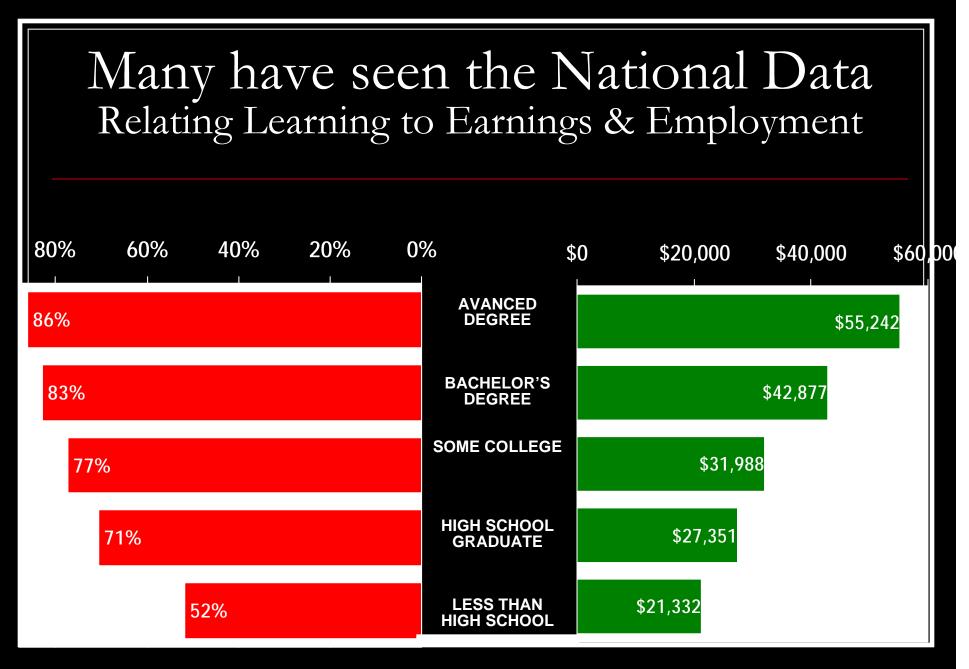
Education Impact On Washington State's Earnings and Employment

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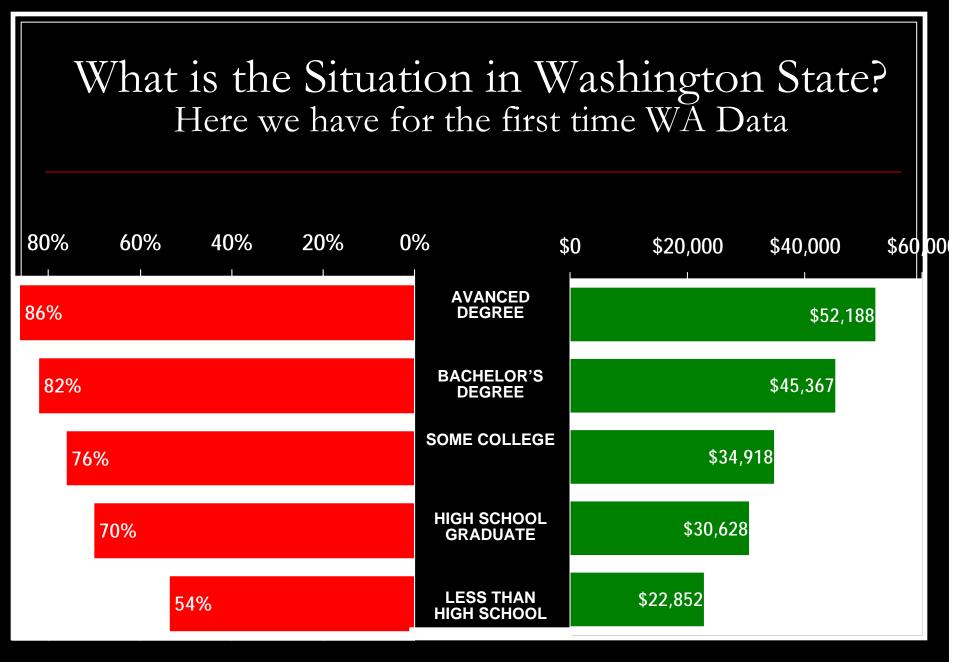
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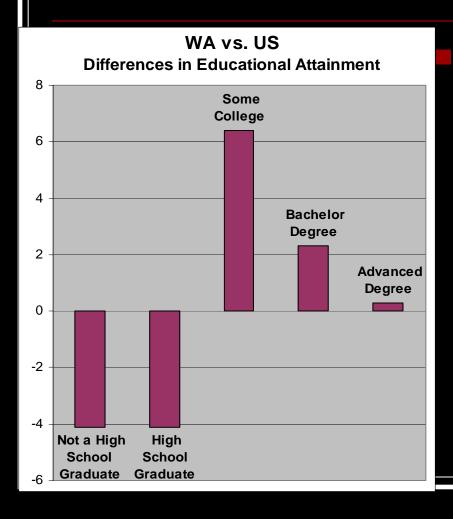
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How does Washington's Labor Force Compare?



- Compared to the US average, Washington State has
 - 4.1% fewer workers with No High School Degree
 - 4.1% fewer workers with a High School Degree
 - 6.4% more workers with some College Experience
 - 2.3% more workers with a Bachelor Degree

What is the Impact

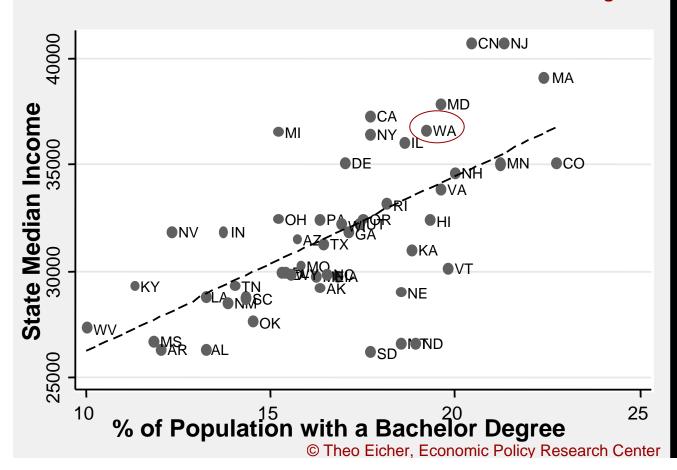
of Washington's More Educated Labor Force?

- With a Higher Educated Labor Force
 - Median Income is \$12% higher than in the US
 - Workers without a high school degree earn \$7% more than the average US worker with the same degree
 - Workers with a high school degree earn \$12% more than the average US worker with the same degree
 - Workers with some college experience earn 9% more than the average US worker with the same degree
 - Workers with a Bachelor Degree earn \$6% more than the average US Worker with the same degree

So How Much Do More Educated Workers Contribute to **Everyone's** Well-Being?

Educational Attainment and & Median Income

1% increase in BAs is associated with +\$823 In Median Earnings



Education Pays:

From US data
we find that a
1% increase in
BAs in
Washington
State is
associated with a
\$1.4 Billion
increase in WA
State Income