



# College degree still worth the investment, data suggest

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Despite rising tuition and falling wages, college graduates continue to earn far more over a lifetime than a worker with no more than a high school diploma, an analysis of four decades of federal data shows.

The main reason: Average wages also have declined for workers with no college degree. The gap between wages for college graduates and those without a college degree remains near all-time highs.

“Investing in a college degree may be more important than ever before because those who fail to do so are falling further and further behind,” says the report, released Tuesday by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The report, titled *Do the Benefits of College Still Outweigh the Costs?*, comes at a time when a