

The following news item shows just one of the many benefits of higher education.

WASHINGTON – What is the difference between a high school diploma and a medical degree? About \$3.2 million, the Census Bureau said.

Someone whose education does not go beyond high school and who works full time can expect to earn about \$1.2 million between ages 25 and 64, demographers said.

Graduating from college and earning advanced degrees translates into much higher lifetime earnings: an estimated \$4.4 million for a professional degree, \$2.5 million for a master's degree, and \$2.1 million for college graduates.