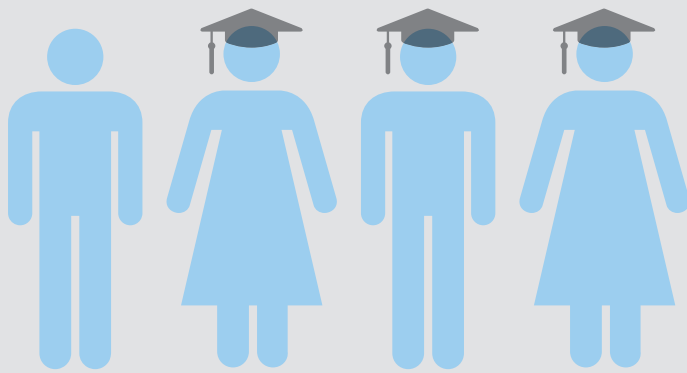


The High School Dropout Crisis

Education experts believe the lack of a high school degree often jeopardizes students' ability to compete in an already-tough job market



At the same time demand for highly skilled workers is increasing, **one in five students** does not graduate on time with their class.¹

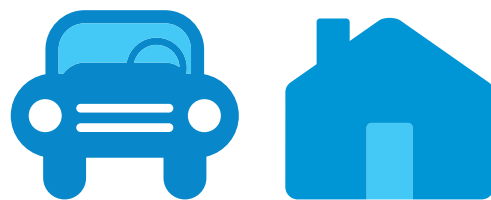
Dropouts from the Class of 2010 alone will cost the nation more than **\$337 billion** in lost wages over the course of their lifetimes.²

The United States ranks **22 out of 27** industrialized nations in high school graduation rates³

If just **1,000 dropouts** from 2010 in each state and the District of Columbia had graduated from high school, these **51,000 graduates** combined would:

\$554m

earn \$554 million in additional earnings in an average year;



spend an additional **\$57 million** each year purchasing vehicles and, by the time they reach the midpoint of their careers, buy homes worth **\$1.4 billion** more than what they would likely have spent without a diploma; and

support **3,800** new jobs, increase the gross domestic product by **\$681 million** and pour an additional **\$50 million** annually into state coffers, all through their increased spending and investments²

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