Many have seen the National Data Relating Learning to Earnings & Employment

**EMPLOYMENT RATE IN 2001**

- **AVANCED DEGREE**: 86%
- **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**: 83%
- **SOME COLLEGE**: 77%
- **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**: 71%
- **LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL**: 52%


- **AVANCED DEGREE**: $55,242
- **BACHELOR’S DEGREE**: $42,877
- **SOME COLLEGE**: $31,988
- **HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATE**: $27,351
- **LESS THAN HIGH SCHOOL**: $21,332
What is the Situation in Washington State?
Here we have for the first time WA Data

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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?

**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.