



Did You Know:

- A single 18-year-old dropout earns \$260,000 less over a lifetime and contributes \$60,000 less in federal and state income taxes. Combined income and tax losses for one cohort of 18-year-olds who drop out is \$192 billion which is 1.6 percent of the GDP, (The Campaign for Educational Equity, 2005).
- The median income of high school dropouts aged 18 and over was \$12,184 in 2003. By comparison, the median income of those aged 18 and over who completed their education with a high school credential (including GED) was \$20,431, (Laird, DeBell, & Chapman, 2006, November)
- A male high school graduate who works until age 65 will earn, on average, nearly \$333,000 more than a dropout; a worker with some college will earn \$538,000 more. According to a recent report published by Teachers College at Columbia University, male high school graduates earn up to \$322,000 more over the course of their lifetimes than dropouts, while college graduates earn up to \$1.3 million more, Wise, 2007. In total, there is more than \$309 billion lost wages over the students' lifetimes, Wise, 2007.

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