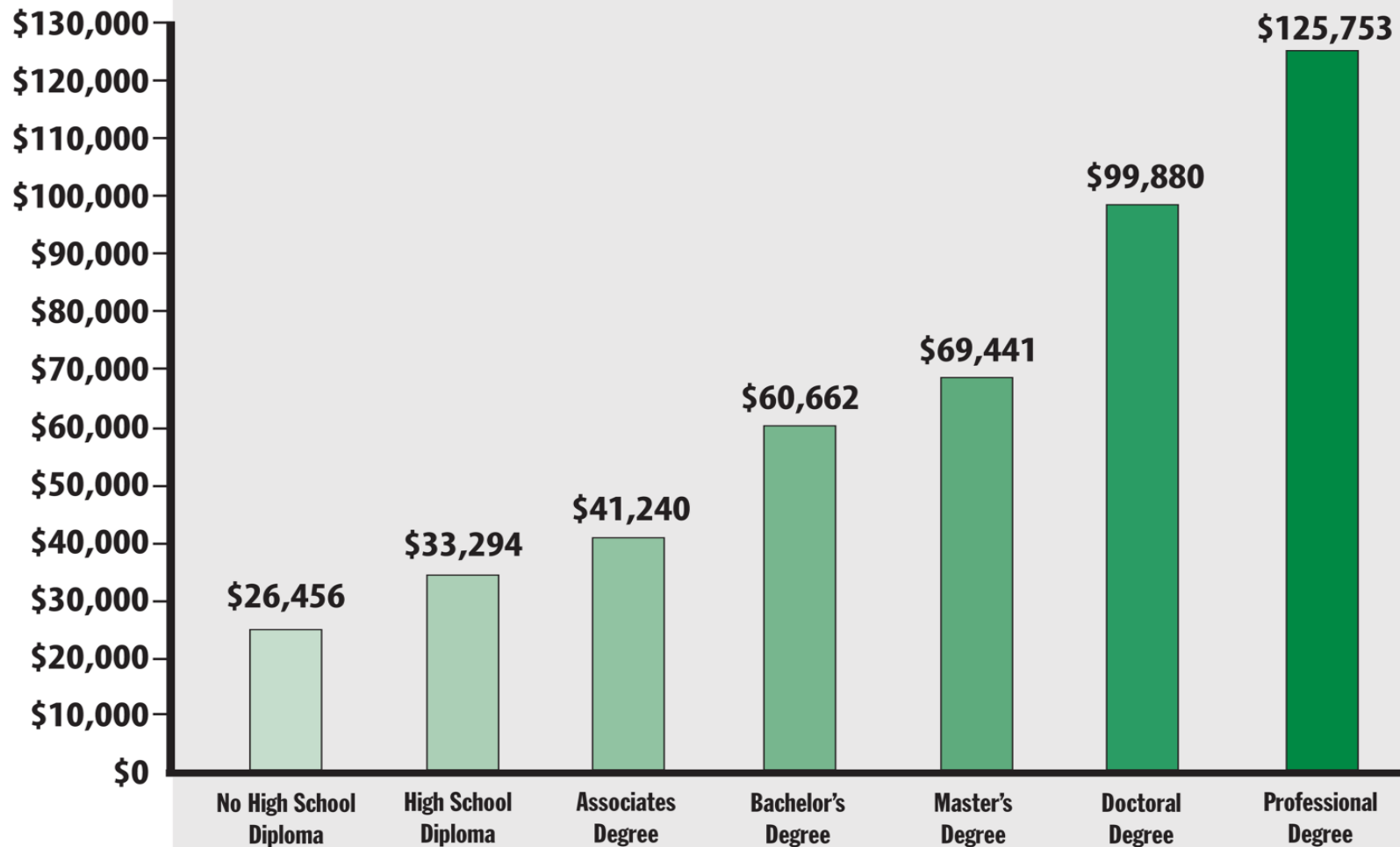
1. **The more you learn**, the more likely you are to **find/keep a job**
2. High school graduates typically earn **37%** more each year than high school dropouts
3. College graduates earn, on average, **67%** more than high school graduates

On the Evolution of Income Inequality in the US
Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond
Economic Quarterly, Vol. 94, No. 2, Spring 2008



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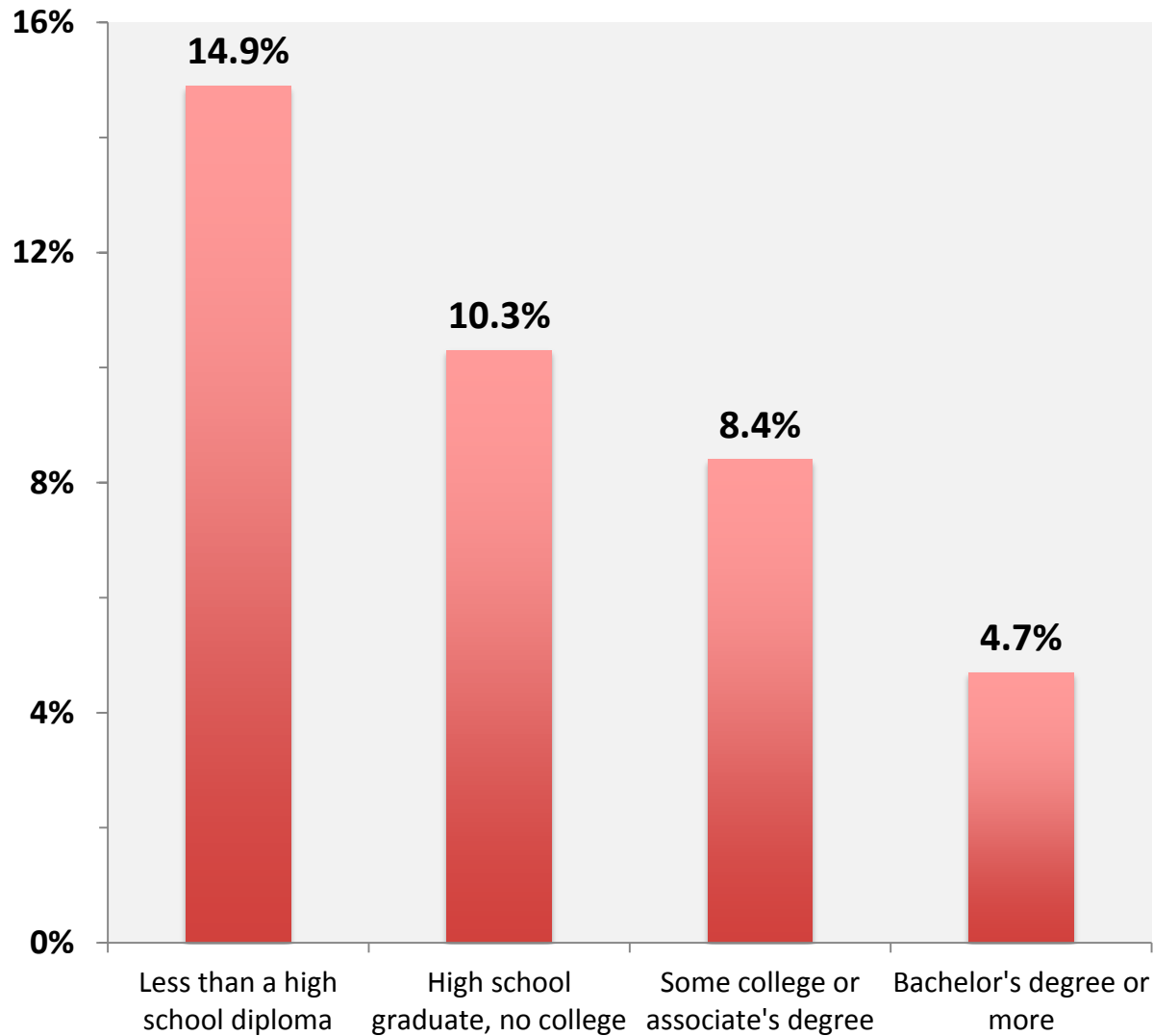
Median annual salaries associated with various education levels



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

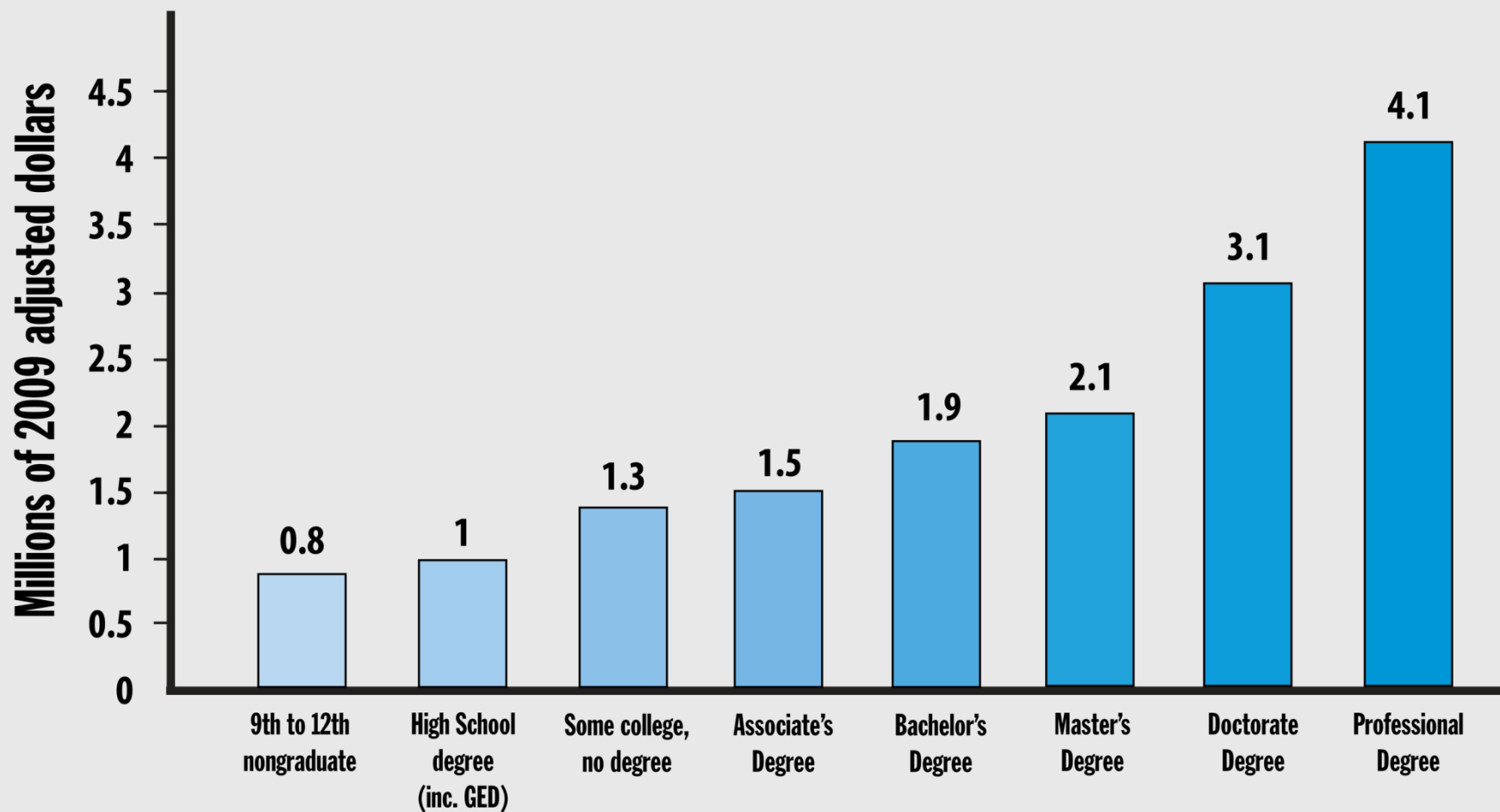


Labor-force unemployment rate by educational attainment





Worklife Earnings Estimates for 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008

So... Plan for College!

- G.P.A.
= 40-45%
- SAT[®] / ACT[®] test
= 40-45%
- Other (Leadership, Service)
= 10-20%



TX Scholarship Opportunities!



Scholarship	SAT/ACT/GPA	4-Year Value
Univ. of North Texas Board of Regents President's	1200-1240 SAT or 27 ACT Top 10% of class	\$20,000
UT Arlington Freshman Recognition Scholarship	1200 SAT or 26 ACT Top 50% of class in public TX high school	\$16,000
Texas State Univ. Terry Foundation Scholarship	25 ACT 1200 SAT Top 10% of class Financial need	Up to \$56,000



Strategies for Success

1. Keep your eyes on the Future
2. Set personal goals in and out of classroom
3. Stay in School
4. Practice what you learn
5. Talk to people who have gone to college
6. Take tests seriously (ACT, SAT)
7. Take a pre-test (Explore, PSAT)
8. Study hard for good grades





Thank You!



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Professional Development

School Partnerships