Earnings and Unemployment

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ABOUT THIS VISUALIZATION: This data visualization summarizes U.S. earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment provided by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The Unemployment Rate is the number of unemployed individuals divided by the sum of employed and unemployed. This data visualization was created by the CU System Institutional Research. Additional details are provided within the visualization.

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U.S. Annual Earnings & Unemployment Rates by Educational Attainment

More education leads to better prospects for earnings and employment.

According to data from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), earnings increase and unemployment decreases as educational attainment rises. Grouping workers by education level, the chart shows that those with more education have higher earnings and lower rates of unemployment than those with less education.


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<thead>
<tr>
<th>Educational Attainment</th>
<th>Earnings</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Bachelor’s and higher</td>
<td>$80,288</td>
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<td>Some college or associate degree</td>
<td>$50,388</td>
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<td>High School graduates</td>
<td>$44,356</td>
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<td>Less than a HS diploma</td>
<td>$35,464</td>
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$58,396
Data source: Data from Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). U.S. earnings based on median weekly wages, annualized using 52 weeks. U.S. Unemployment Rate is the number of unemployed divided by the sum of employed and unemployed. Viz Prepared by: University of Colorado System Office Institutional Research.

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