

Graph of the Week
March _____, 2020

Name _____

Analyze the graphs below and write a reflection on what you think the graphs are communicating to you. To guide you with your response, start with some observations.

- What are the topics of the graphs?
- What quantities are being compared? (If there are x- and y- axes, what do they represent?)
- What are some observations that you can make based on the graphs?
- What do you foresee happening in the next 10 years?

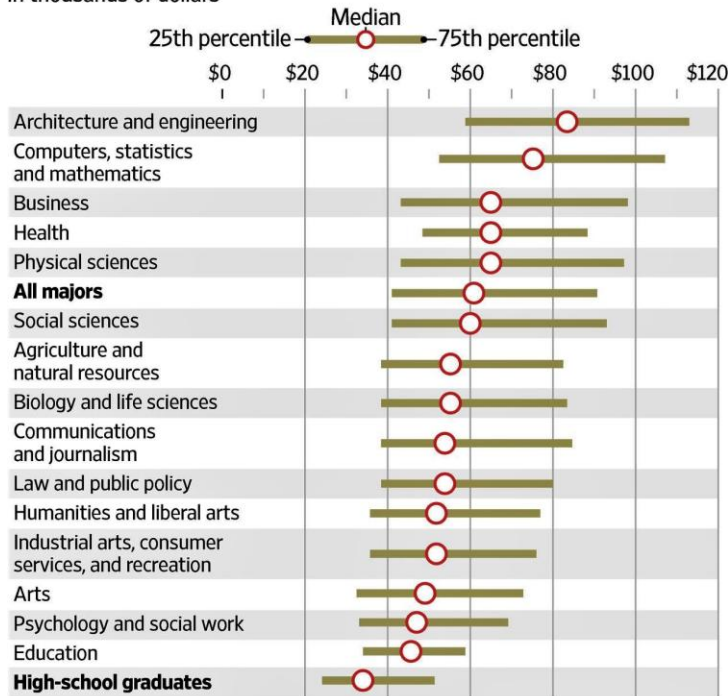
Questions to ask when reading graphs:

- Is there an upward or downward trend?
- Are there any sudden spikes in the graph?
- What is being compared in the graph?
- What prediction can I make for the future?
- What inferences can I make about the graph?

Income Inequality

Going to college pays off, but by how much depends greatly on the area of study.

Annual wages of college graduates by major over a career (ages 25-59)
 In thousands of dollars

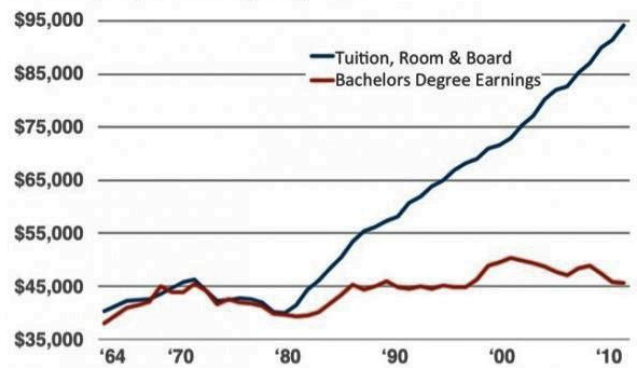


Source: Georgetown University

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The diminishing financial return of higher education

Costs of 4-yr degree vs. earnings of 4-yr degree



Source: Source: U.S. Census Data & NCES Table 345.

Notes: All figures have been adjusted to 2010 dollars using the Consumer Price Index from the BLS.
