

Why School Matters

Would you like a little money in your pocket? Do you want a job? A car? An apartment? New electronic devices? Would you like to get married? Raise a family?

If you answered yes to any of these questions, then you need education!

Unemployment Rate by Education Level

The July 2012 unemployment update by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) shows that education influences whether you will be able to find a job. Unemployment is at its highest since 1996, although it dropped slightly in 2011. The BLS began keeping unemployment numbers in 1996.

Education Level Achieved	Unemployment Rate - July 2012
Less than High School	12.7%
High School Grad, No College	8.7%
Some College or Associates Degree	7.1%
Bachelor's Degree or Higher	4.1%

There is an important message here that shouldn't be overlooked. Today's students need more education than the generations before in order to become employed and create the lifestyle they desire.

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