

## Job Security and Higher Income? An Education

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The U.S. unemployment rate in February of 8.1 percent was the highest in almost 25 years. The jobless rate among those without a high school diploma was 12.6 percent!

A nationwide Census Bureau survey in 2007 for American workers, age 25 and older, gave the following alarming information regarding median yearly income:

- Without a high school diploma \$19,405
  
- High school graduate (includes equivalency certification) \$26,894
  
- Some college or associate degree \$32,874
  
- Bachelor's degree \$46,805
  
- Graduate or professional degree \$61,287

It is alarming to realize that we have more than a 25 percent dropout rate in this country!

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