1. Nationally, 32% of students do not complete high school.

2. The average high school graduate earns $31,000 per year. The average college graduate earns $51,000 per year. Over a 45-year working life, this difference comes to over $1,000,000 dollars.

3. Nearly 78% of future job openings in the next decade will require post-secondary education or training. By contrast, only 22% of future openings will be “low skill” and accessible to those with a high school diploma.

4. 25% of high school graduates live below the poverty line. 3% of college graduates live below the poverty line.

5. Just 36% of first-time, full-time U.S. undergraduates at four-year colleges, who enroll intending to earn a bachelor’s degree, attain their goal within 4 years. Only 58% achieve it within 6 years.

6. The unemployment rate for high school graduates is 4 times the rate of college graduates.

7. 45% of all students in higher education attend technical and community colleges.

8. 82% of America’s prisoners are high school dropouts.

9. 40% of America’s college students take at least one remedial course.

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