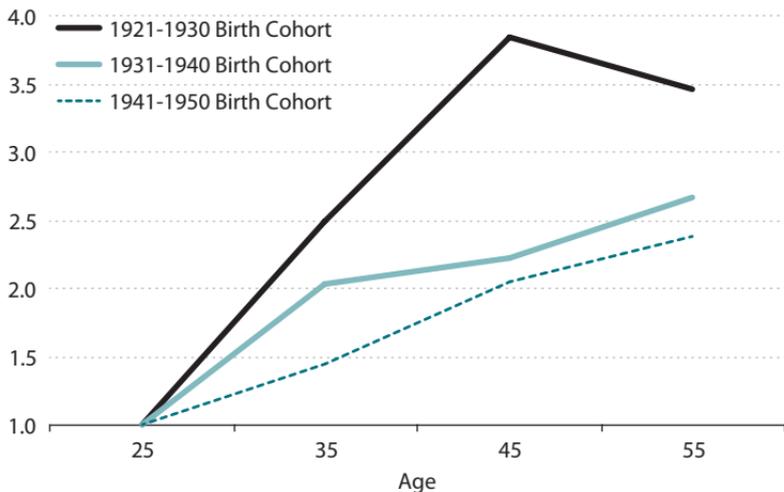


Real Earnings over the Life Cycle for Workers with at Least a Bachelor's Degree



NOTE: Real earnings are measured in 2000 dollars. Synthetic cohorts are built from Census data for white male workers who have attained a four-year college degree or higher. Each life cycle profile is described by the mean earnings of four age groups: 20-29, 30-39, 40-49, and 50-59 years. Earnings at each age for each cohort are normalized by earnings at age 20-29 for that cohort.

SOURCE: Census data 1940-2000 and Ruggles, Steven; Alexander, J. Trent; Genadek, Katie; Goeken, Ronald; Schroeder, Matthew B. and Sobek, Matthew. Integrated Public Use Microdata Series [IPUMS]: Version 5.0 [Machine-readable database]. Minneapolis: University of Minnesota, 2010; <https://usa.ipums.org/usa/>.