

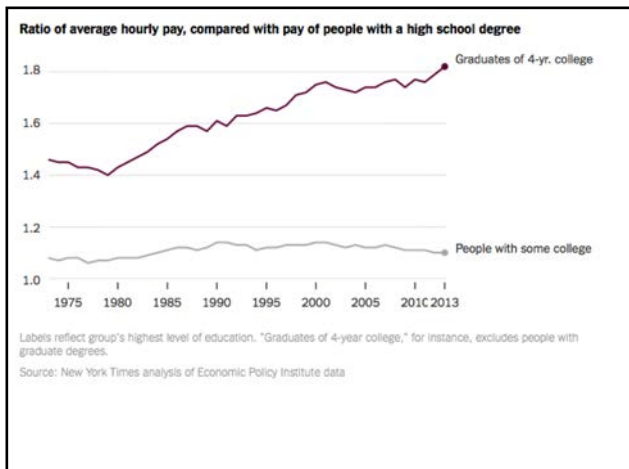
PSCI 2500 INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS

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Does graduation matter?

- In the early 1980s, college graduates made 64% more than non-graduates.
- In 2003:
 - 85% more.
- Today:
 - 98% more.



What is the average cost of a college degree?

- Out of pocket cost:
 - \$57,000 for four years at a public in-state university.*
- What is the cost of *not* completing college?
 - -\$500,000 (i.e., a half million dollars).**

* Tuition, fees, room and board. *CNN Money*, May 2017.

** David H. Autor, "Skills, education, and the rise of earnings inequality among the 'other 99 percent,'" *Science* 23 (May 2014) 344:6186, pp. 843-851.