

Post-Secondary Education Options: Are they worth it?

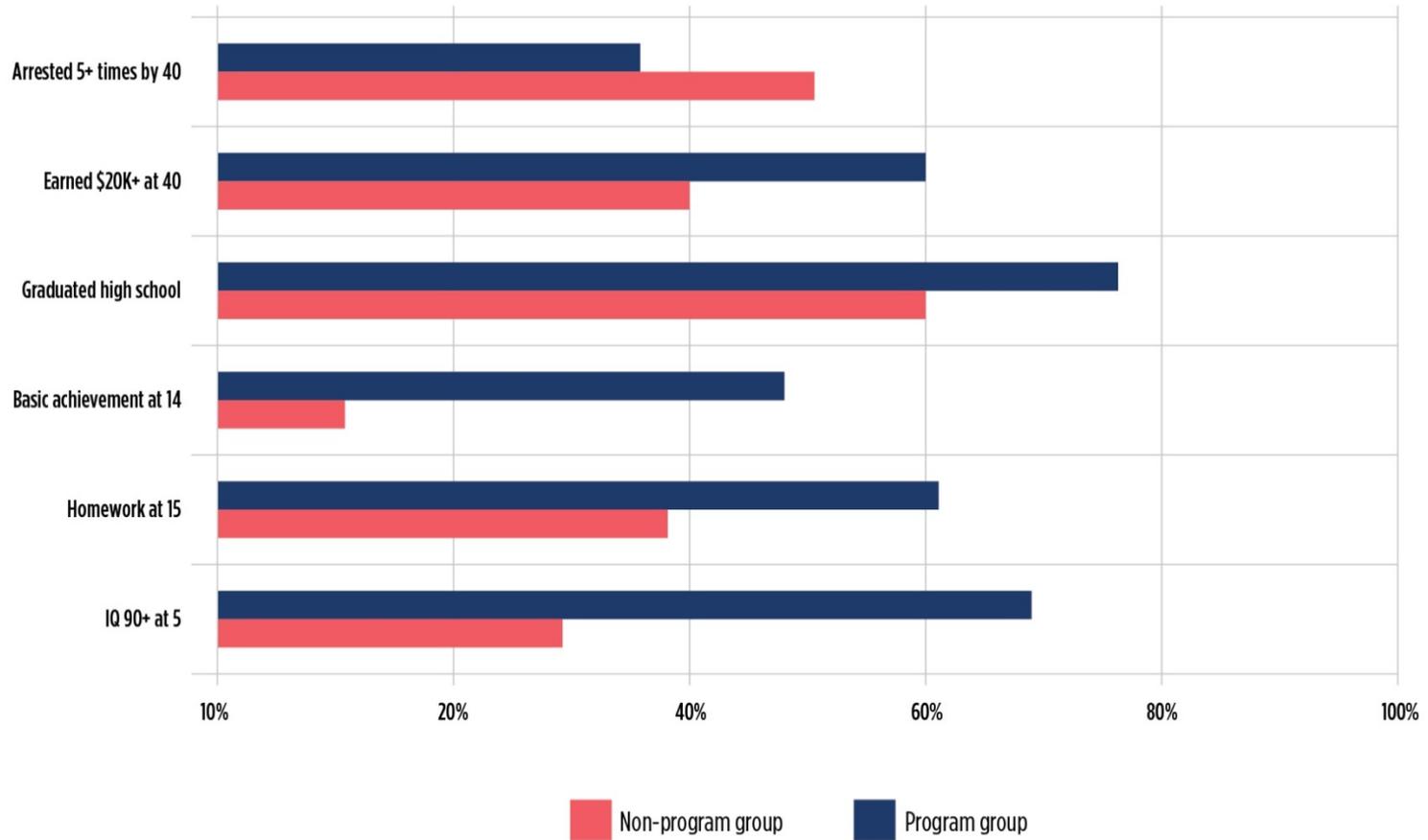
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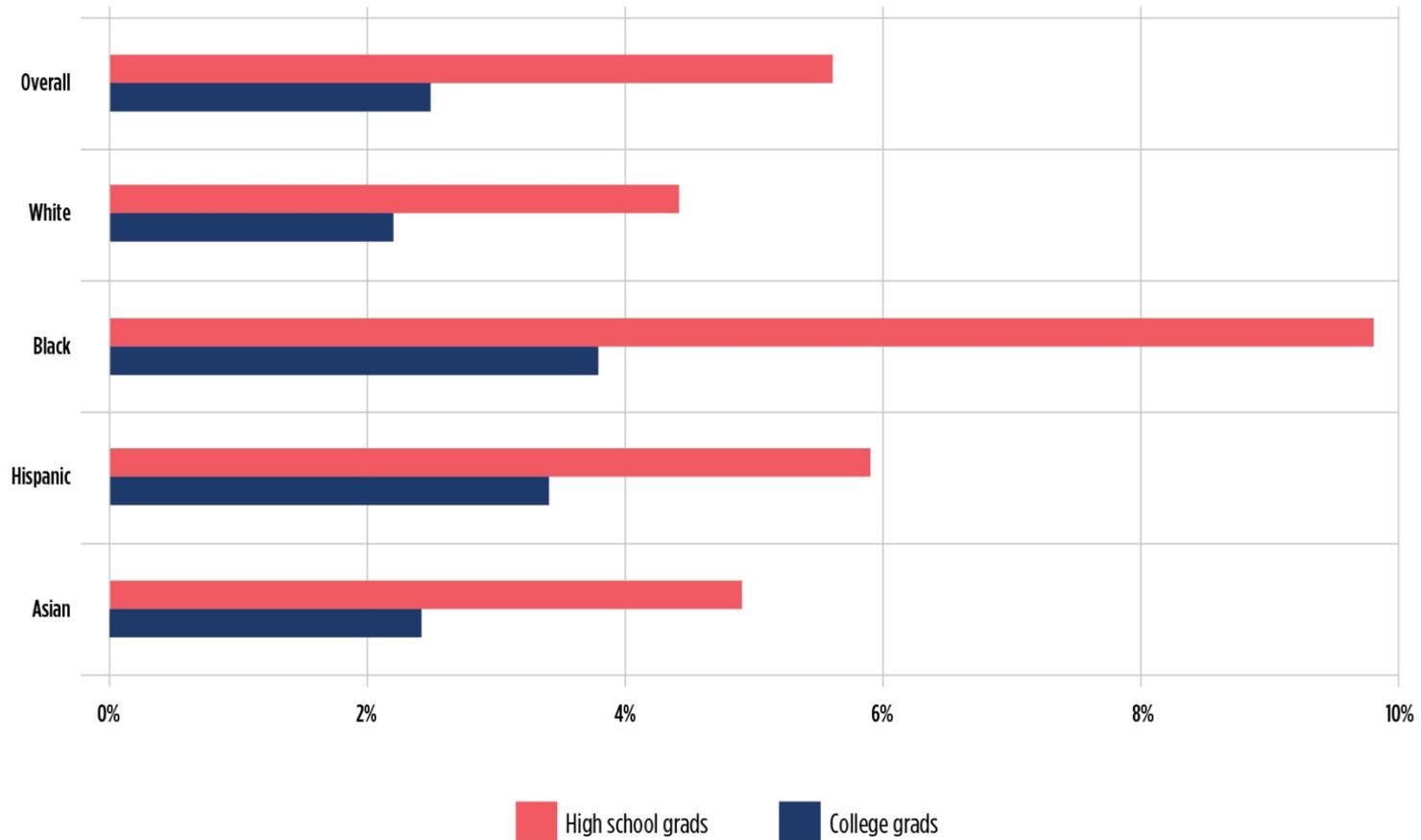
Moderated by Emily Engel, Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago

HighScope Perry Preschool study at age 40



Source: HighScope Perry Preschool Study <http://www.highscope.org/content.asp?contentid=219>

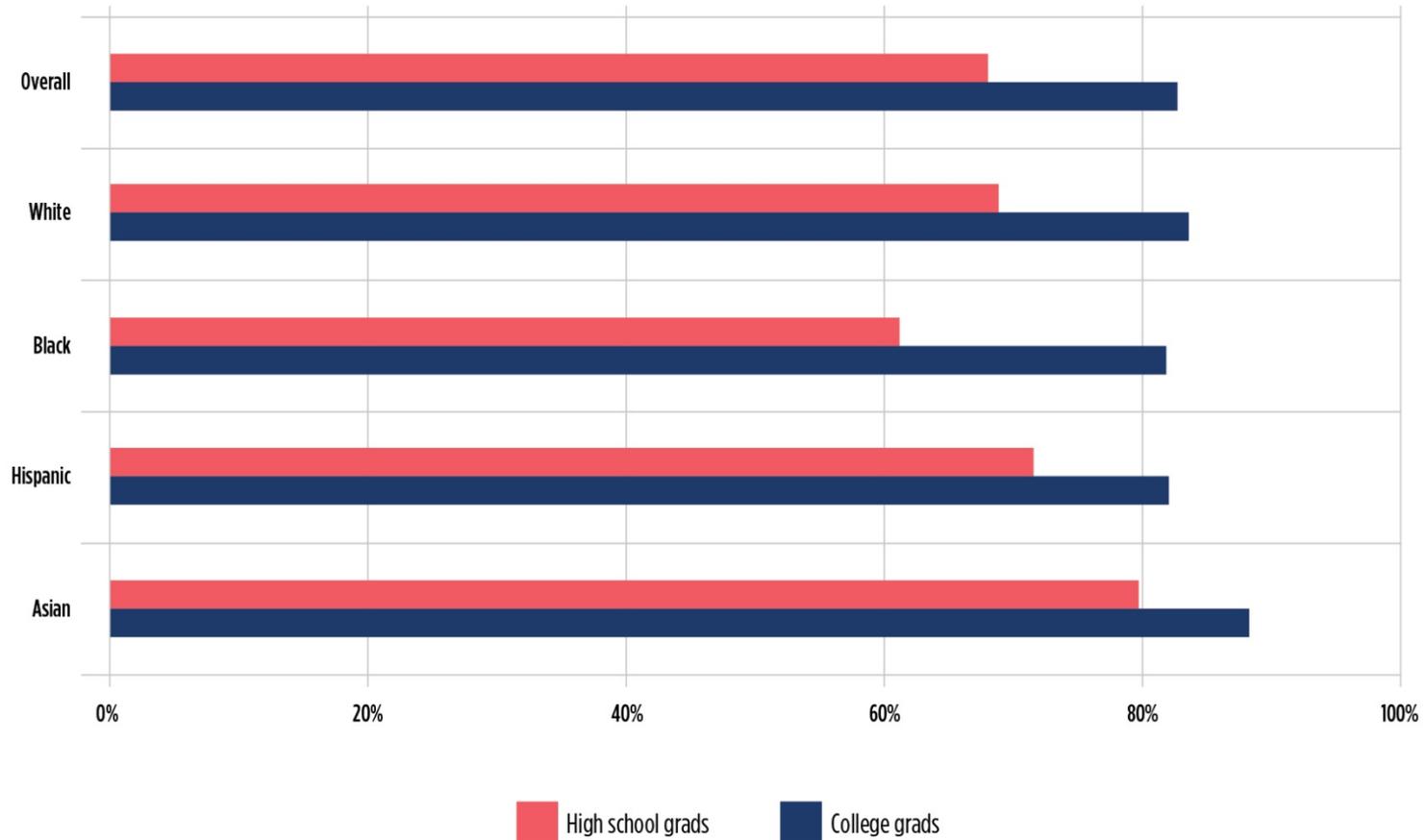
High school graduates are more likely to be unemployed



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics data for 2015; Published April 5, 2016.

Notes: Age 25–64; Median weekly wages; Figures for blacks include Black-Hispanics. Figures for Asians includes Asian-Hispanics.

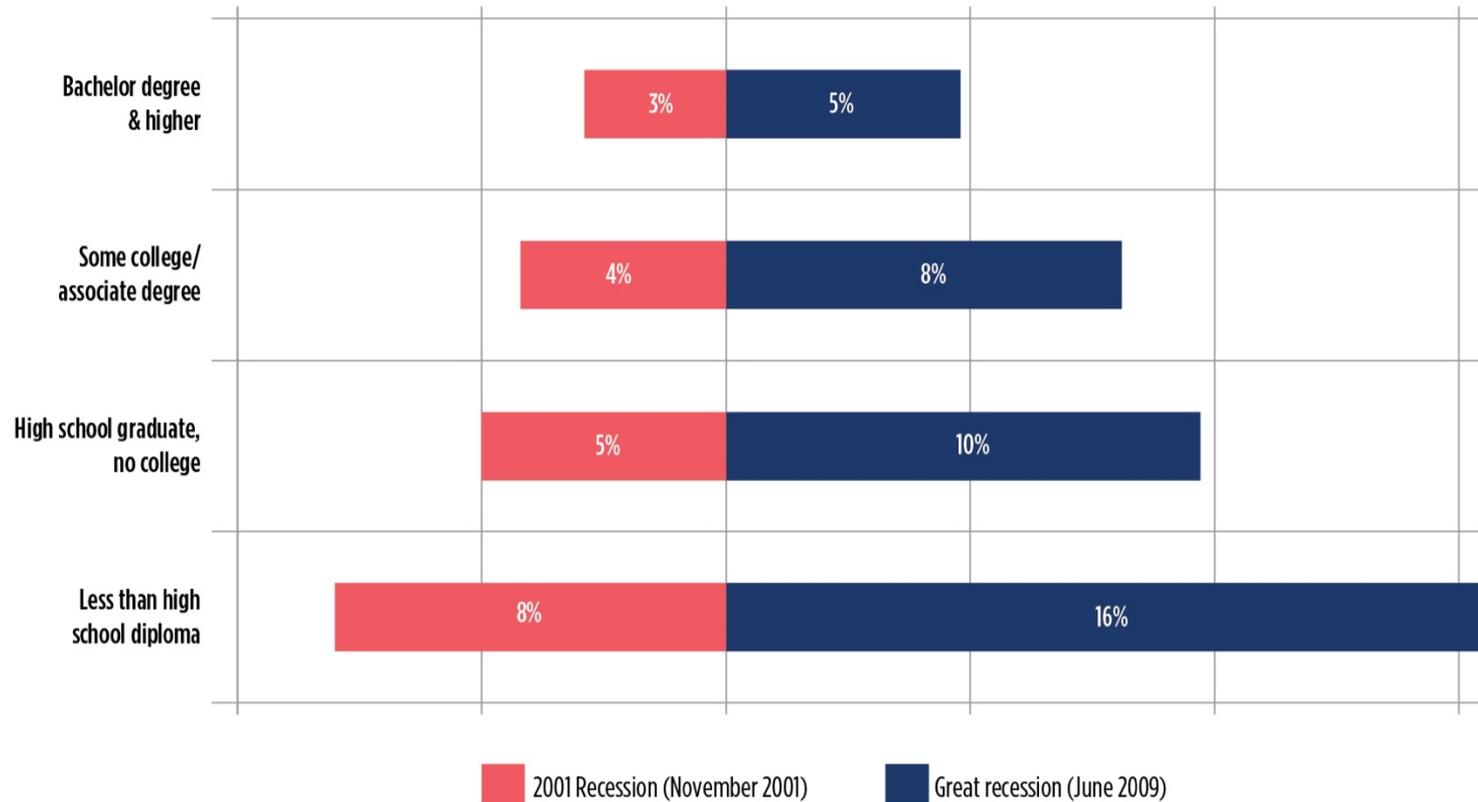
College graduates are more likely to have jobs, percent of population that's employed



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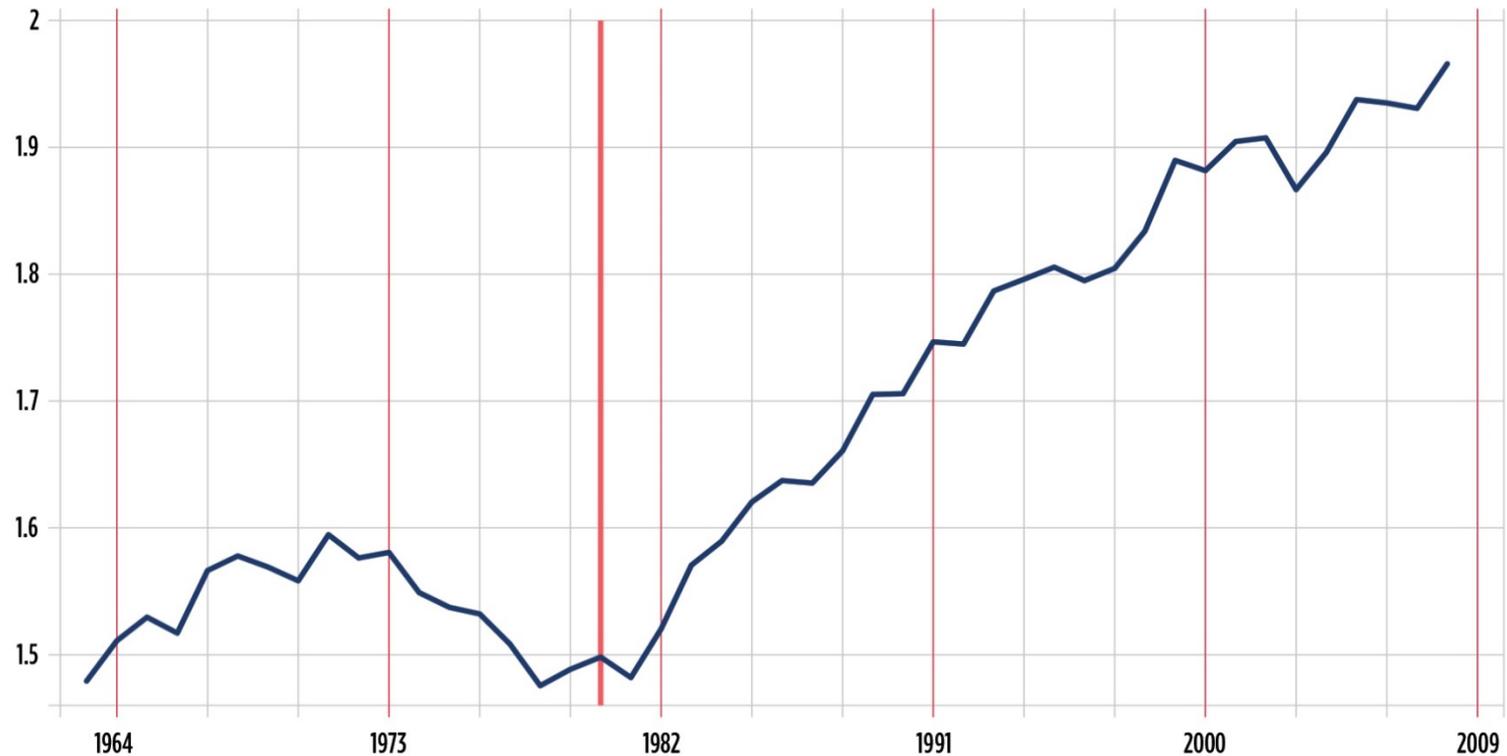
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Unemployment rate at recession end by educational attainment (age 25+)



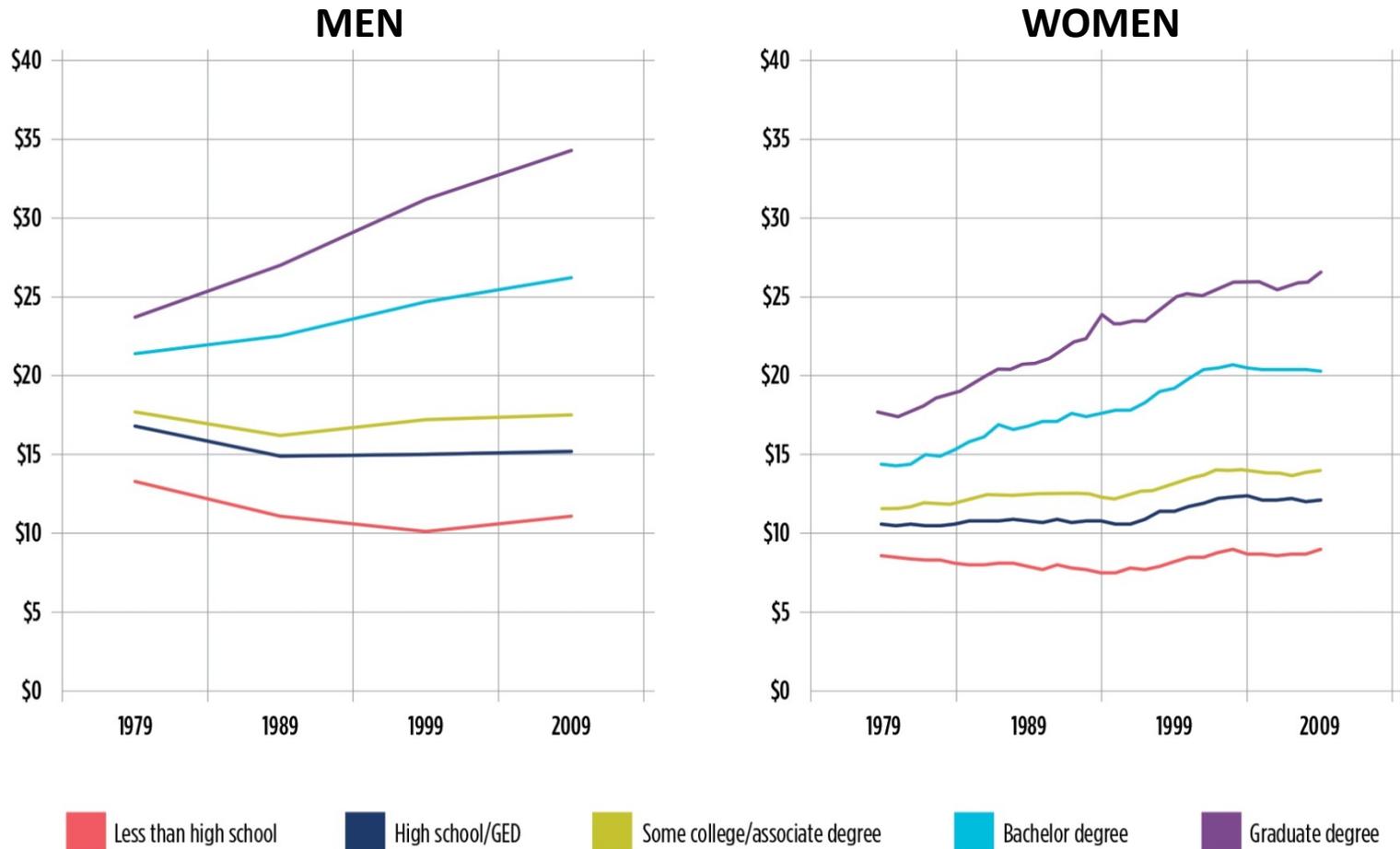
Source: Current Population Survey and Haver Analytics.

College/high school weekly wage ratio, 1963-2008



Source: Autor, David. The Polarization of Job Opportunities: Implications for Employment and Earnings. Policy Report, Washington, DC: Center for American Progress and The Hamilton Project, 2010.

Median hourly wage (2009 dollars) by educational attainment, ages 16-64



Source: Congressional Budget Office. "Changes in the Distribution of Workers' Hourly Wages Between 1979 and 2009." CBO study, Washington, DC, 2011.

Panelists

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