
Private School Students More Likely to Attain College Degrees

With a college degree widely regarded as a ticket to success in life, it turns out that students attending private high schools are significantly more likely than other students to attain one.

Percentage of 2002 Sophomores Who Attained a Bachelor's Degree or Higher by 2012	
Type of High School	Percentage
Public	31.1%
Catholic	61.9%
Other Private	57.1%

According to a report released in January by the National Center for Education Statistics, tenth-graders in private high schools in 2002 were nearly twice as likely as their public school counterparts to receive a bachelor's degree or higher by 2012. In turn, degree recipients were ultimately more successful in securing a job and realizing higher earnings-considerable consolation in an economy scarred by persistently high levels of unemployment.

Find out more about the report in the [February issue of Outlook](#).

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