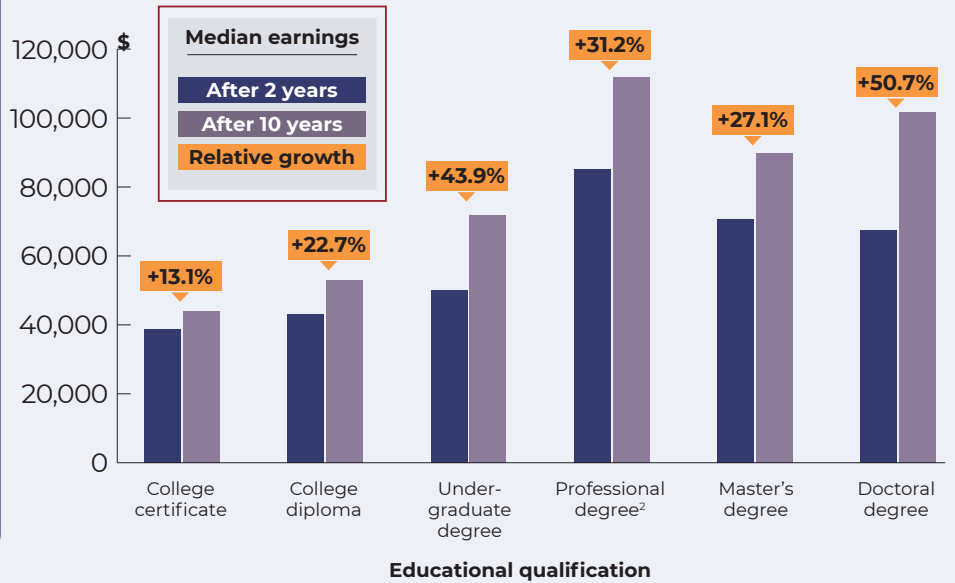


# POSTSECONDARY STUDENTS IN CANADA

# 10 YEARS AFTER GRADUATION



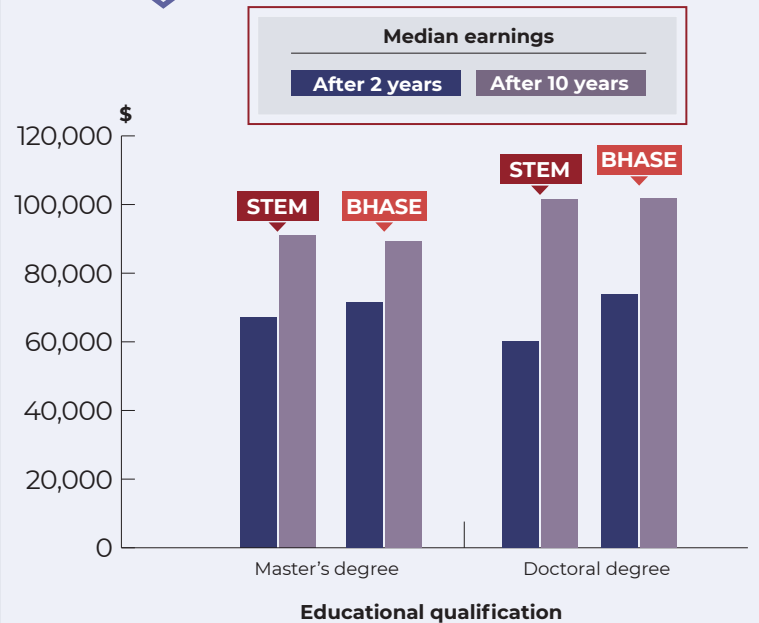
Graduates with an undergraduate degree or higher had **HIGHER GROWTH IN MEDIAN EMPLOYMENT EARNINGS** between 2 and 10<sup>1</sup> years after graduation than college certificate and diploma holders.



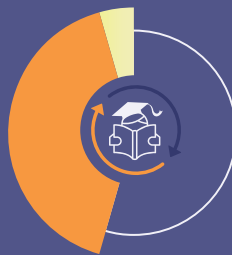
Graduates of master's and doctoral BHASE programs had higher median employment earnings than their counterparts from STEM programs 2 years after graduation. Ten years after graduation, the earnings gap had closed.



- STEM:**
- Science
  - Technology
  - Engineering
  - Mathematics and computer sciences
- BHASE:**
- Business
  - Health
  - Arts and humanities
  - Social science
  - Education; legal studies; trades, services, natural resources and conservation



**NEARLY HALF (45.5%)** of undergraduate degree holders returned to school full-time within 10 years of graduation, the large majority of whom (90.4%) returned within 5 years.



- 54.5% did not return to school full-time within 10 years of graduation
- 41.1% returned to school full-time within 5 years of graduation
- 4.4% returned to school full-time between 6 and 10 years after graduation

<sup>1</sup>The population examined in this infographic comprises 2010 graduates who filed an income tax return every year for 10 years after graduation. Median employment income is expressed in 2020 constant dollars and is calculated for graduates who did not return to school full-time and reported employment income information for all 10 years after graduation.

<sup>2</sup>Includes undergraduate degree and post-baccalaureate non-graduate degree programs in law, medicine, dentistry, veterinary medicine, optometry and pharmacy.

**Source:** Statistics Canada, table 37-10-0218-01 - Characteristics and median employment income of longitudinal cohorts of postsecondary graduates two, five and ten years after graduation, by educational qualification and field of study (STEM and BHASE (non-STEM) groupings).

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