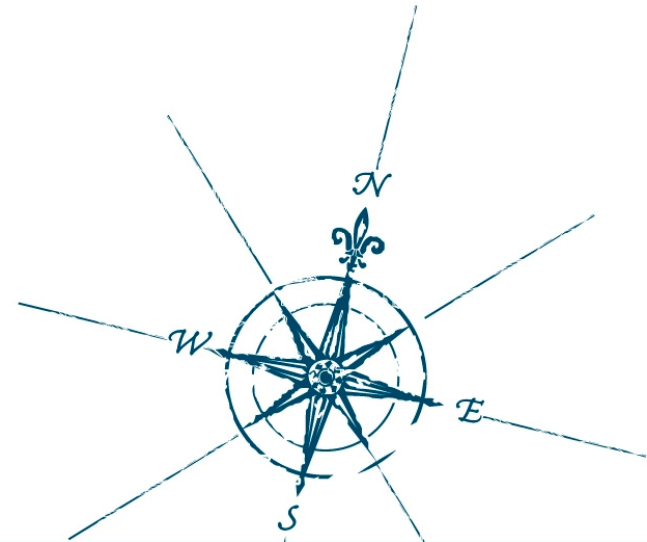


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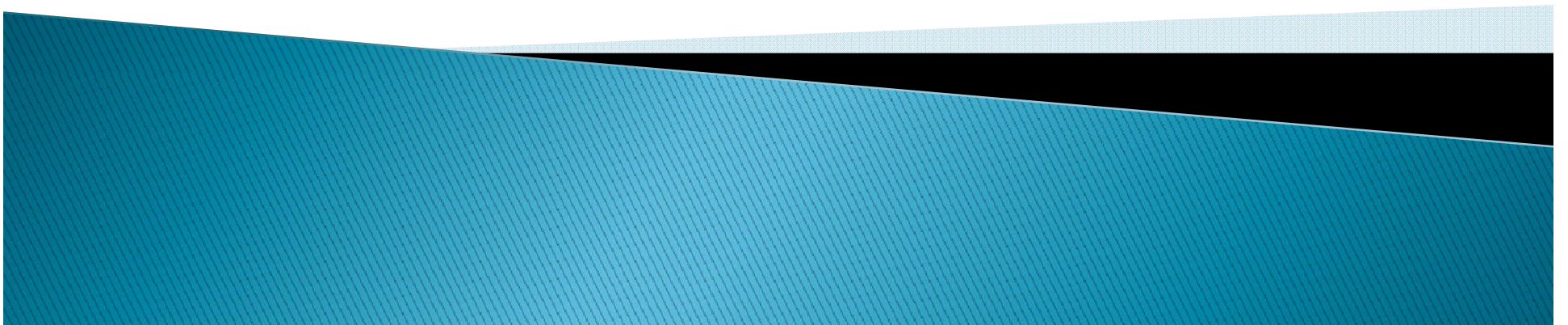
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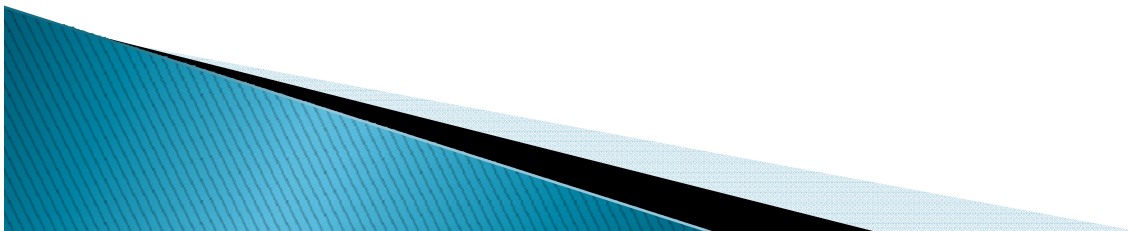
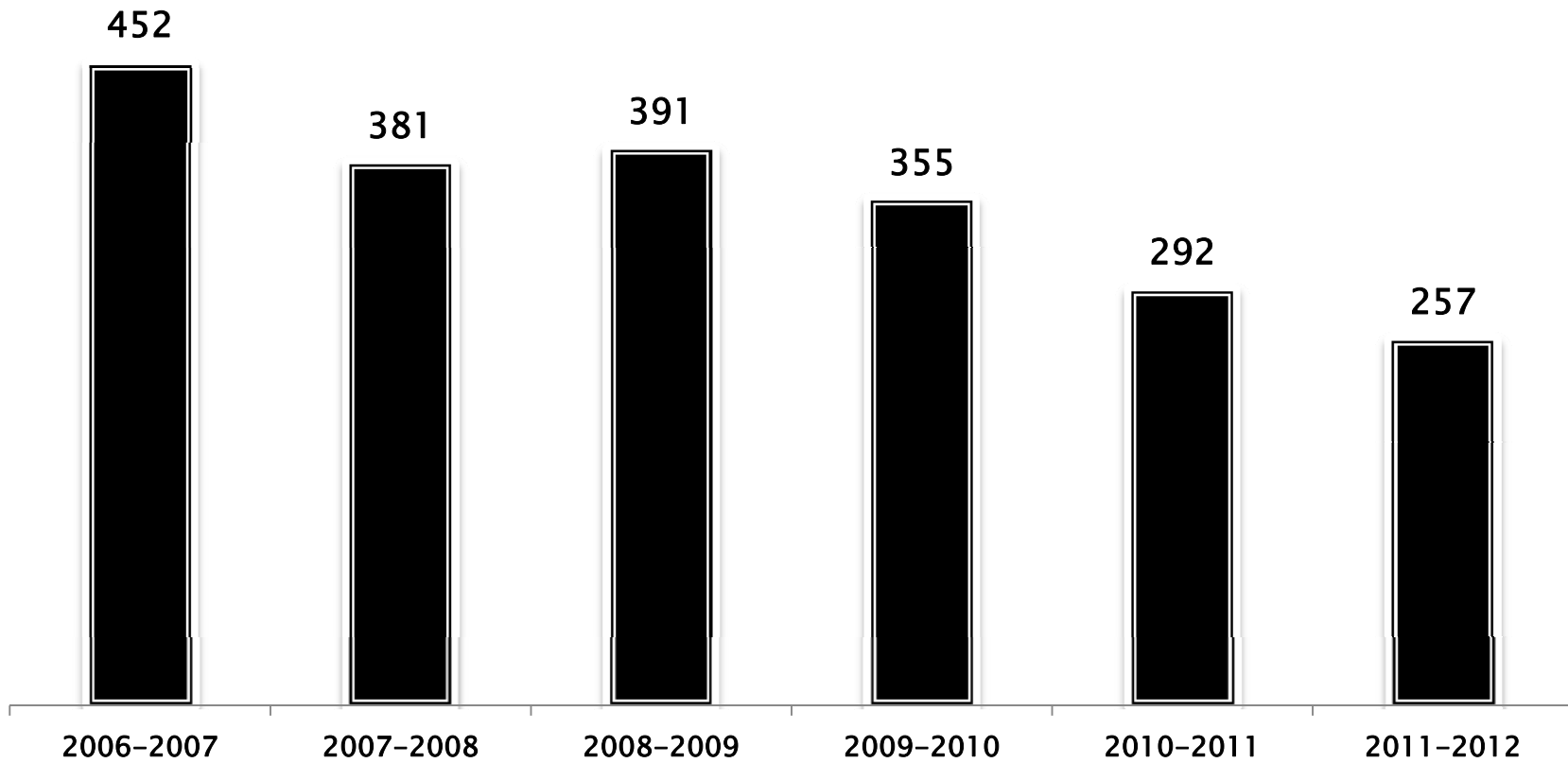
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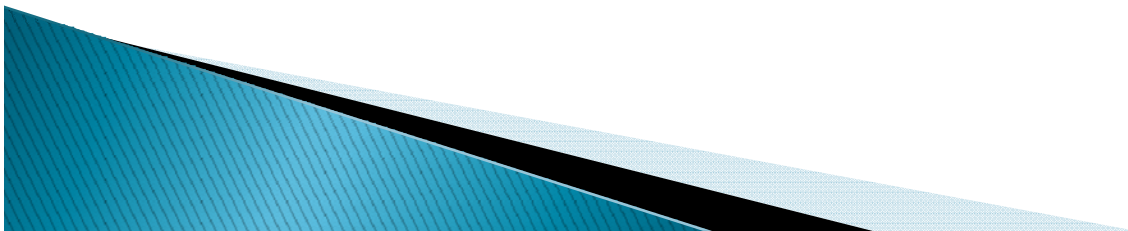
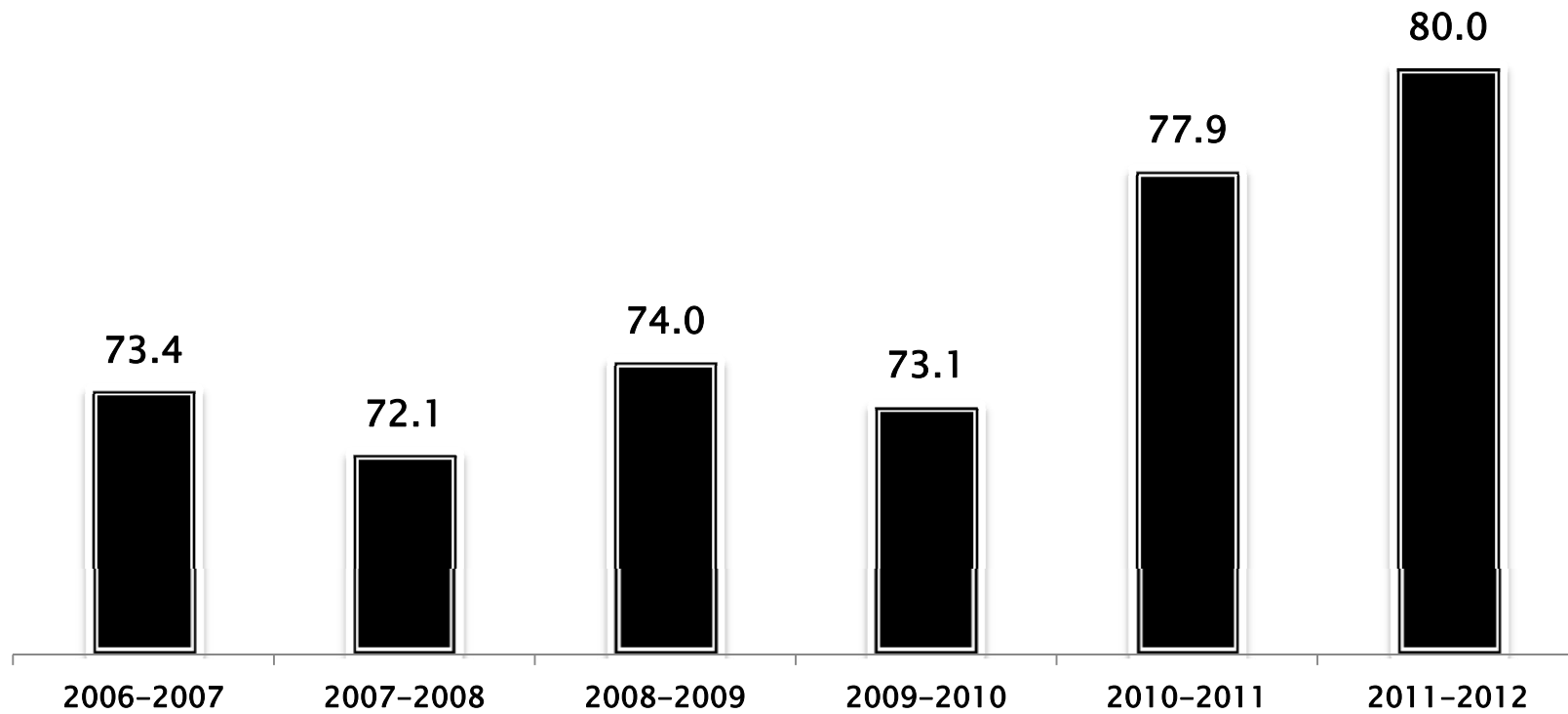
# **A Successful Investment**




# Decreasing Dropout Numbers



# Increasing Graduation Rates

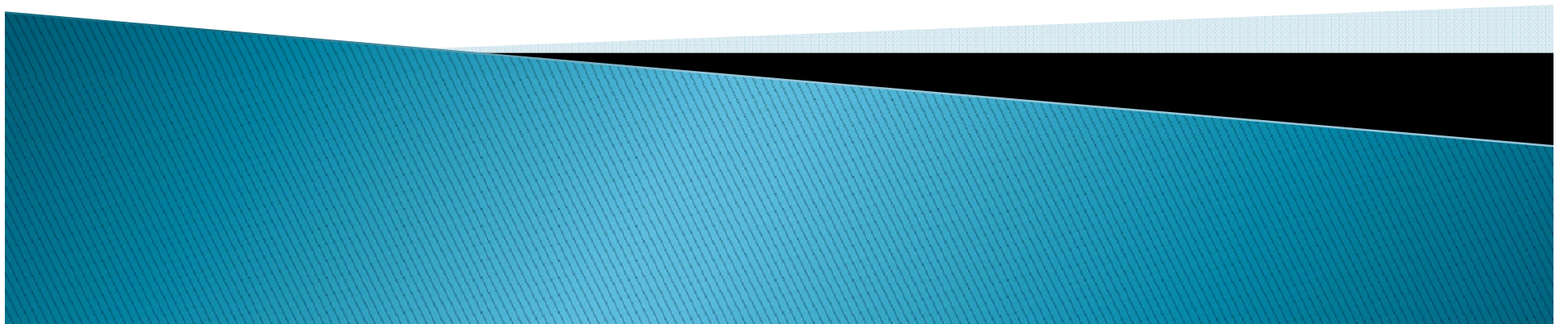


# Partners and Funding


- ▶ Buncombe County Commissioners
  - ▶ Eblen Charities
  - ▶ Buncombe County Schools
  - ▶ NC Dropout Prevention Grant (2007 to 2012)
  - ▶ Sisters of Mercy (2012-2013)
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# **Why Does This Investment Matter?**

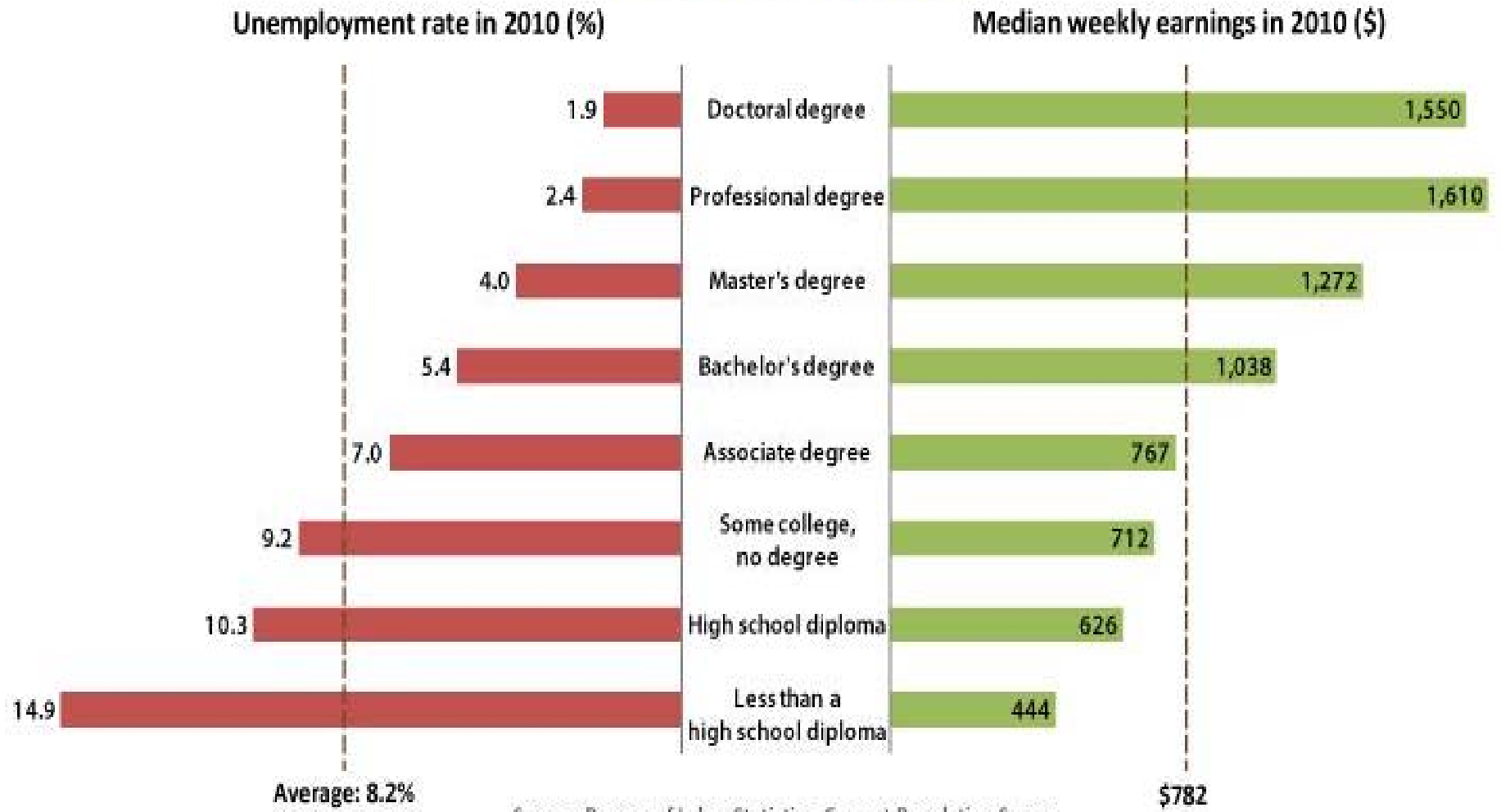


- ▶ High school graduates have better health and lower mortality rates than high school dropouts.
- ▶ High school graduates are less likely to commit crimes and be incarcerated.
- ▶ High school graduates are less likely to need public assistance.
- ▶ High school graduates are more likely to have children who graduate from high school.
- ▶ High school graduates earn more than dropouts and are less likely to be unemployed.

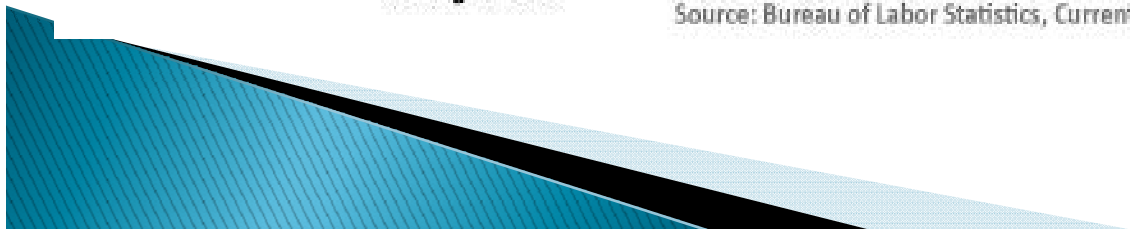


(Levin, 2007)

# Education pays:

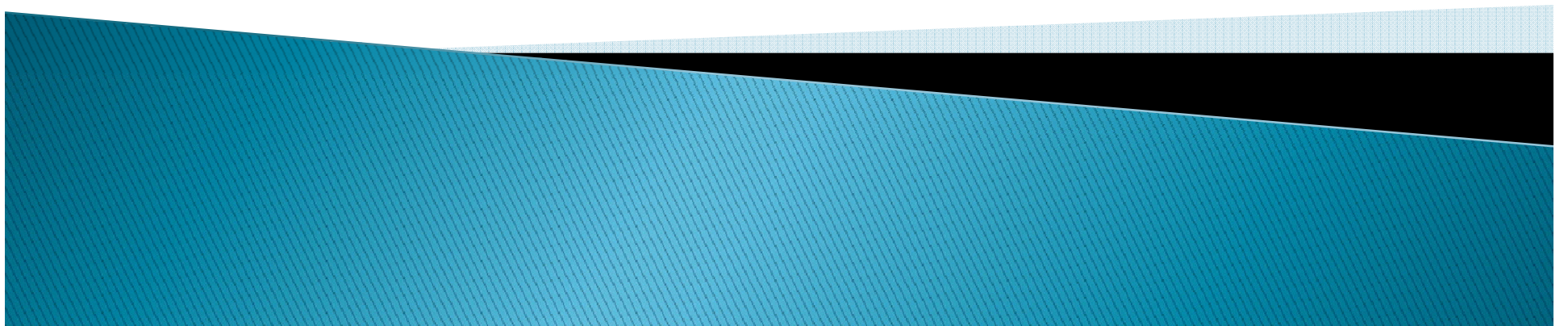


Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey





# **The Impact of Your Investment on Our Community**



▶ Each additional graduate confers a net benefit to taxpayers of about **\$275,000** over the graduate's lifetime.

- Increased tax revenue
- Fewer health care costs
- Reduced criminal justice costs
- Less public assistance

(Communities in Schools, 2012)

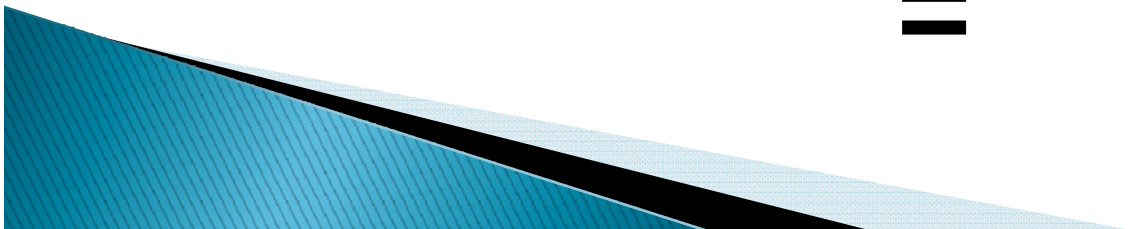


**584** Additional graduates

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**\$275,000** Net benefits to taxpayers

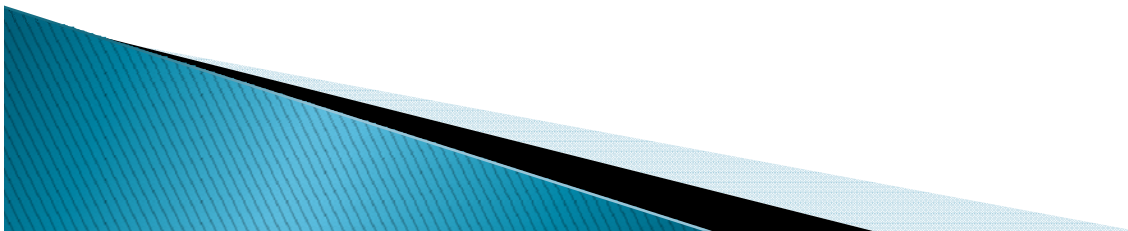
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The decrease in dropout numbers in the high schools each year from 2006 to 2012 represents a potential savings to our county of

**\$160,600,000**

The best economic stimulus package is a diploma!



**Thank You !**

