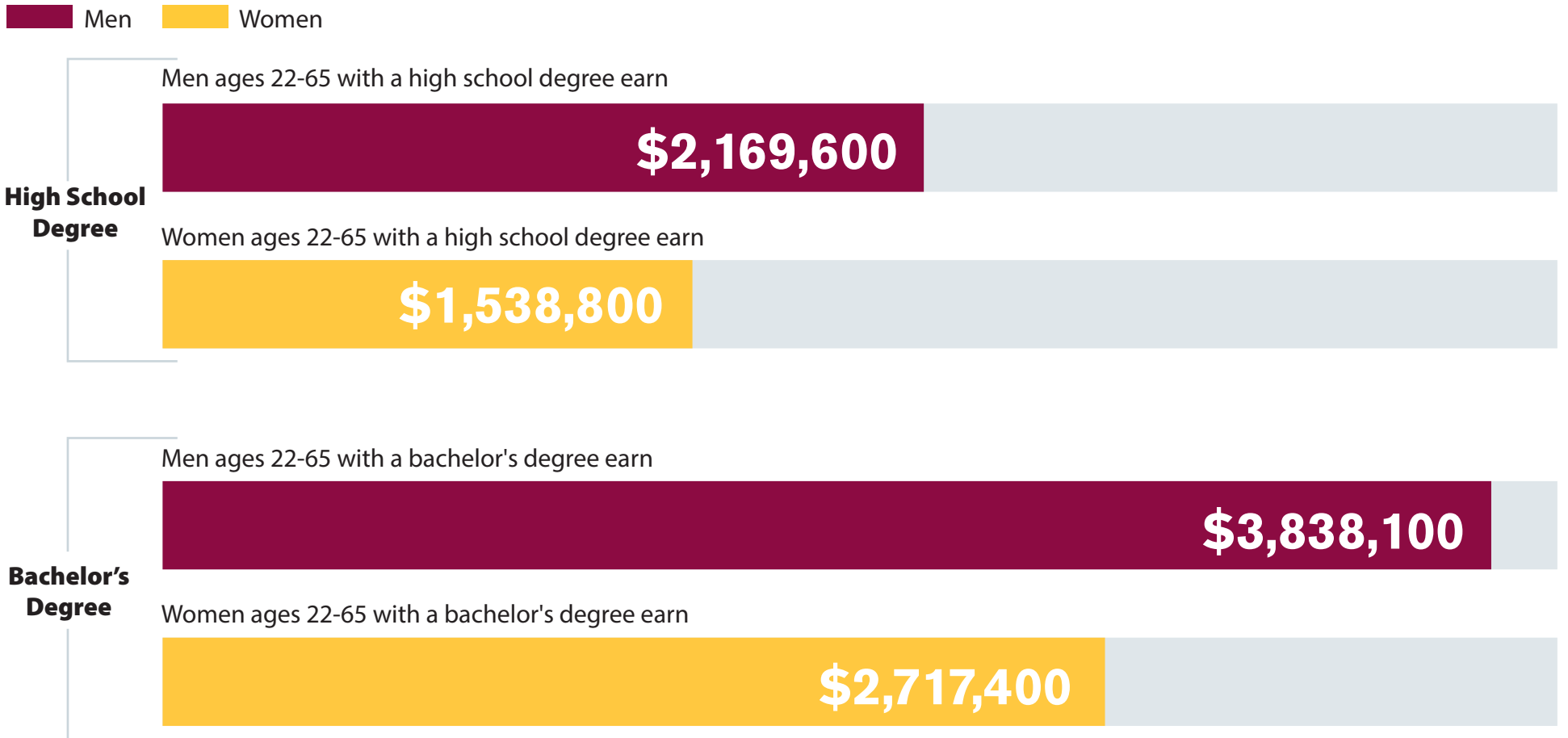


WHAT IS THE VALUE OF A COLLEGE EDUCATION?

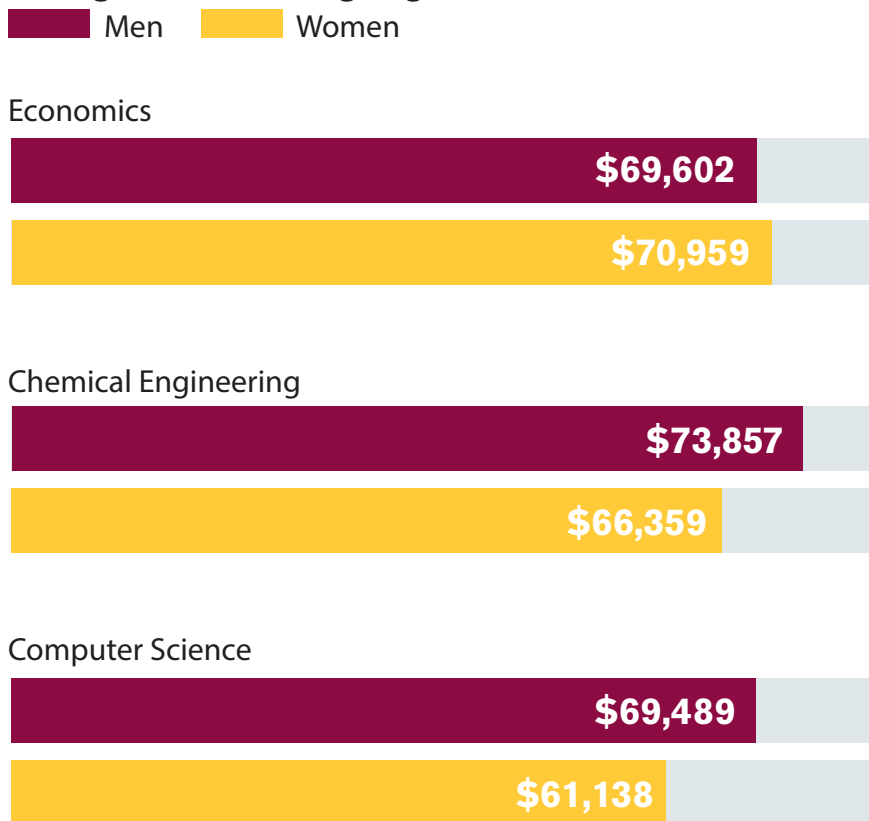
Bachelor's degree attainment **significantly increases lifetime earnings** for both men and women. While college comes with financial costs (such as tuition), which often result in student loan debt, college is a valuable long-term investment that raises lifetime earnings

How do earnings differ between men and women?

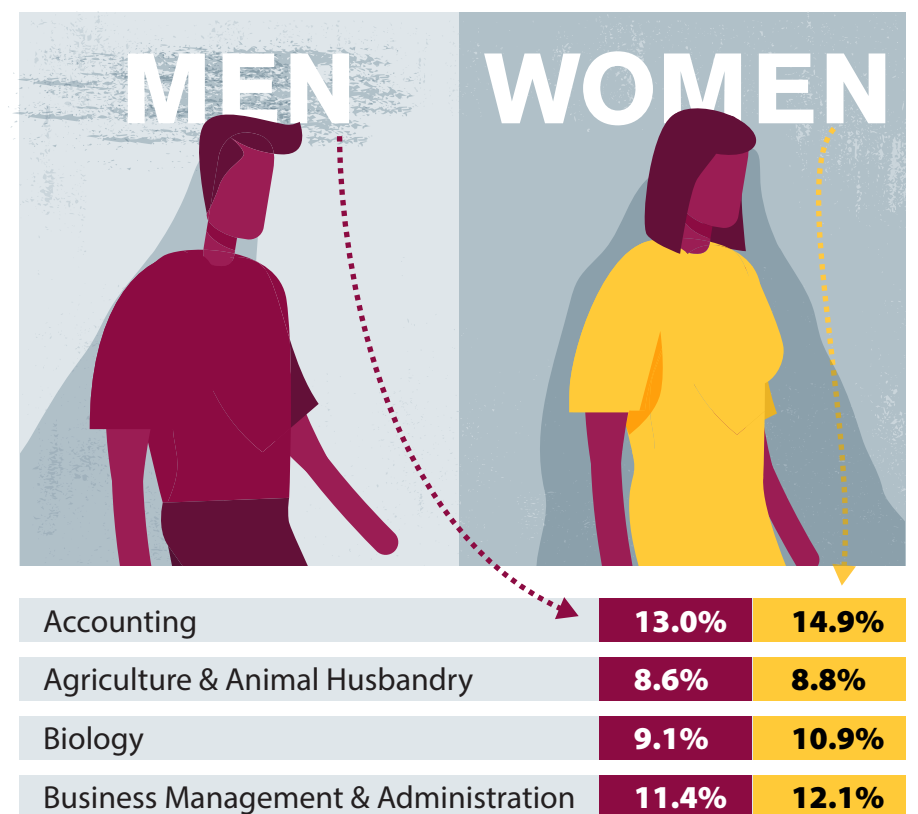


What is the value of a bachelor's degree by major for men and women?

Average annual earnings, ages 25-29



What is the return on investment between men and women with the same major?



Within the same field, lifetime earnings are higher for men but **overall return on investment is higher for women**; because women without college degrees are paid less than those with a bachelor's degree.