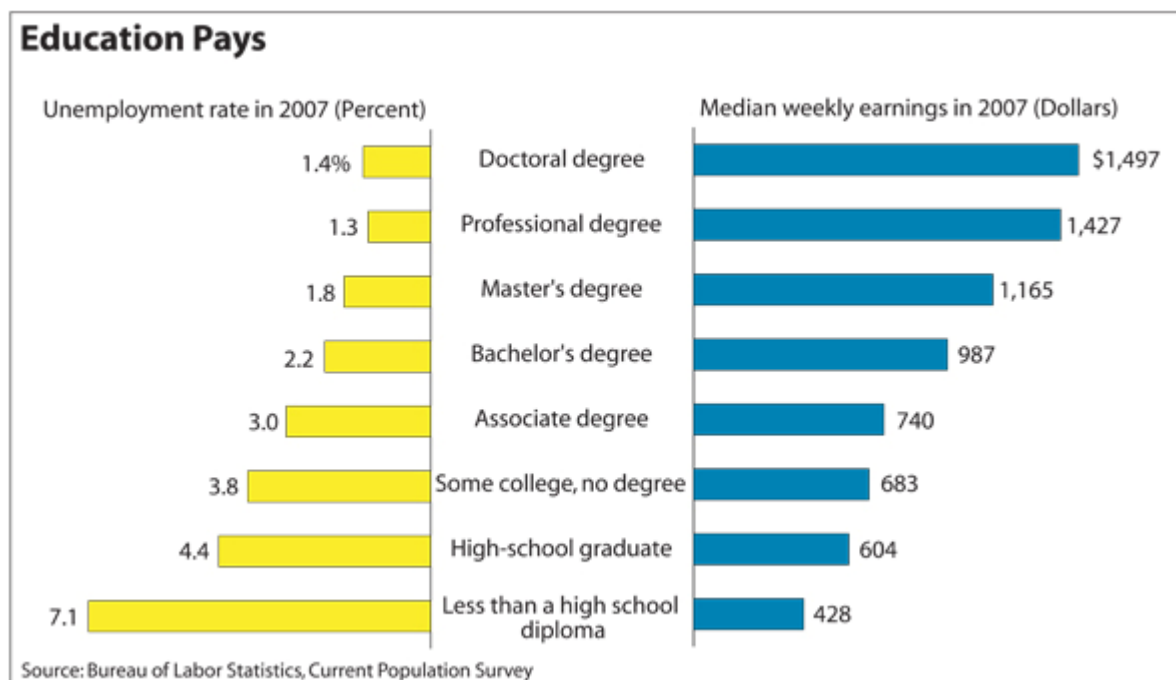


Post-Secondary Education

Every person has the potential to benefit from some type of post-secondary education. High school is not the end of an education, but a stepping-stone to future learning, whether it is at a college or university, a vocational school, or elsewhere. In this century, an estimated two-thirds of all new jobs will require post-secondary education. Completing post-secondary education can mean a higher quality of life, including more career opportunities, better standard of living, greater job security, and higher income. *Don't know the different between a vocational school, a community college, or a university; get informed by looking at the [Types of Schools](#) available to you.*



Things to Consider:

What are you going to do after high school? Go to a community college, 4-yr public university private university? Enter a trade/vocational school? Go out of state? Where are you going to go? When making this decision, consider what is important as you determine what you would like to do after high school? Examples could include but aren't limited to: cost, location, job outlook, etc.

Begin to Explore Colleges/Universities by:

- Using the Internet and other sources to find out more about colleges you are interested in and explore other possibilities. Use the following web sites to explore your college options: College Board www.collegeboard.com, ACT/College Net www.act.org, Peterson's Guide to College www.petersons.com, and Oregon University System www.ous.edu.
- Attend the college visitation programs at your school. Meet with college representative's right at your school to find out more about what they have to offer. *Check with the counseling/career center for dates/times.*
- Participate in Project PLUS field trips to the various colleges. Going to a campus allows you to experience the campus environment first hand and establish if it's a good fit for

you. Check out [Tips on How to Make the Most of Your College Campus Visit and Factors to Consider When Choosing a College.](#)

Other ETS/Project PLUS Resources:

- [Understanding the College Process](#)
- [College Comparison Worksheet](#)
- [Senior Year Checklist](#)
- [Junior Year Checklist](#)
- [Sophomore Year Checklist](#)
- [Freshman Year Checklist](#)

Other Resources:

- [2008-2009 Budgets for Oregon Postsecondary Institutions](#)
- [Community College Directory](#)
- [Oregon Public University Directory](#)