

Academic achievement

Boys who fail at school grow into men who are likely to struggle in life. Poorly educated men face a brutal labor market, as job opportunities in traditionally male, blue-collar occupations evaporate.

Among men with only a high-school education, one in three is out of the labor force.

For those who have a job, typical earnings are \$881 a week, down from \$1,017 in 1979.

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