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The value of a CU degree [1]

The **unemployment rate** among people who have a bachelor's degree is less than half of the unemployment rate for those with only a high school diploma.

4.1 %

bachelor's degree or higher

6.5%

some college or an associate degree

8.7%

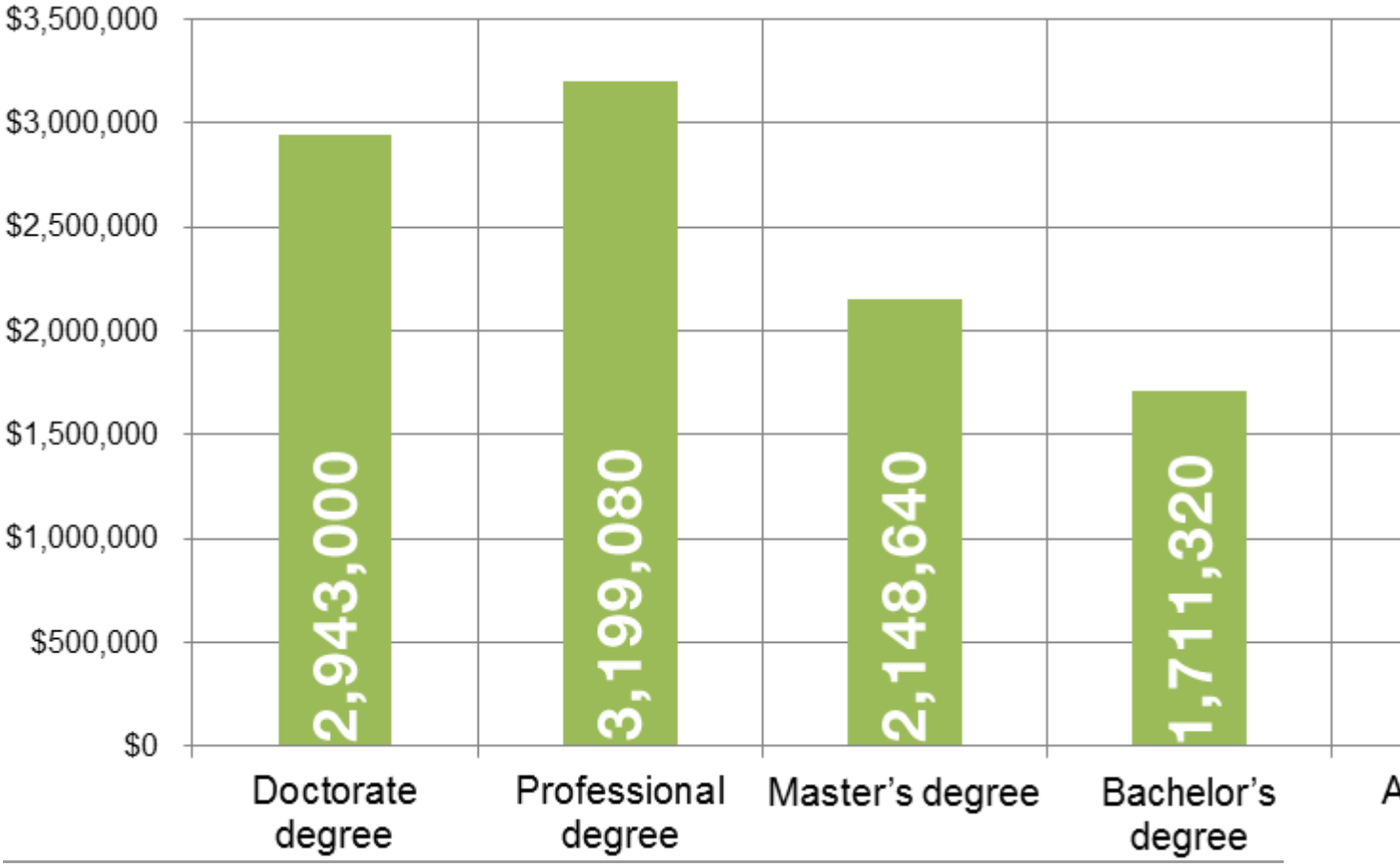
high school graduates, no college

12.7%

Less than a high school diploma

U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2012

During their lifetime, people with a bachelor's degree **earn nearly twice as much** as people with only a high school diploma. Median lifetime earnings by highest education attainment at the time of the last U.S. Census (2009):



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