

The country's unemployment rate stands at 7.6 percent, meaning that more than 11 million Americans are now without jobs. However, while the employment rate among high school graduates with no college education hovers at eight percent, those with bachelor's degrees or higher are seeing the unemployment rate drop by more than half, to 3.8 percent, according to the U.S. Labor Department.

Additionally, the average annual salary for individuals with graduate or doctoral degrees is \$75,000, while bachelor's degrees command an average salary of \$51,000. For those relying on a high school diploma alone, their average salary drops significantly to \$28,000.

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