

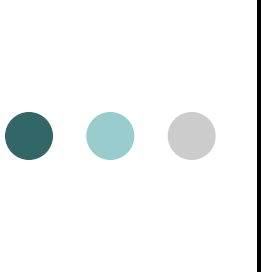


The Economic, Social, Civic and Fiscal
Consequences of Dropping Out of High
School: Findings for Connecticut Adults in
the 21st Century

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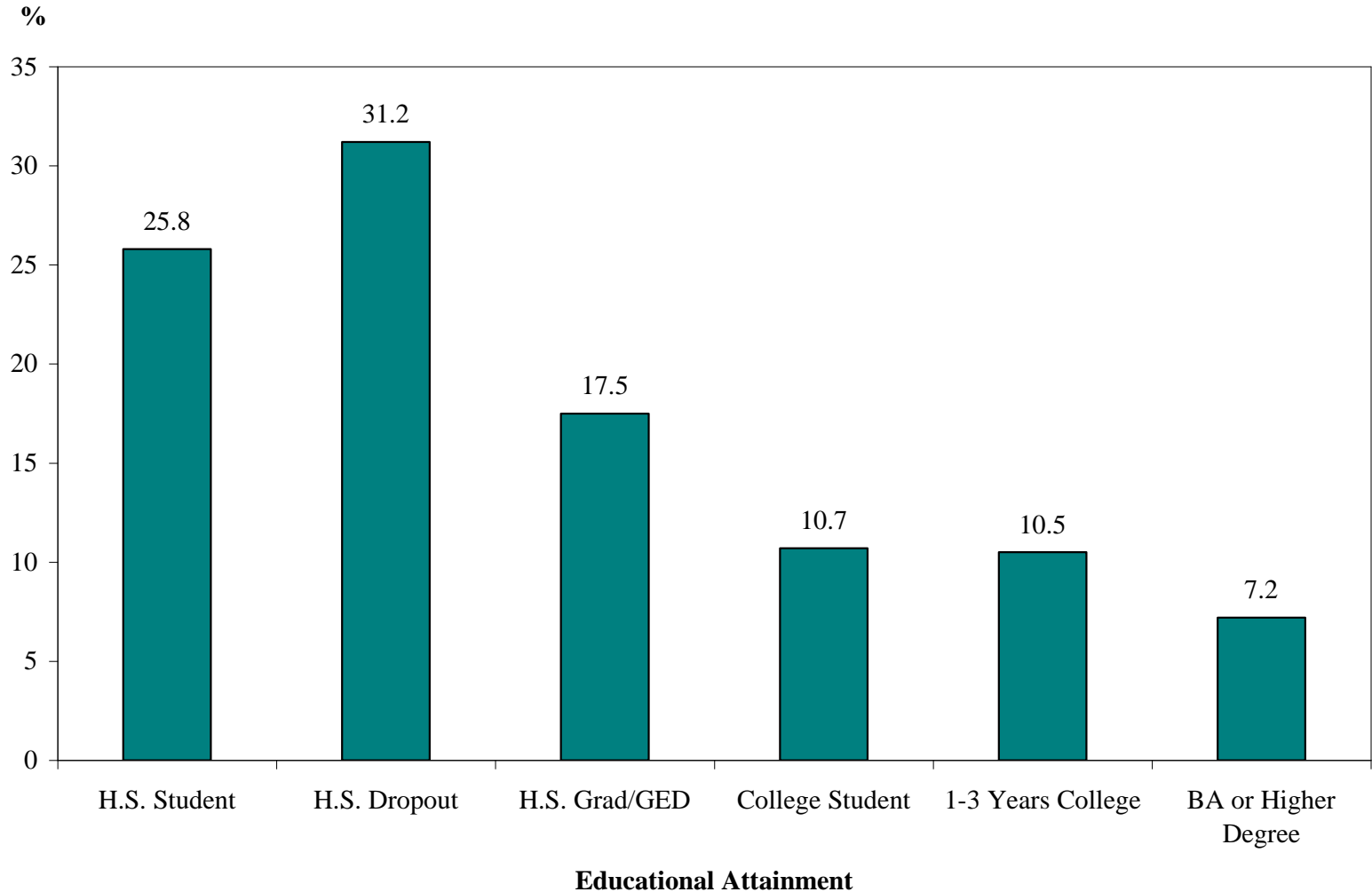


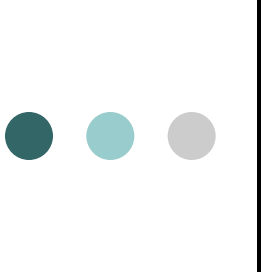
The Economic, Social, Civic and Fiscal Consequences of Dropping Out of High School in Connecticut

- The economic, civic and social case for addressing high school dropout problems in Connecticut (a need for both prevention and recovery efforts)
- The labor market difficulties of teen and young adult (20-34 year old) dropouts in Connecticut; declining lifetime earnings and income prospects of 18-64 year old dropouts
- The key social consequences of dropping out of high school in Connecticut: declining marriage rates, increasing out-of-wedlock childbearing, high income inadequacy problems of children, lower rates of ownership, less civic engagement and volunteering, poor health, higher rates of incarceration in jails and prisons
- The fiscal consequences of dropping out of high school: lower tax payments at all levels of government, increased dependency on government for cash and in-kind transfers, a higher incarceration cost, a major net fiscal burden

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Unemployment Rates of 16-24 Year Olds in Connecticut by Educational Attainment/School Enrollment Status, Both Genders Combined, 2005-2007 Averages (in %)



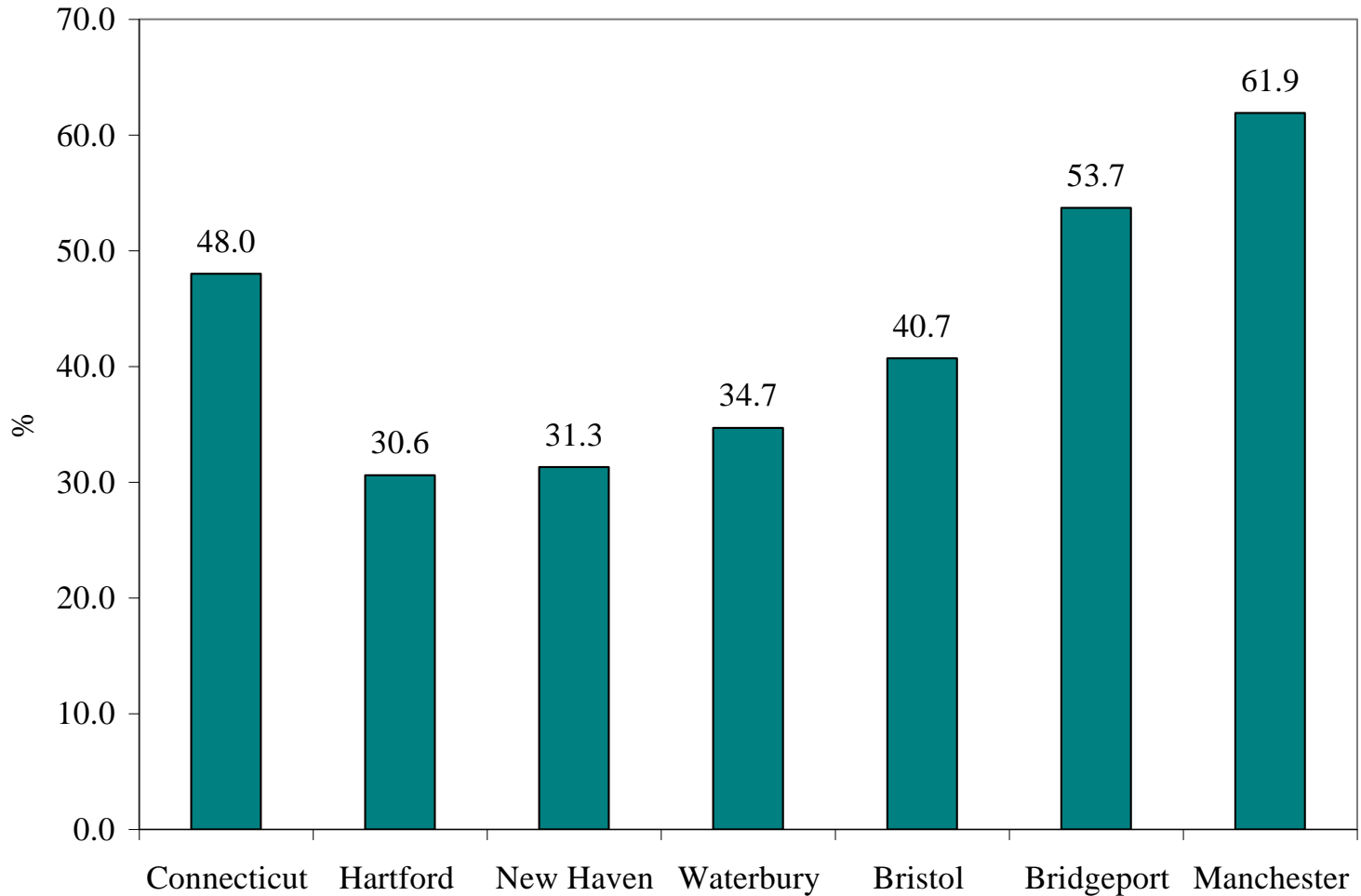


Comparisons of the Employment/Population Ratios of
16-24 Year Olds in Connecticut and the U.S. by Educational
Attainment/School Enrollment Status, 2005-2007 Averages

	(A)	(B)	(C)
Educational Group	Connecticut	U.S.	Connecticut - U.S.
High school students	28.5	26.3	+2.2
High school dropouts/no GED	47.9	51.4	-3.5
High school graduates/GED holders	71.6	67.9	+3.7
College students	56.4	55.2	+1.2
1-3 years college, including AA	80.1	79.3	+0.8
Bachelor's degree	88.5	83.9	+0.6
All	53.7	52.8	+0.9

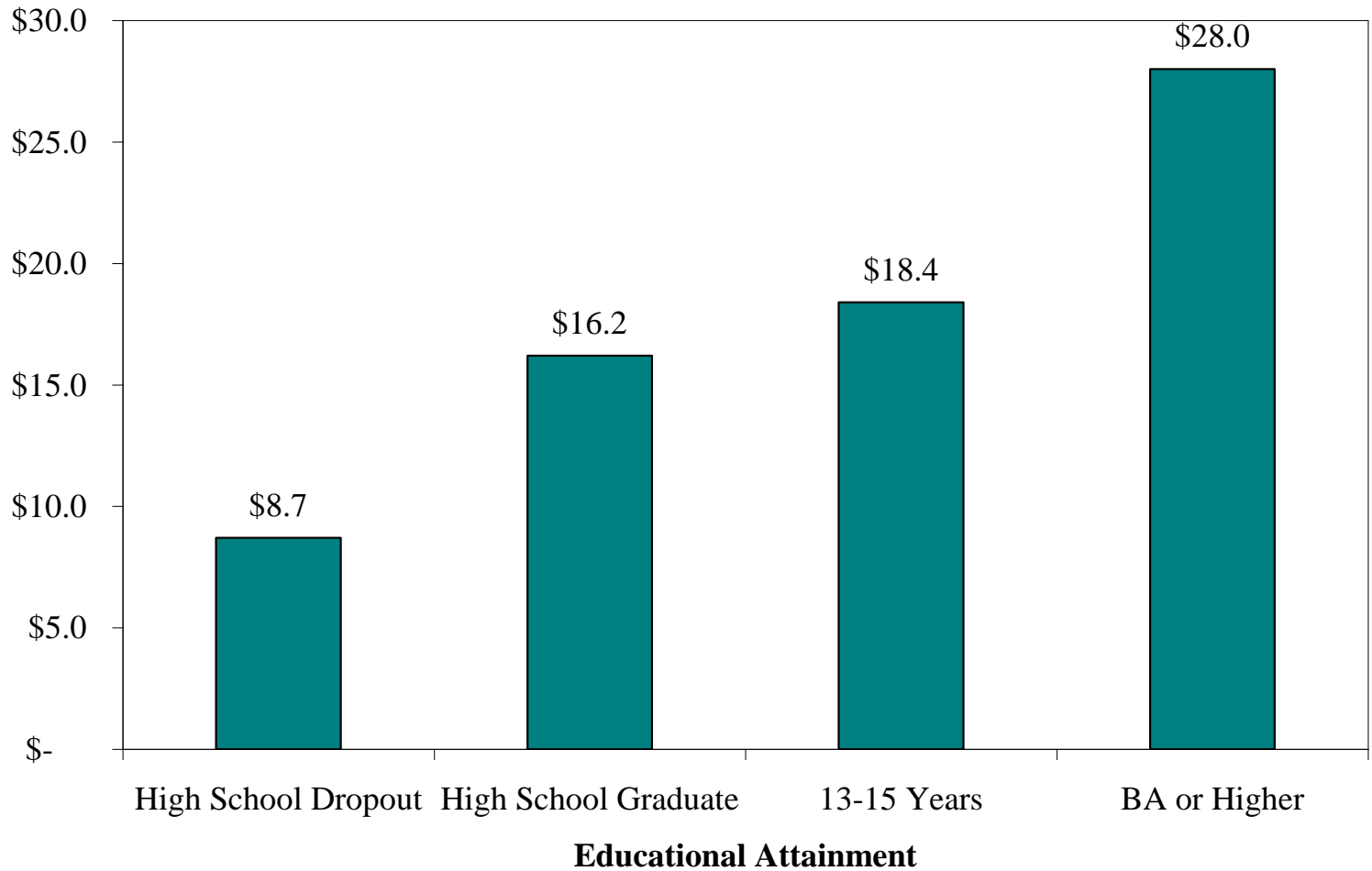
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Employment Rates of 16-24 Year Old Dropouts in Connecticut and Selected Cities/Areas of the State, 2005-2007



Mean Annual Earnings of Non-Enrolled 16-24 Year Olds in Connecticut by Educational Attainment (in 1000s)

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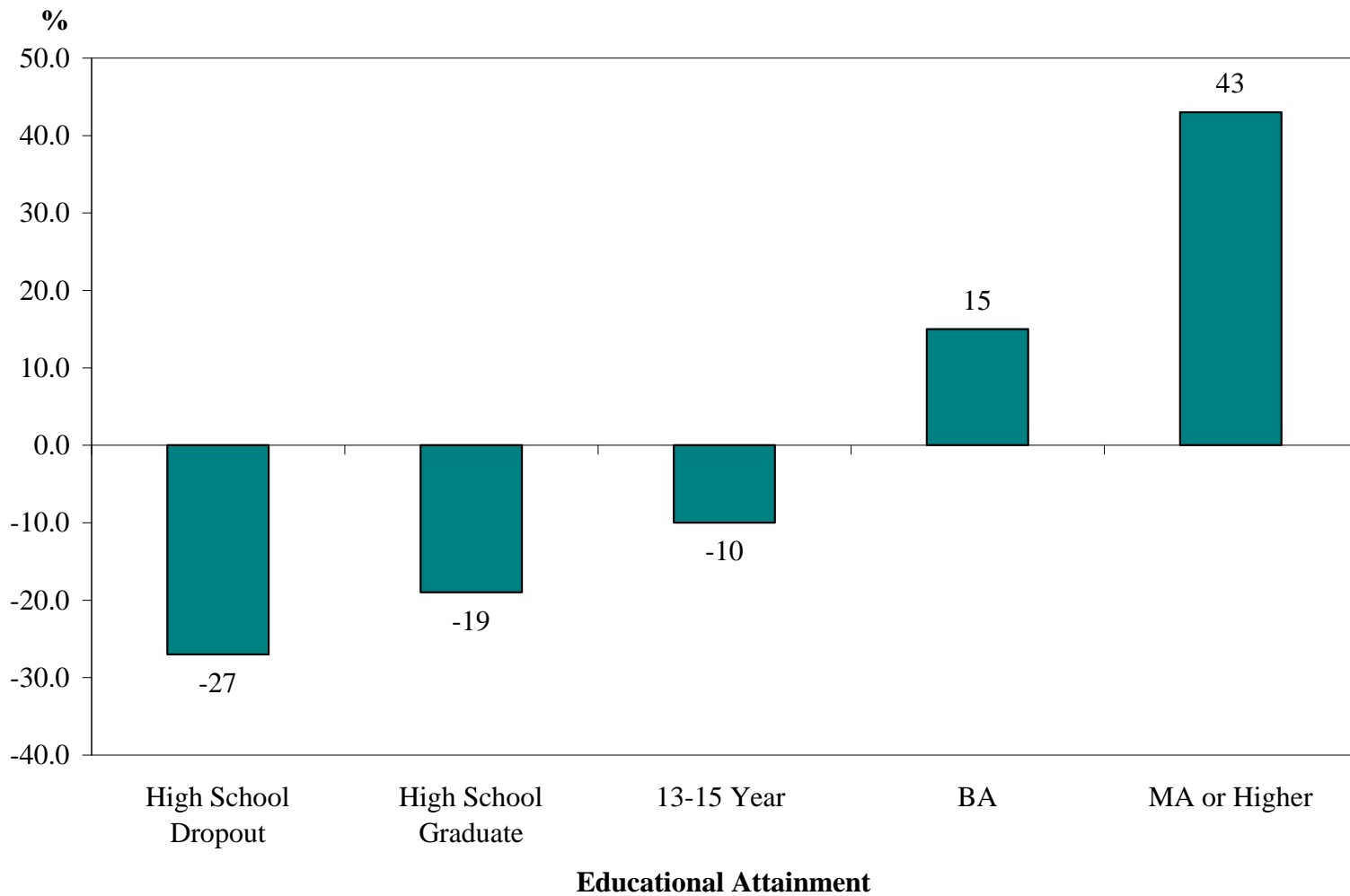
Trends in Male Mean Lifetime Earnings⁽¹⁾ from Employment in Connecticut From Ages 18-64 by Educational Attainment and by Gender (in \$1000 of 2009 Dollars)

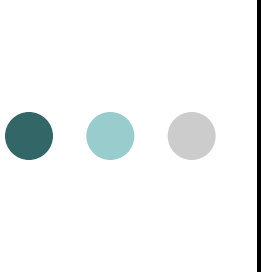
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	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)
Educational Attainment	1979	2005-2007 Averages	Absolute Change	Percent Change
High school dropout	\$1,510	\$1,110	-400	-26.5
High school graduate/GED	2,008	1,630	-378	-18.8
13-15 years	2,387	2,156	-231	-9.7
Bachelor's degree	3,288	3,770	+482	+14.6
Master's or higher degree	3,454	4,928	+1,474	+42.7
All	2,318	2,699	381	+16.4

Note: Earnings of all students ages 18-22 are ignored in the lifetime calculations.

Percent Change in the Mean Real Lifetime Earnings of Males in Connecticut by Educational Attainment from 1979 to 2005-2007





Differences Between the Mean Lifetime Earnings of High School Dropouts and High School Graduates and Those with 1-3 Years of College in Connecticut in 2005-2007 by Gender

Comparison	Men	Women
High school graduate vs. high school dropout	\$527,920	\$384,289
1-3 years of college vs. high school dropout	\$1,046,552	\$697,875

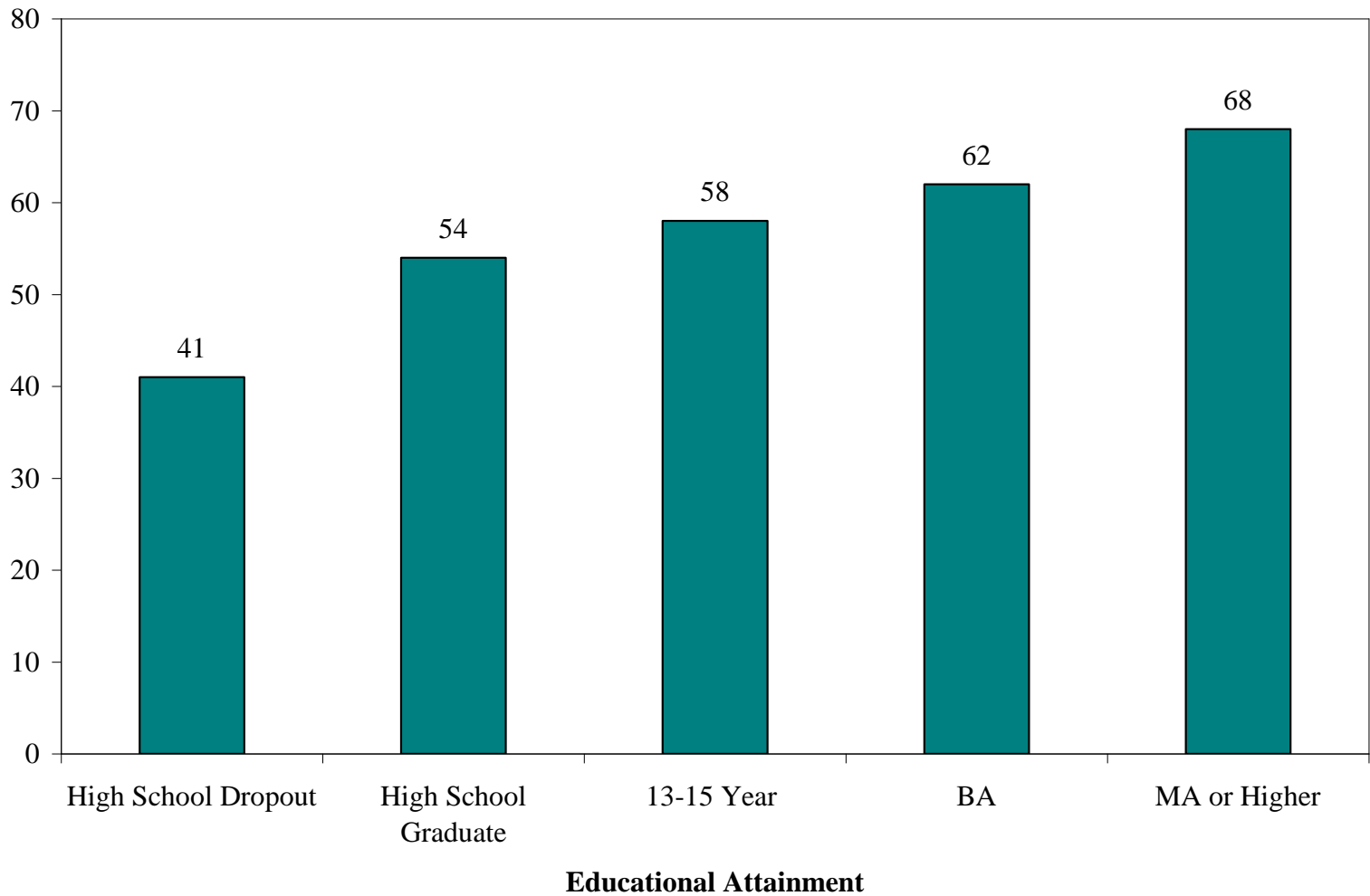
Mean Expected Lifetime Years in Poverty/Near Poverty Among
18-64 Year Olds in Connecticut by Educational Attainment and
Gender, 1979 to 2005-07

Men			
	(A)	(B)	(C)
Educational Attainment	1979	2005 – 2007	Change in Years
High school dropout	5.5	9.0	+3.5
High school graduate/GED	2.2	3.8	+1.6
Some college	1.8	2.4	+.6
Bachelor degree	1.6	1.5	-.1
Master's or higher degree	1.1	1.3	+.2
All	2.7	3.4	+.7

Women			
	(A)	(B)	(C)
Educational Attainment	1979	2005 – 2007	Change in Years
High school dropout	10.7	15.0	+4.3
High school graduate/GED	3.7	6.4	+2.7
Some college	2.9	4.1	+1.2
Bachelor degree	2.7	2.0	-.7
Master's or higher degree	1.7	1.7	0.0
All	4.6	5.0	+.4

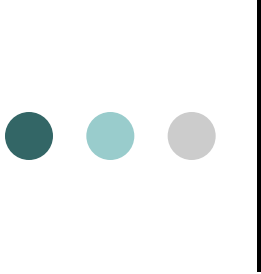
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Marriage Rates of 22-64 Year Olds in the State of Connecticut by Educational Attainment, 2005-2007 Averages



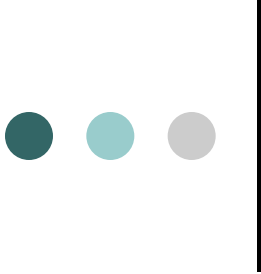
The Mean Net Annual Fiscal Contributions of 18-64 Year Old Adults in Connecticut and the U.S. by Educational Attainment, Annual Averages, 2004-2007 (Dollars)

Area/Education	Total Tax Payments	Total Transfers/ Jail or Prison Cost	Taxes Paid - Transfer/Jail or Prison Cost
Connecticut			
<12 or 12, No HS Diploma	9,276	11,485	-2,209
HS Graduate or GED	13,452	4,642	8,810
1-3 Years of College	17,825	2,882	14,943
Bachelor's Degree	27,886	1,810	26,076
Master's or Higher	35,573	1,170	34,403
Total	20,722	3,654	17,068
U.S.			
<12 or 12, No HS Diploma	6,087	6,197	-110
HS Graduate or GED	9,938	3,551	6,386
1-3 Years of College	13,244	2,508	10,736
Bachelor's Degree	20,580	1,236	19,343
Master's or Higher	29,876	1,061	28,814
Total	14,239	2,934	11,305



Mean Lifetime Net Fiscal Contributions of U.S. Adults in Connecticut and the U.S. from Ages 18-64 by Educational Attainment, 2004-2007 Averages (In Dollars)

Educational Attainment	Connecticut	U.S.	Connecticut – U.S.
<12 or 12, No HS Diploma	-103,823	-5,170	-98,653
HS Graduate or GED	414,070	300,142	113,928
1-3 Years of College	672,435	483,120	189,315
Bachelor's Degree	1,095,192	812,406	282,786
Master's or Higher	1,341,717	1,123,746	217,971
Total	802,196	531,335	270,861



Differences Between the Estimated Mean Lifetime Net Fiscal Contributions of U.S. Adults in Selected Educational Groups

Groups Being Compared	Connecticut	U.S.	Connecticut – U.S.
High school graduate vs. dropout	517,893	305,312	212,581
13-15 years vs. high school graduate	258,365	182,978	75,387
B.A. degree vs. high school graduate	681,122	512,264	168,858
B.A. degree vs. high school dropout	1,199,015	817,576	381,439