



# The Way Forward

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# Rethink, Reimagine and Adapt





# New college ranking shows sticker prices at n han \$70,000 a year — and rising

Jaclyn Reiss Globe Staff, September 9, 2019, 2:48 p.m.



## College admissions, rigged for the rich



REPORT MAY 23, 2018

### The Neglected College Race Gap: Racial Disparities Among College Completers

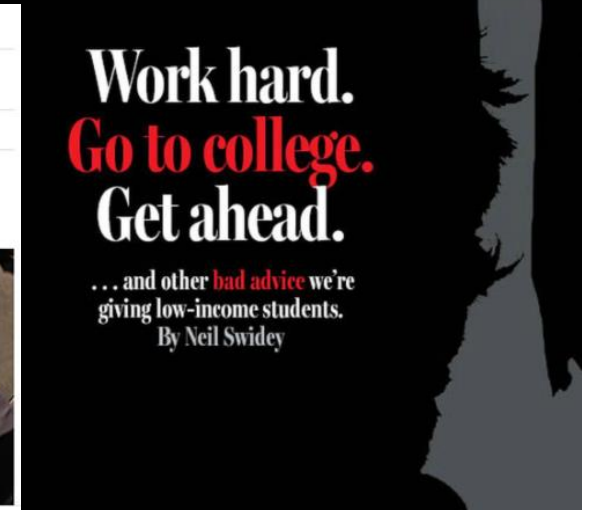
White students have a significant advantage when it comes to where college completers get their credentials and what they study.

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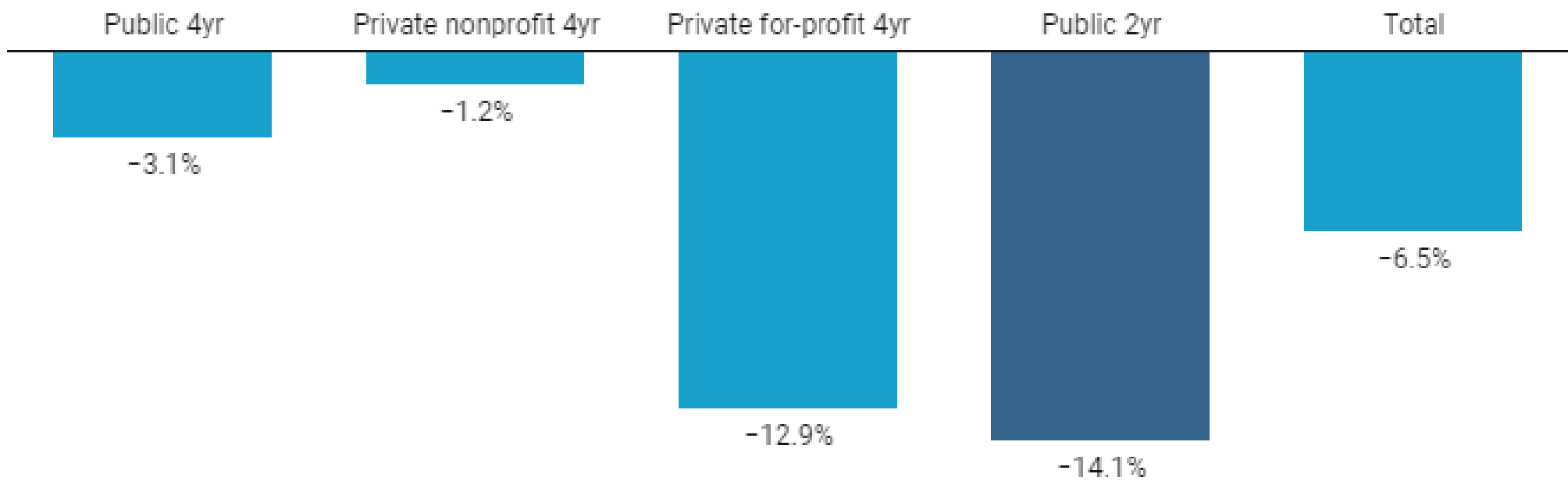
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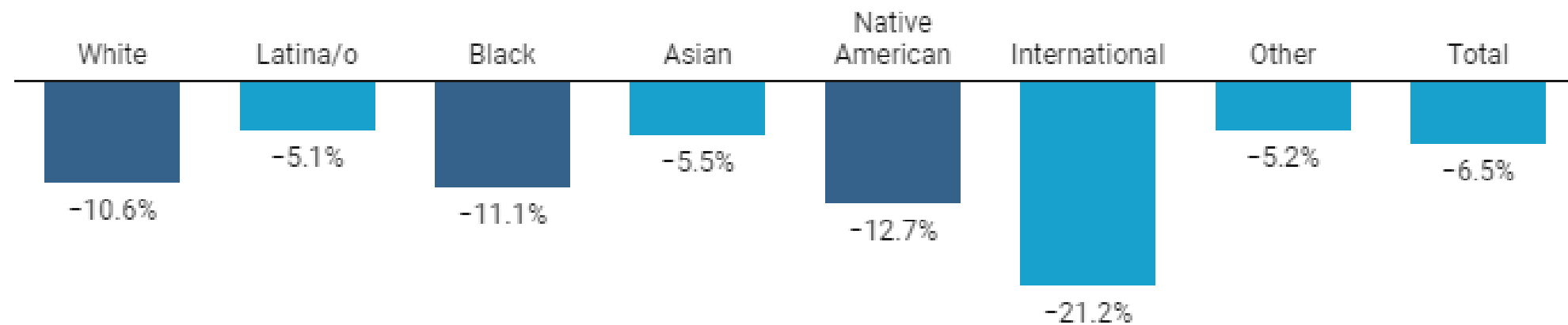
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Fall 2020, % change from year before

Fall 2021, % change from year before

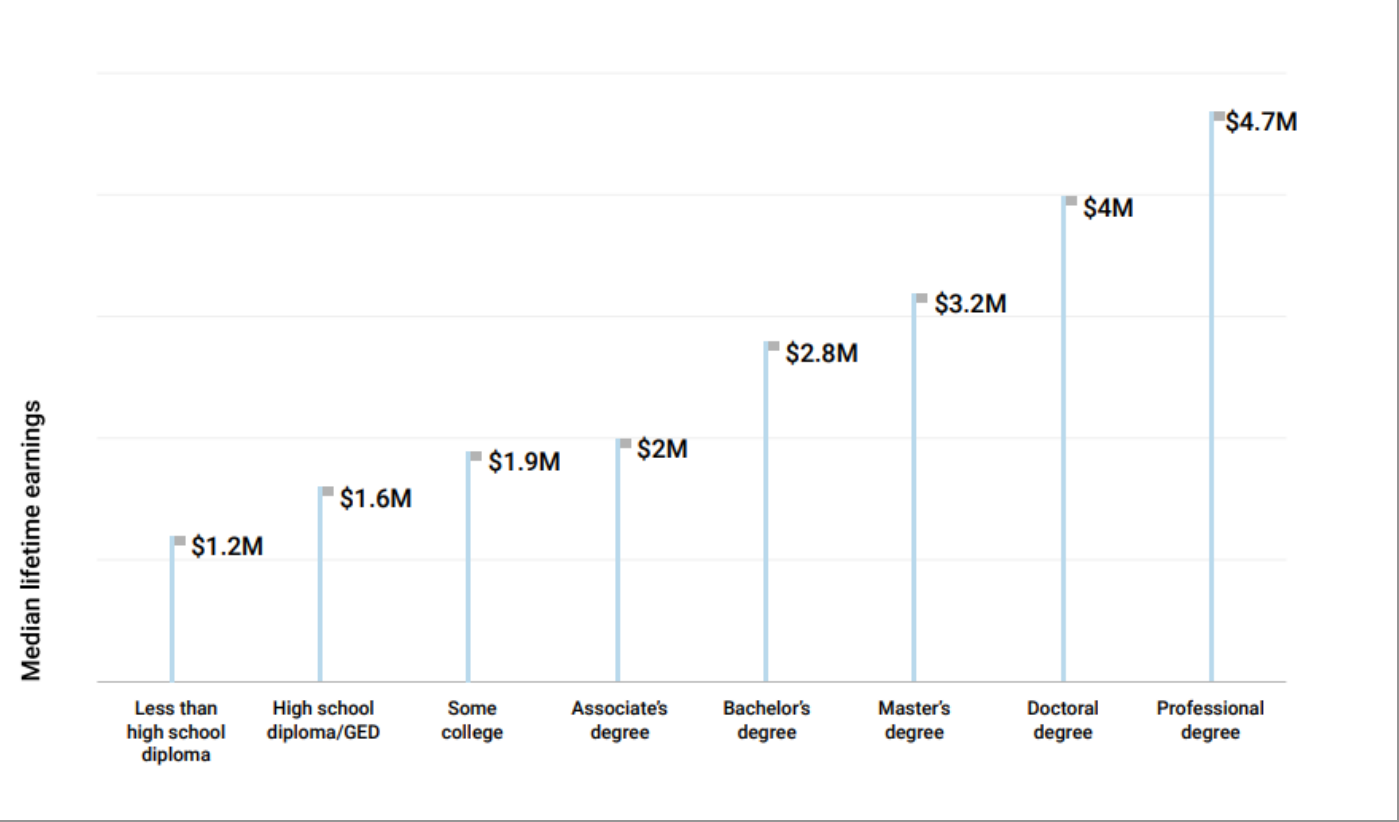
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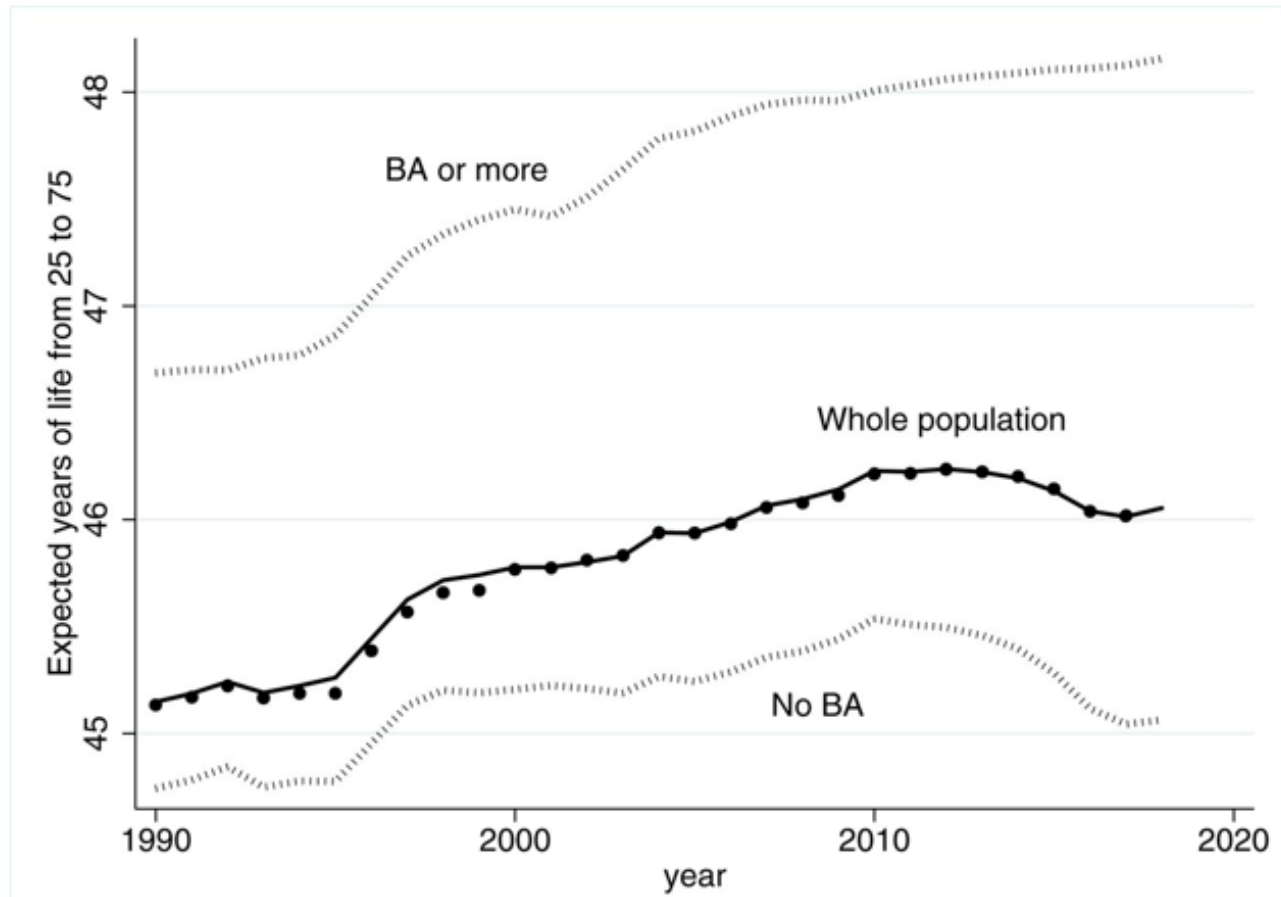
NEWS ANALYSIS

## ***How Educational Differences Are Widening America's Political Rift***

College graduates are now a firmly Democratic bloc, and they are shaping the party's future. Those without degrees, by contrast, have flocked to Republicans.

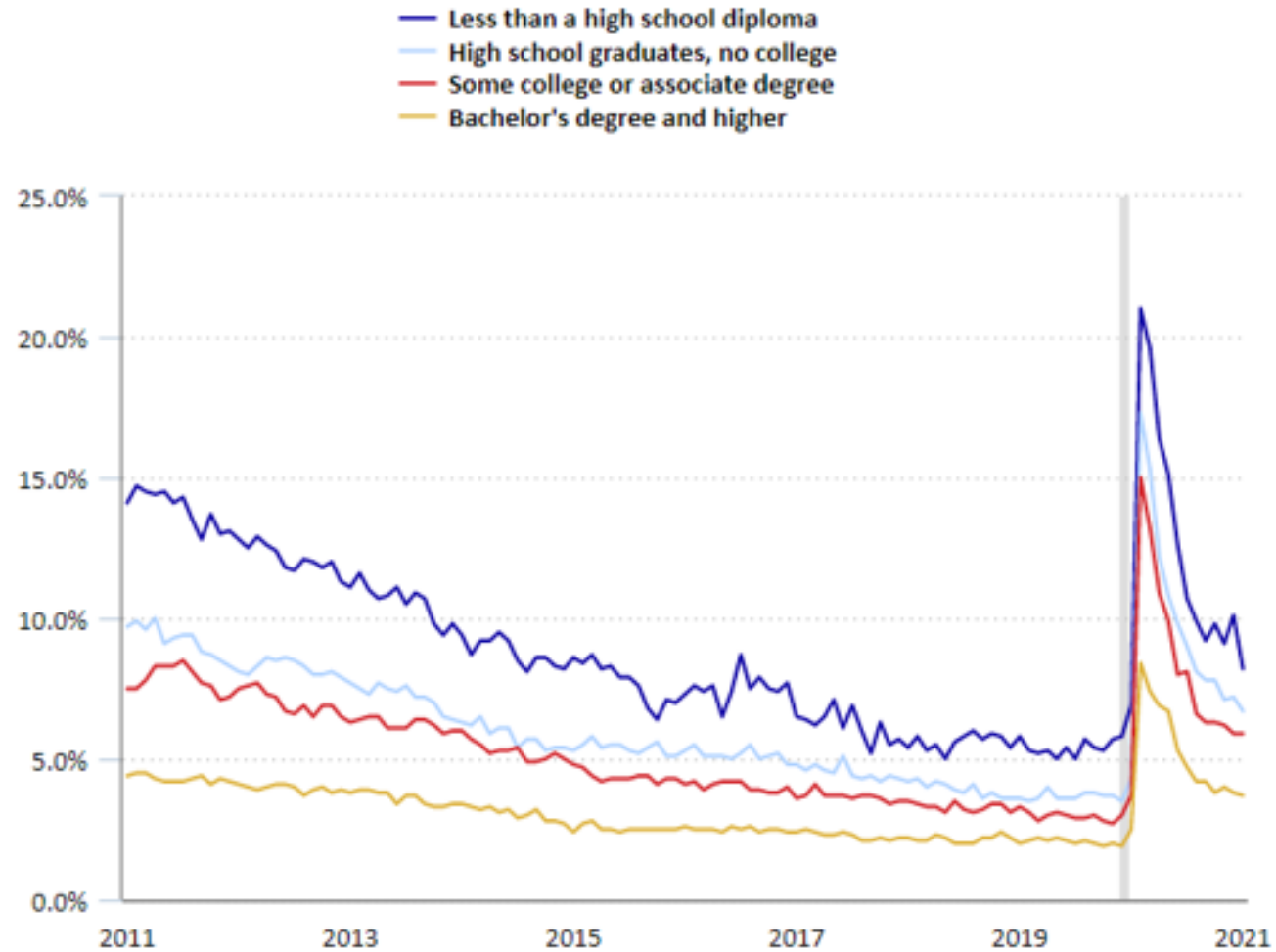


Expected years of life from 25 to 75 by BA status.

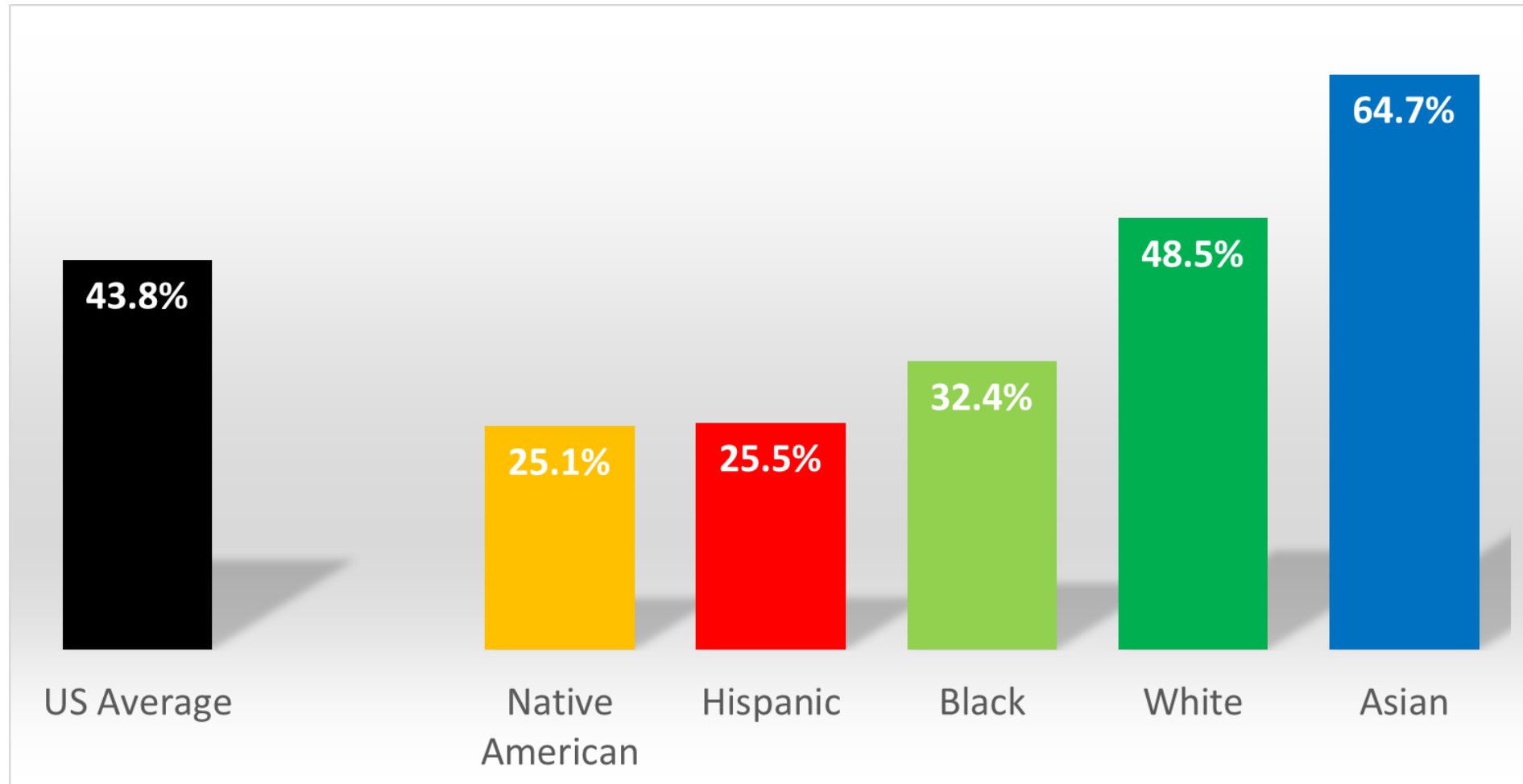




### Unemployment rates for people 25 years and older by educational attainment, seasonally adjusted



# Attainment by Race/Ethnicity





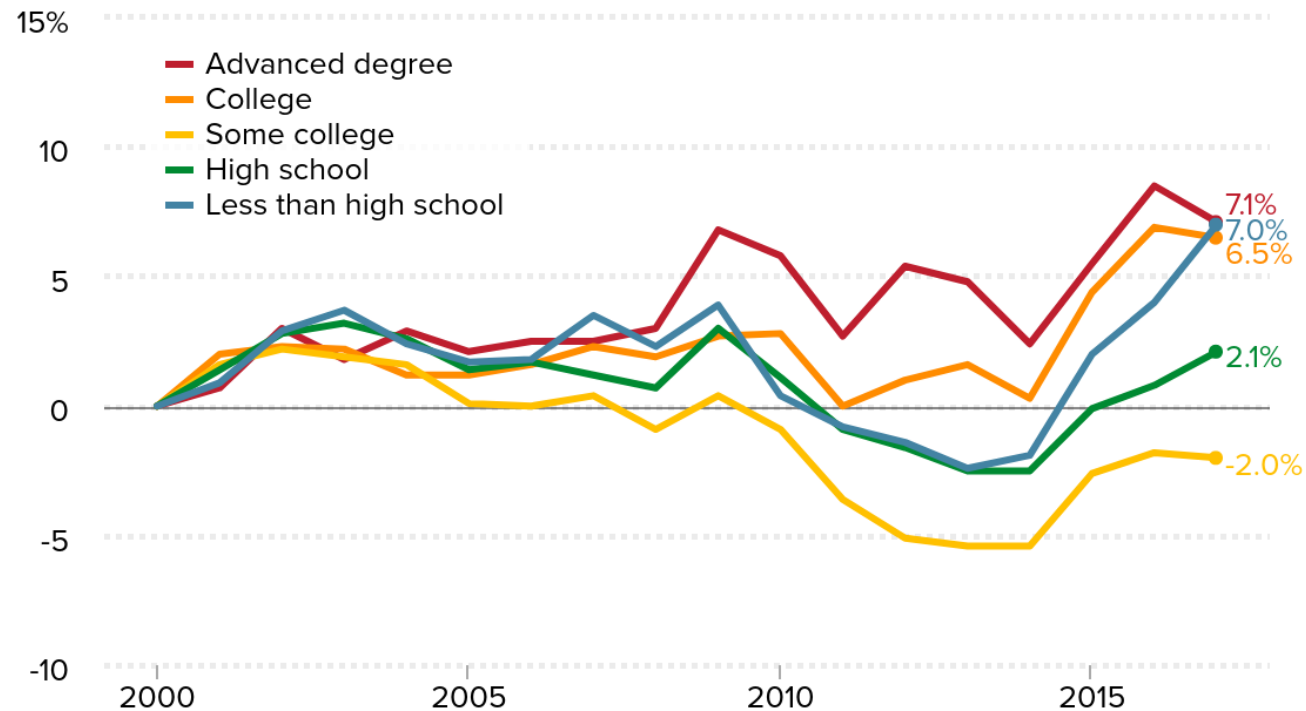
An aerial photograph showing a vast, dense crowd of people filling the entire frame. The individuals are packed closely together, creating a mosaic of colors from their clothing. The perspective is from directly above, looking down on the sea of people.

**36 MILLION**



## For workers with some college education, wages were lower in 2017 than in 2000

Cumulative percent change in real average hourly wages, by education, 2000–2017



**Note:** Sample based on all workers ages 18–64.





**42%**

are students of color.



**49%**

are financially independent  
from their parents.



**24%**

have children or dependents.



**64%**

work, 40% work full time.



**9%**

are first-generation  
immigrants.

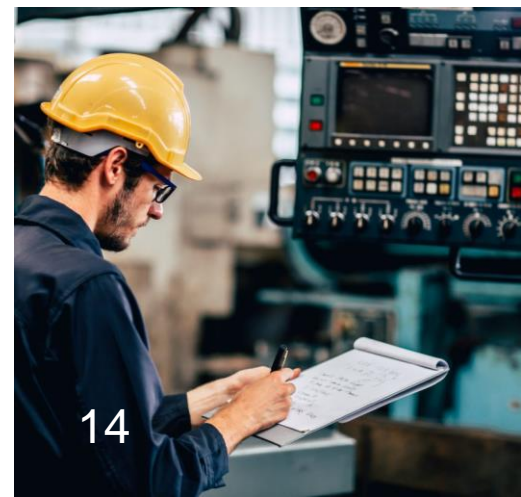


**37%**

are age 25 or older.

## Today's Students

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Percent of 2019 and 2020 high school graduates ages 16 to 24 who were enrolled in college in October of the year they graduated, by sex, race, and Hispanic or Latino ethnicity

