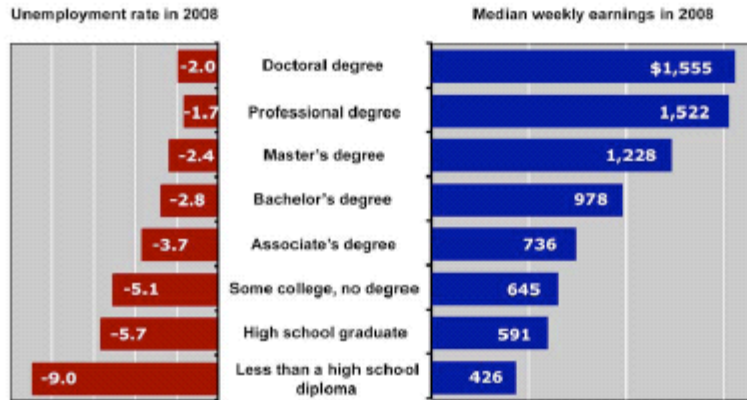


Unemployment by Education

Higher education levels are associated with increased earning as well as lower unemployment rates.

Figure 3. U.S. Unemployment Rate & Median Weekly Earnings by Education, 2008



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, *Educations Pays*, <http://www.bls.gov/emp/emptab7.htm>

Iowa Unemployment Rates

By Age:

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| 16 to 19 years | 15.4% |
| 20 to 20 years | 7.6% |
| 25 to 44 years | 4.5% |
| 45 to 54 years | 3.3% |
| 55 to 64 years | 2.8% |

By Educational Attainment:

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| Less than high school graduate | 9.4% |
| High school graduate (includes equivalency) | 5.0% |
| Some college or associates degree | 3.5% |
| Bachelor's degree or higher | 1.7% |

Individuals in Iowa, with less than a high-school education have a much higher unemployment rate than any other group. Young Iowans (ages 18-34) entering the workforce are confronted with more challenging economic prospects than those faced by previous generations.

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