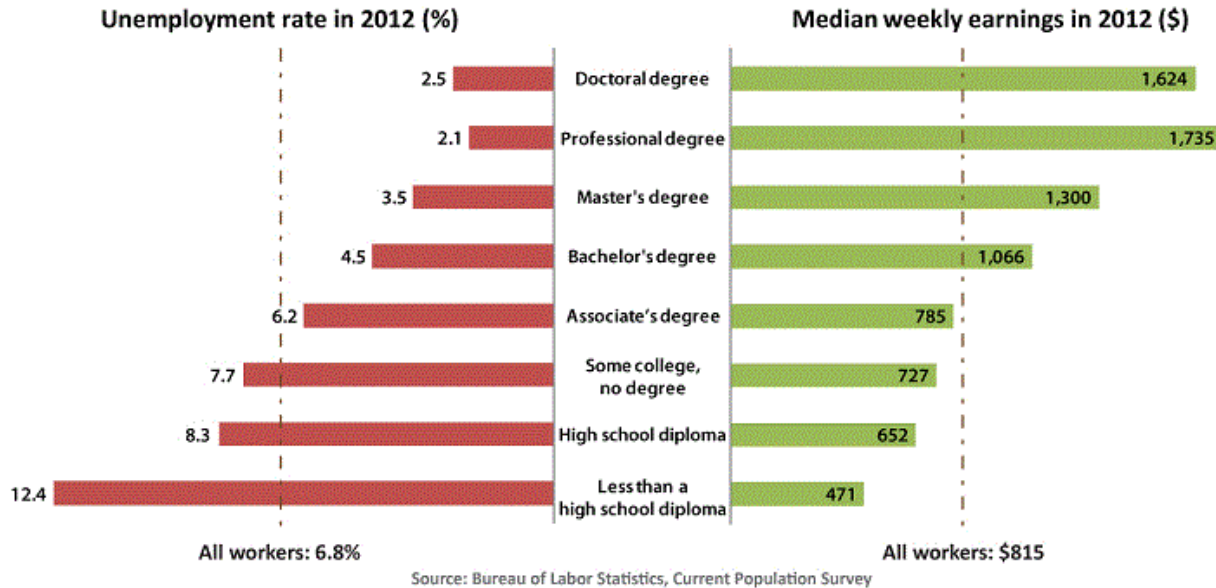


ACTIVITY 1 EDUCATION AND HUMAN CAPITAL

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers.

1. What is the relationship between median weekly earnings and education level?
2. What is the relationship between unemployment rates and education levels?
3. What does this tell you about the impact of education on an individual's human capital and future economic opportunity?
4. Getting an education costs money. Based on your answers to the questions above, why might you be willing to spend money on educational opportunities?