Post-Secondary Education Options: Are they worth it?

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HighScope Perry Preschool study at age 40

High school graduates are more likely to be unemployed

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College graduates are more likely to have jobs, percent of population that’s employed

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Unemployment rate at recession end by educational attainment (age 25+)

College/high school weekly wage ratio, 1963-2008

Median hourly wage (2009 dollars) by educational attainment, ages 16-64

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