Education pays off

_The median family income increases with more education._

In 2013, the median family income of families headed by associate-degree holders was higher than the overall national median family income ($63,815) by nearly $3,500. When comparing median family income for each level of educational attainment, the income of families with an associate degree was more than twice ($67,256) than the median of families whose head of household didn’t finish high school ($32,214). Income varied not only by education attainment, but also by race-ethnicity and age. Black and Latino families earned 60 percent less than white families. In addition, individuals between ages 45 and 54 earned 24 percent more than the overall median income, according to the U.S. Census Bureau.

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