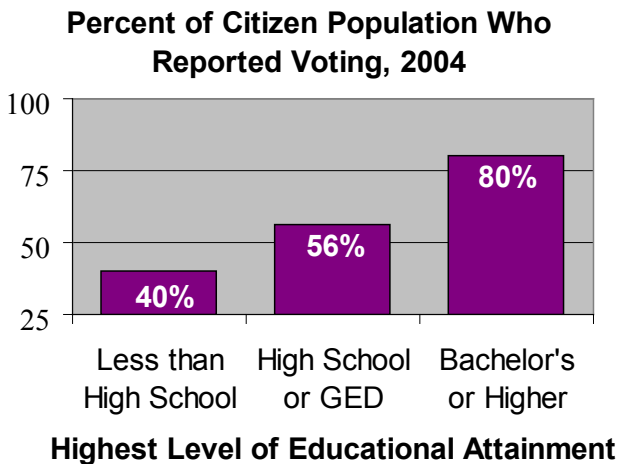
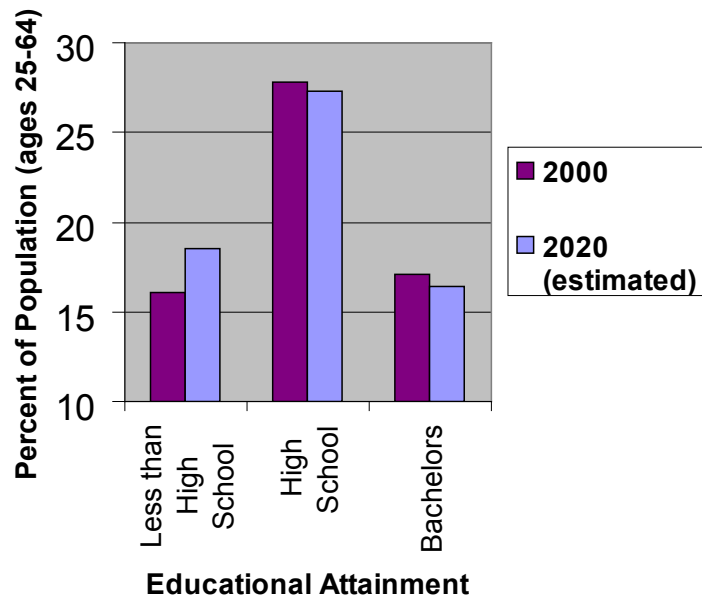


The Social Costs of Inadequate Education

Educational inequity is first and foremost an issue of justice and fairness, but it is also an issue that affects all of us in our daily lives—and will affect our children even more so.

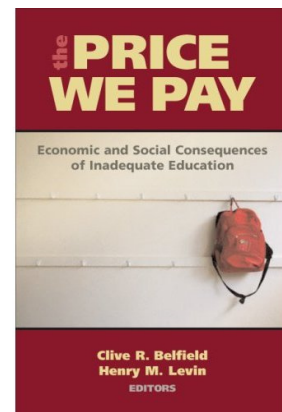
Why Should We Be Concerned?

- Given current trends, between 2000 and 2020 educational attainment in America will be falling *for the first time in history*.
- A shortfall of 7 million college-educated workers in America is projected by 2012



“If a nation expects to be ignorant and free, in a state of civilization, it expects what never was and never will be.”

- Thomas Jefferson



These findings were presented at the 2005 Teachers College Symposium, “The Social Costs of Inadequate Education.” They were originally published in the symposium summary, by symposium chair Henry M. Levin, and will appear in the book, “The Price We Pay: Economic and Social Consequences of Inadequate Education,” edited by Clive Belfield and Henry M. Levin, due out in July 2007 from the Brookings Institution Press.

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Health Care Costs

- The approximate savings in health-related spending that would result from educating this year's dropouts one additional year: **\$41.8 billion**
- The approximate cost of that one additional year of education, based on the national average per pupil expenditure: **\$5.8 billion**

Economic Effects and Tax Revenue

This year's 600,000 dropouts:

- Will each earn **\$260,000 less** over their lifetimes, for a total of **\$158 billion** in lost earnings
- Will pay **\$36 billion less** in taxes over their lifetimes

With 23 million high school dropouts between the ages of 18 and 67, there is an estimated loss of **\$50 billion per year** in federal and state income tax revenues, or 5% of the individual income tax revenue collected in 2004!

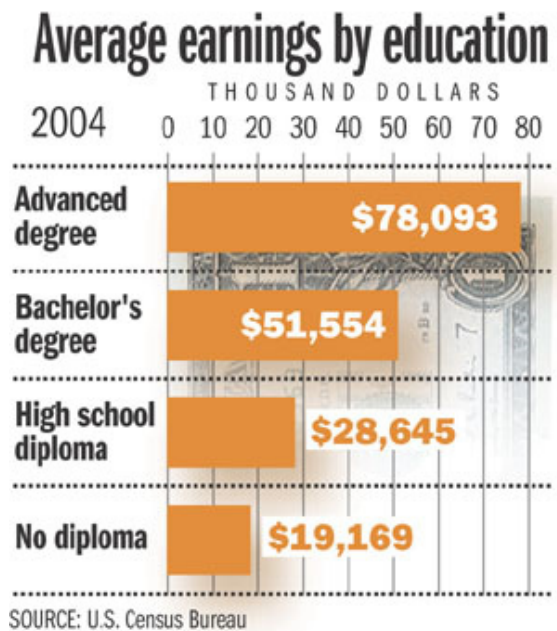


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Decreased Crime Rates

- Increasing high school completion one percent for all men ages 20 to 60 would save **\$1.4 billion per year** in crime-related costs.
- A one-year increase in average years of schooling for dropouts would reduce murder and assault by almost 30 percent and motor vehicle theft by 20 percent.

Preschool is an Investment!

- Including costs related to decreased tax revenue, special education, teen parenting, crime, and public assistance, **every \$1 invested in high-quality preschool yields up to \$7 in savings** to society and taxpayers.