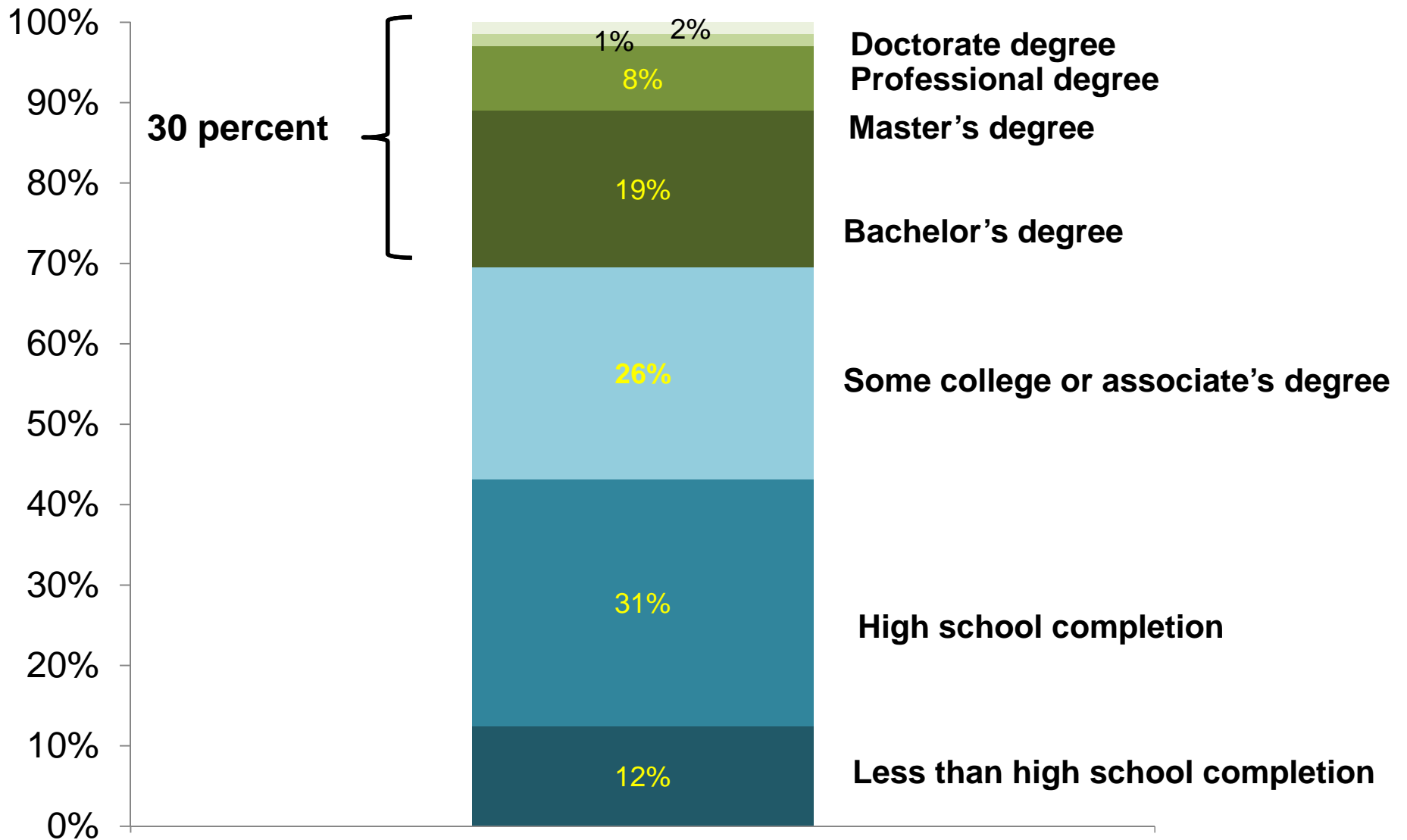


Educational Attainment

Five Key Data Releases From the
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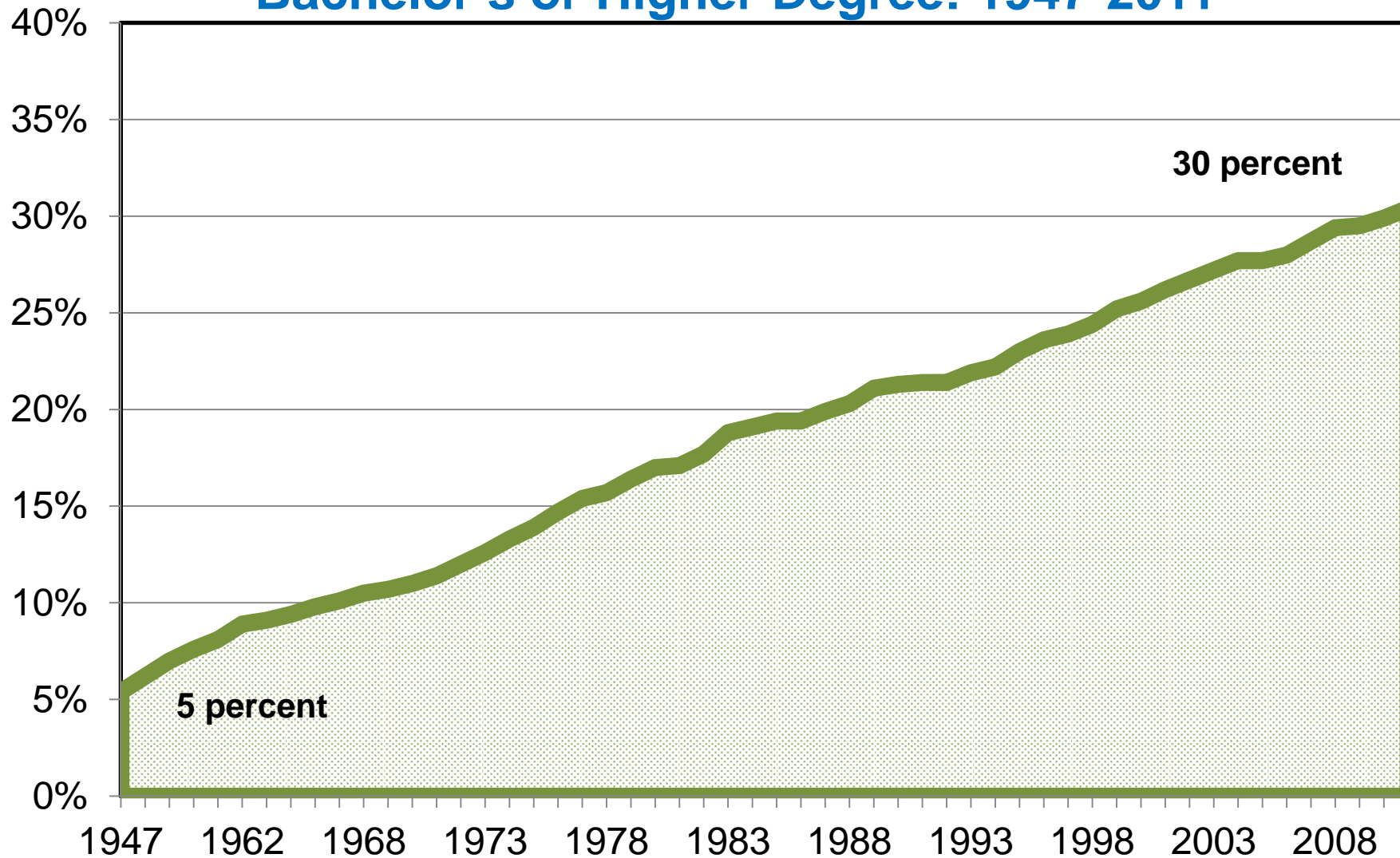
Educational Attainment of the Population 25 Years and Older: 2011



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2011

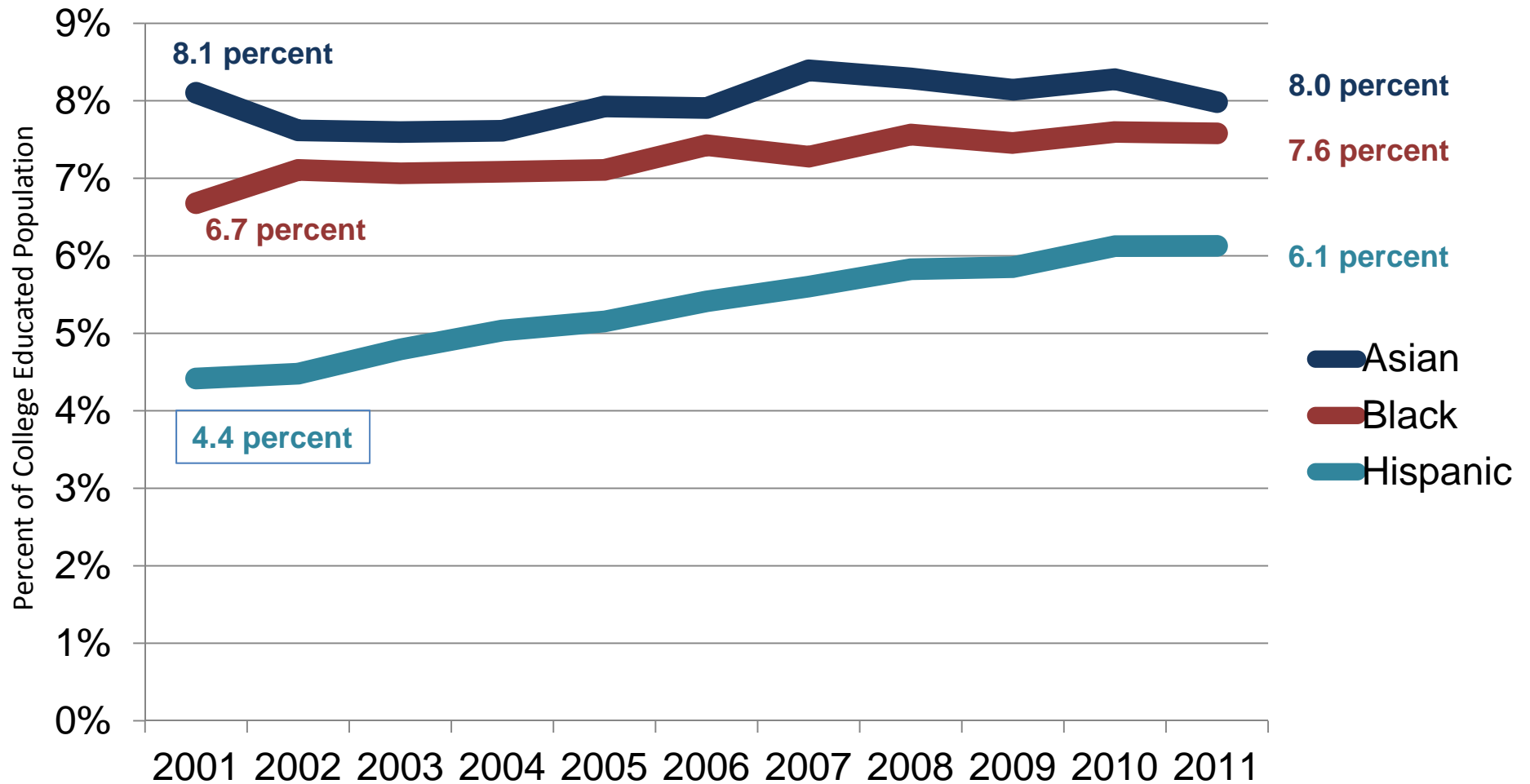
The percentage with a professional degree is not statistically different from the percentage with a doctoral degree

Percent of People 25 and Over With a Bachelor's or Higher Degree: 1947-2011



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2011

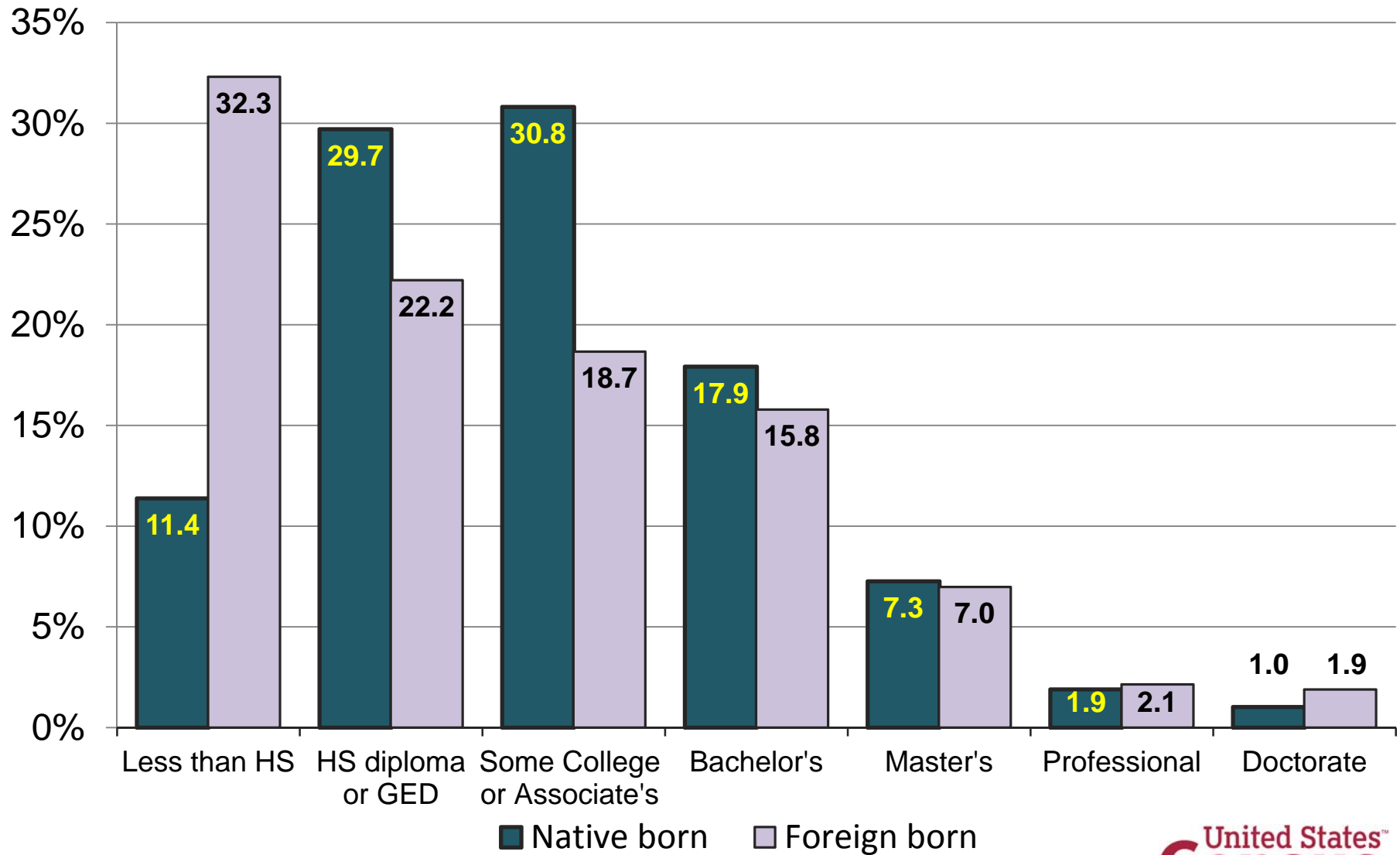
Percent of the College-Educated Population 25 and Over Who are Asian, Black or Hispanic: 2001-2011



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement, 2011

The 2011 estimate of people who hold a bachelor's degree that are Asian is not statistically different from the 2001 estimate for Asians and is not statistically different from the 2011 estimate for Blacks

Educational Attainment of the Native-born and Foreign-born Population: 2009

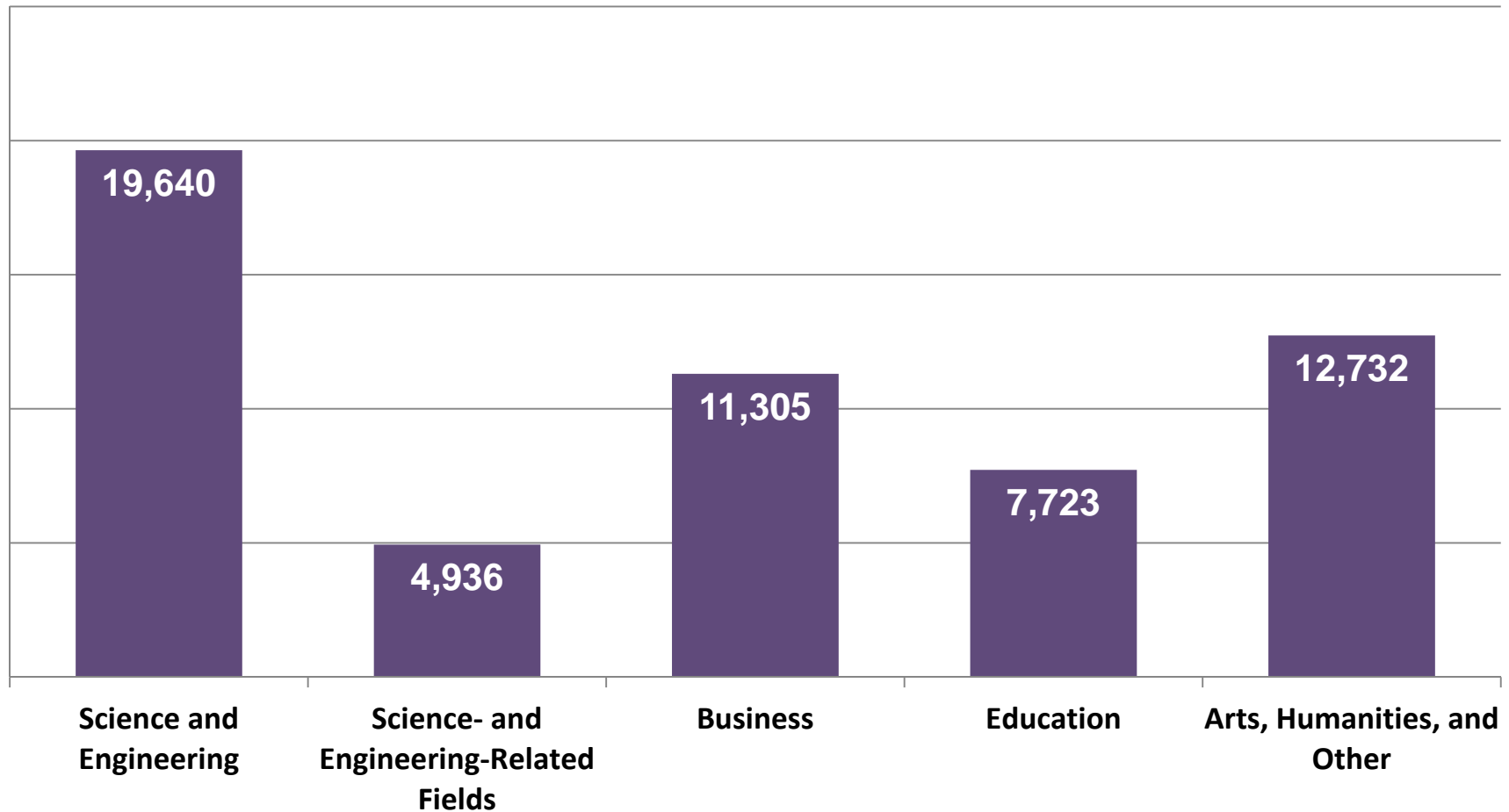


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Field of Bachelor's Degree

Distribution of Bachelor's Degree Holders by Selected Fields: 2009

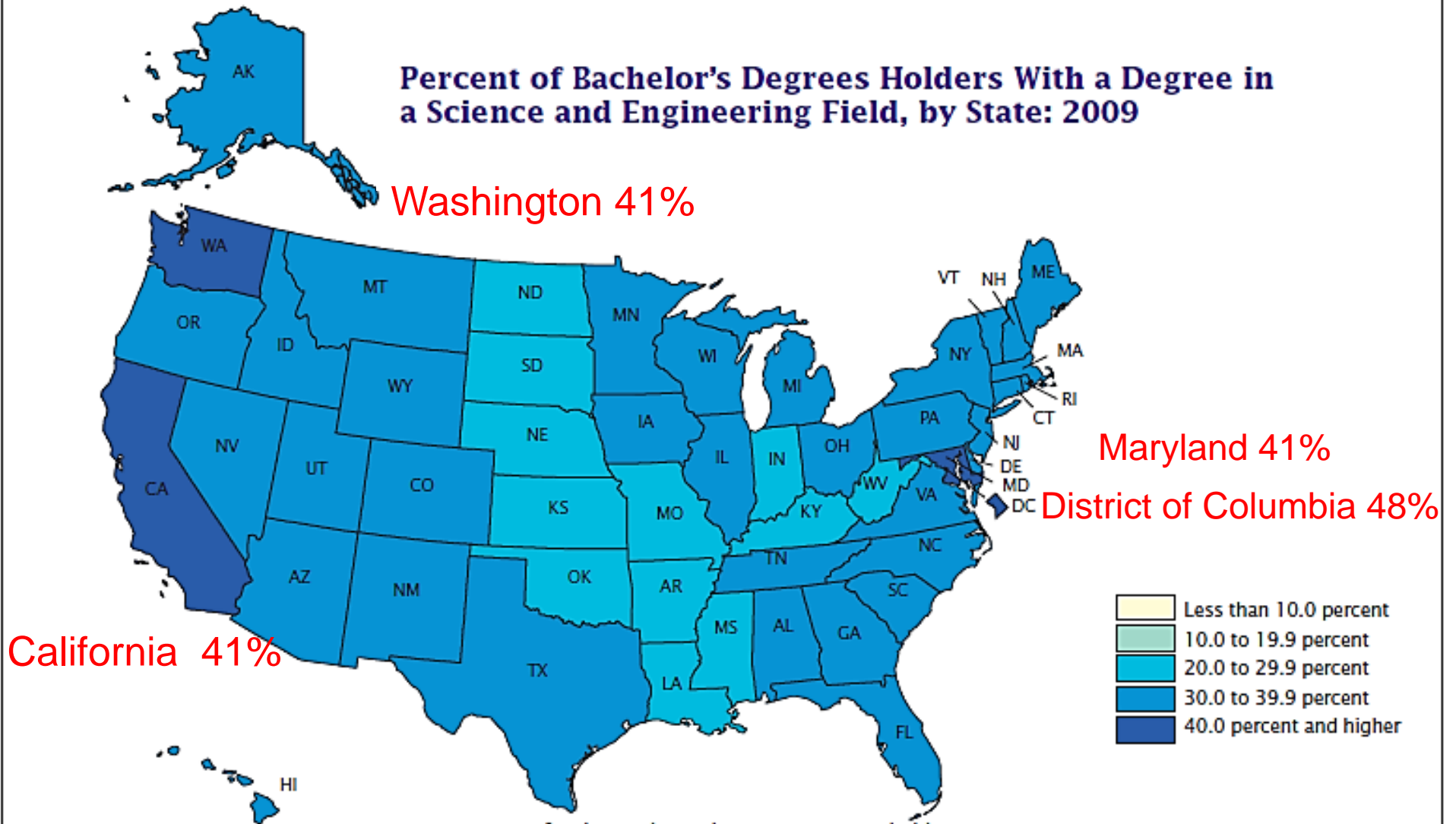
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Note: Data are for the population 25 and over with at least a bachelor's degree.

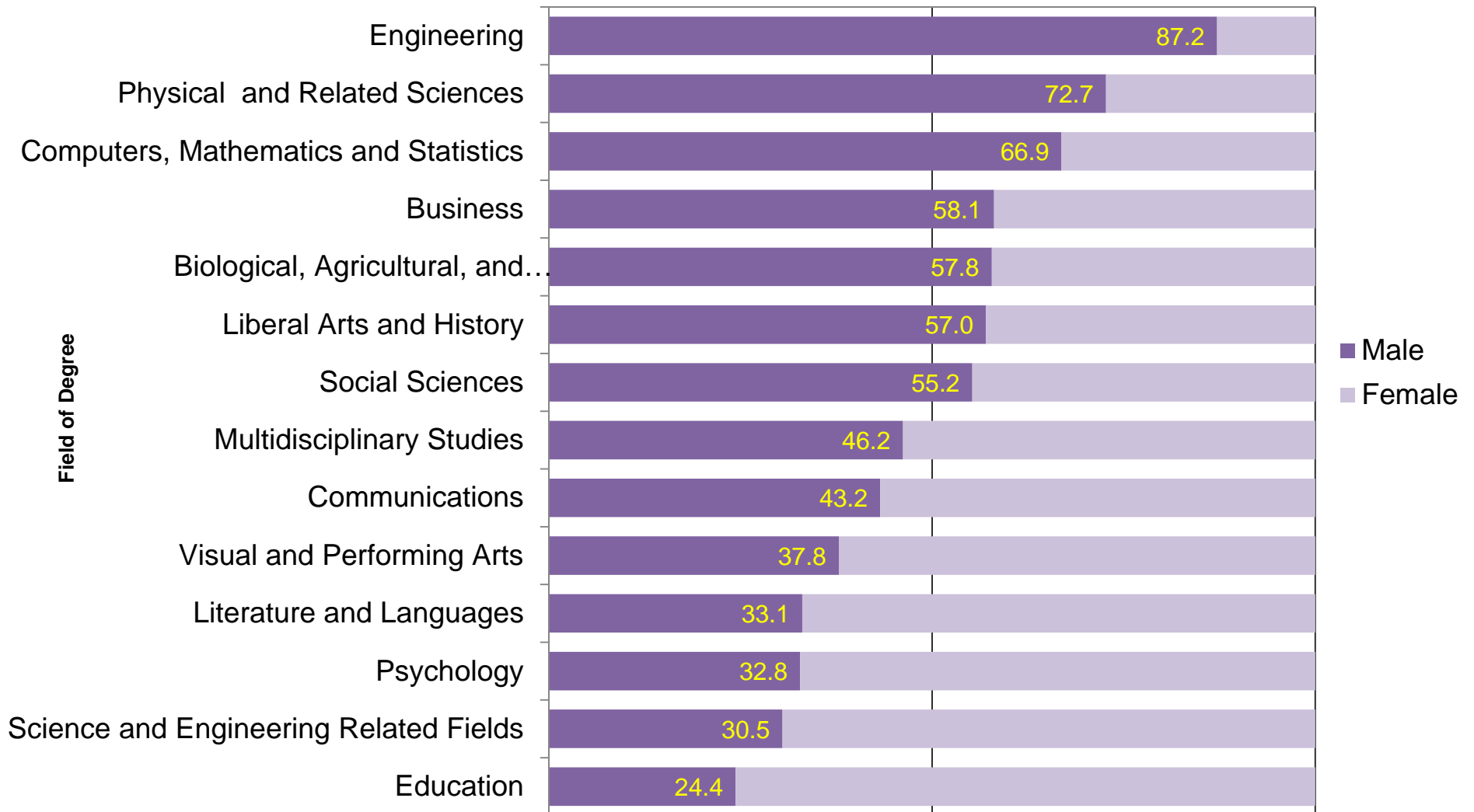
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Percent of Bachelor's Degrees Holders With a Degree in a Science and Engineering Field, by State: 2009



Note: Data are for the total population 25 years and older.
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009.

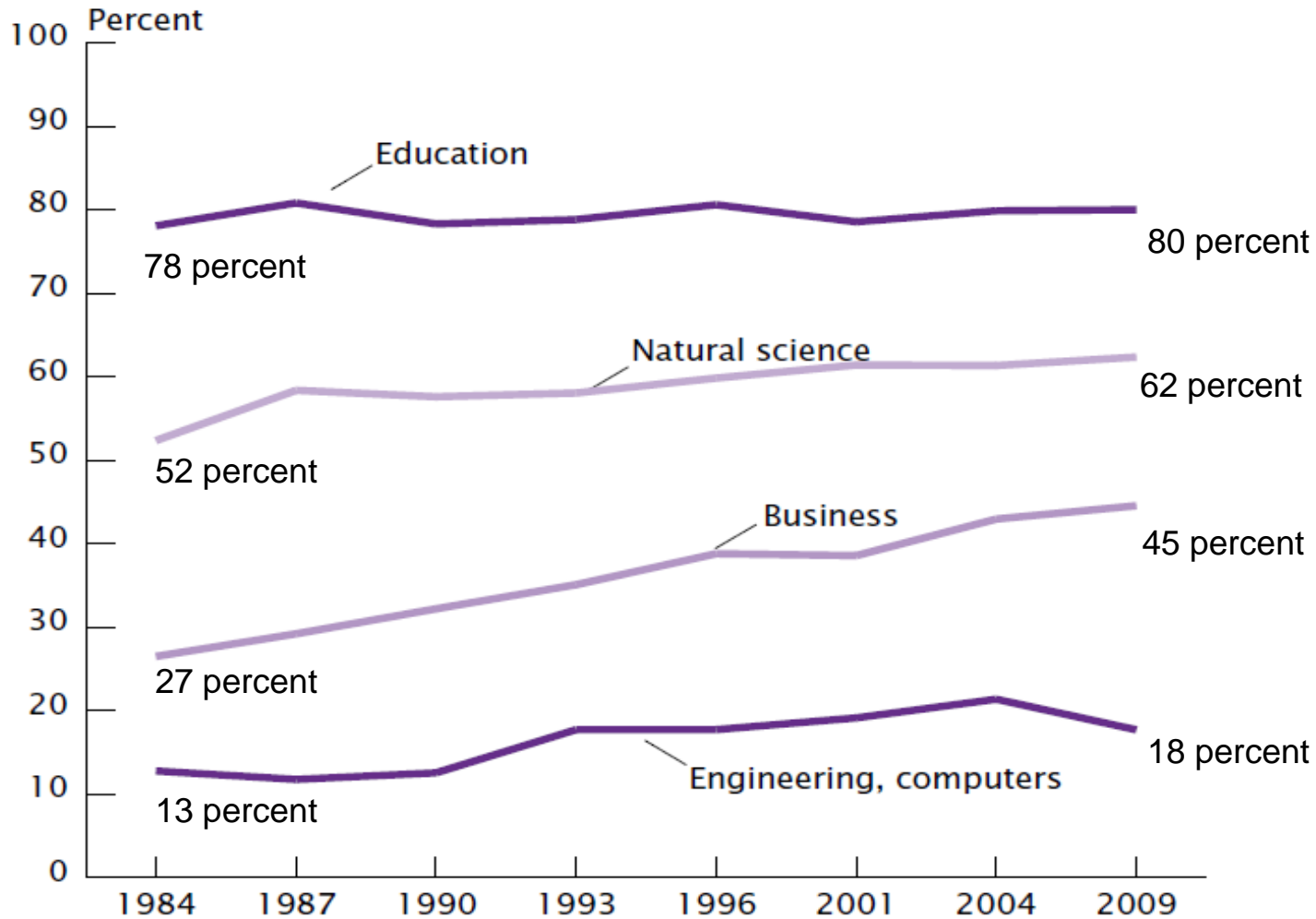
Sex Distribution Within Field of Bachelor's Degree: 2009



Note: Data are for the population 25 and over with at least a bachelor's degree.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Figure
Percentage Female for Selected Fields: 1984–2009
Bachelor's Degree
 (Population aged 18 and older with a bachelor's degree)

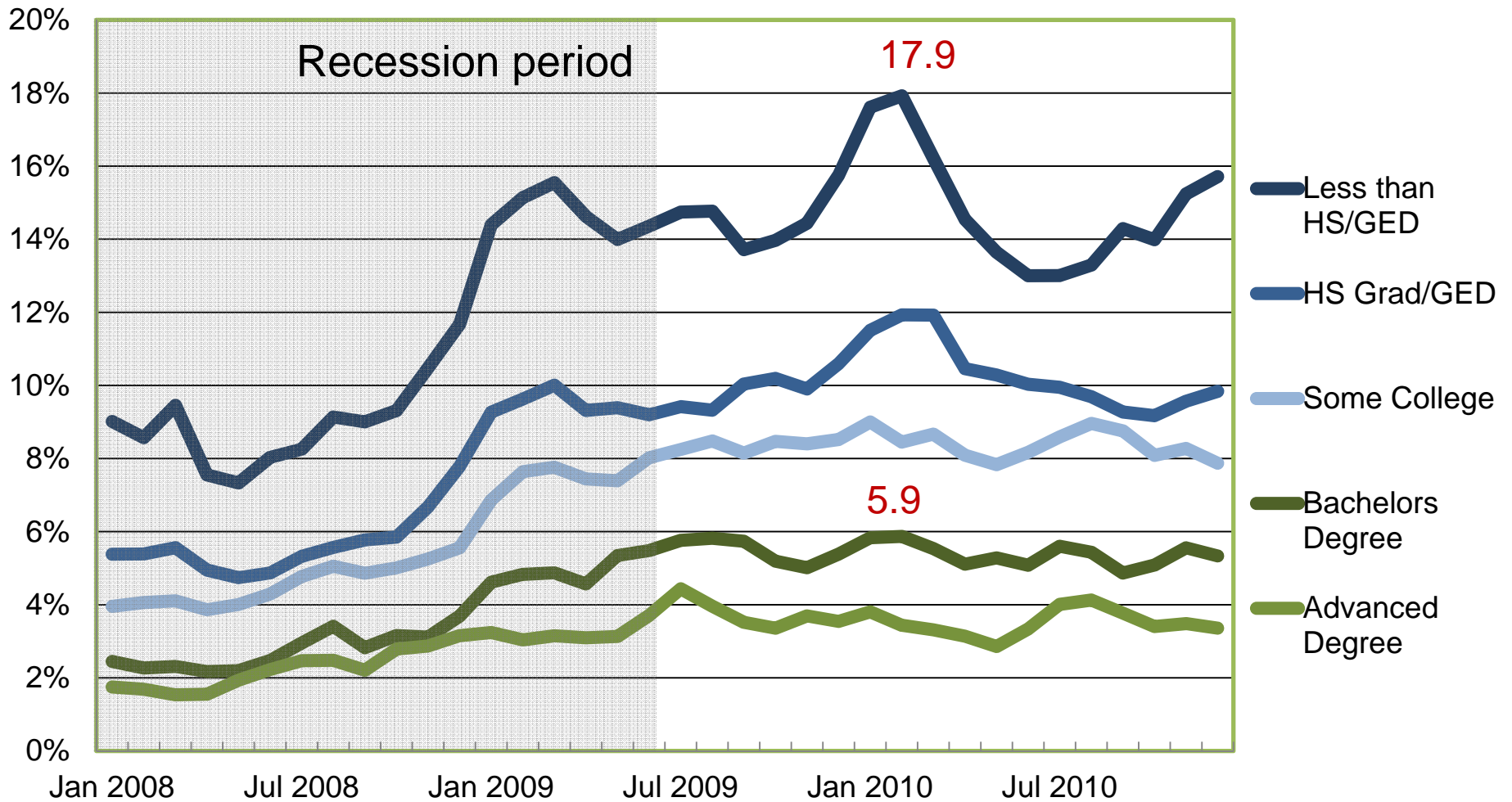


Note: Only selected fields displayed.

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 1984, 1987, 1990, 1993, 1996, 2001, 2004, and 2008 Panels.

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Unemployment Rate by Educational Attainment, Population 25 and Older: 2008 - 2010

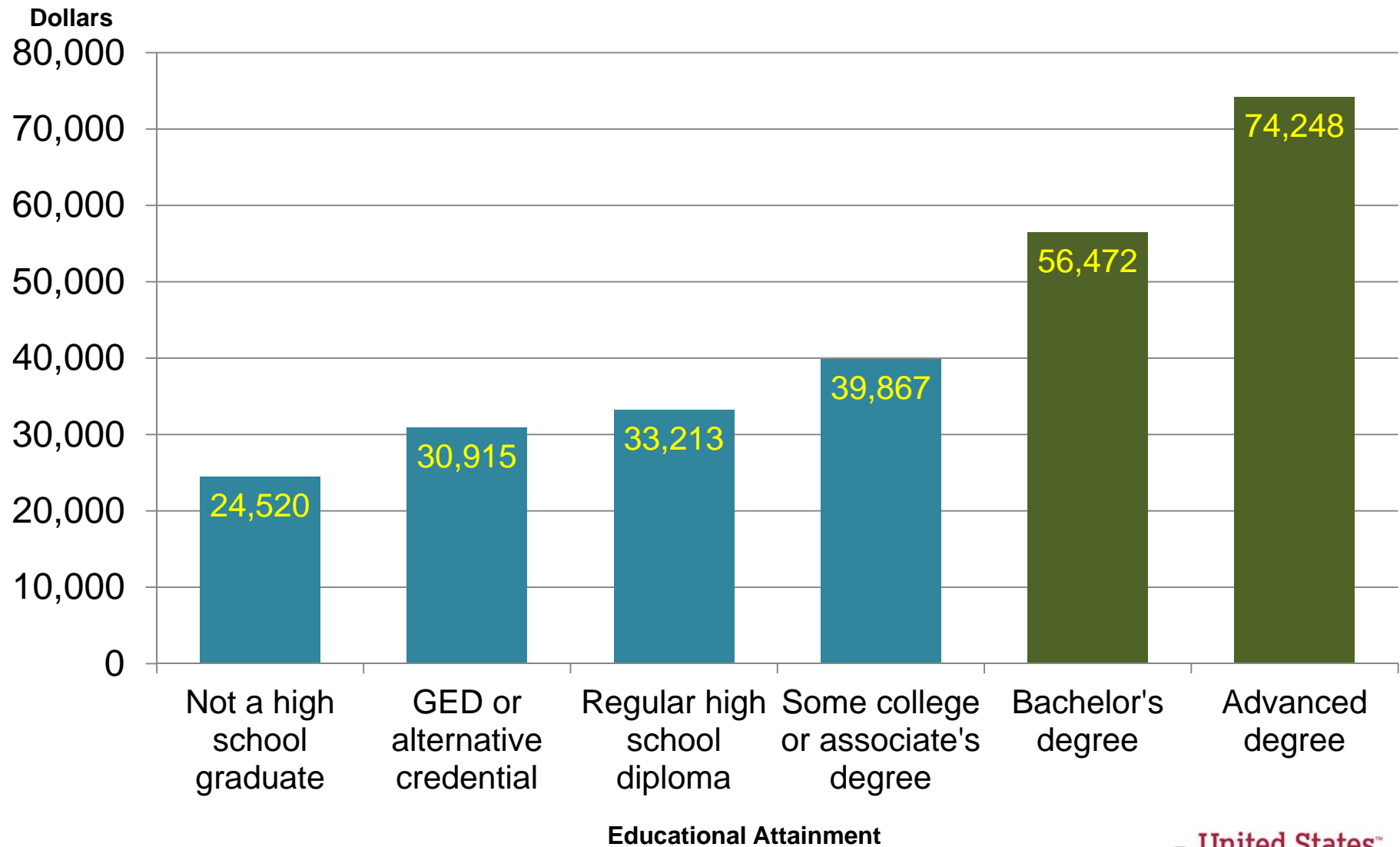


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, 2008, 2009, 2010.

Mean, Median and Average

- Mean – Total divided by number of people
- Median – Amount where half the people have more, half have less
- Average – Usually refers to “mean,” but no strict definition

Median Earnings for Full-Time Workers 25 Years and Over by Educational Attainment: 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Median Earnings for Full-Time Workers 25 Years and Over by Educational Attainment and Age: 2009

(Earnings in dollars)

	Not a high school graduate	Regular high school diploma	GED or alternative credential	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Advanced degree
Age group:						
25 to 34 years	22,000	28,700	27,900	33,200	46,000	56,300
35 to 44 years	24,800	34,000	31,500	41,200	61,700	78,600
45 to 64 years	26,200	35,900	32,900	44,000	63,300	82,100
65 years and over	24,200	30,300	28,000	38,000	52,700	77,400

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Median Earnings for Full-Time Workers 25 Years and Over by Educational Attainment and Sex: 2009

(Earnings in dollars)

	Not a high school graduate	Regular high school diploma	GED or alternative credential	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Advanced degree
Sex:						
Male	48,200	27,500	38,400	35,500	46,500	64,900
Female	37,200	20,000	28,200	25,800	34,400	48,200

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009

Median Earnings for Full-Time Workers 25 Years and Over by Educational Attainment, Race, and Hispanic Origin: 2009

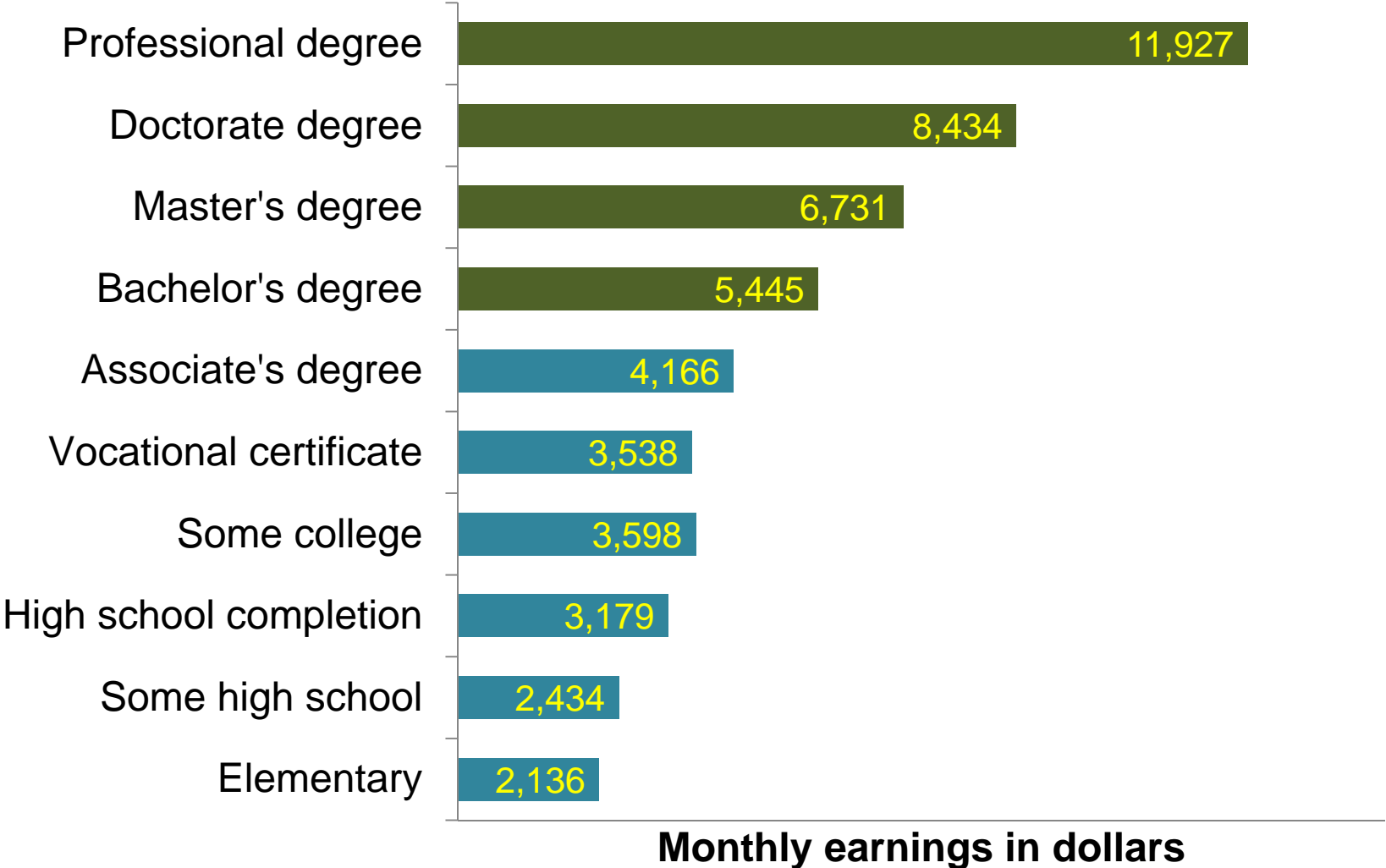
(Earnings in dollars)

	Not a high school graduate	Regular high school diploma	GED or alternative credential	Some college or associate's degree	Bachelor's degree	Advanced degree
Race and Hispanic origin:						
White alone	25,600	34,900	31,500	41,300	58,100	75,300
Non-Hispanic White alone	29,200	36,000	31,800	41,900	58,800	76,000
Black alone	23,300	29,000	27,300	34,800	47,200	61,800
Asian alone	23,600	28,500	32,600	38,700	58,200	82,700
Hispanic (of any race)	22,500	27,900	29,500	35,600	46,800	62,000

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2009



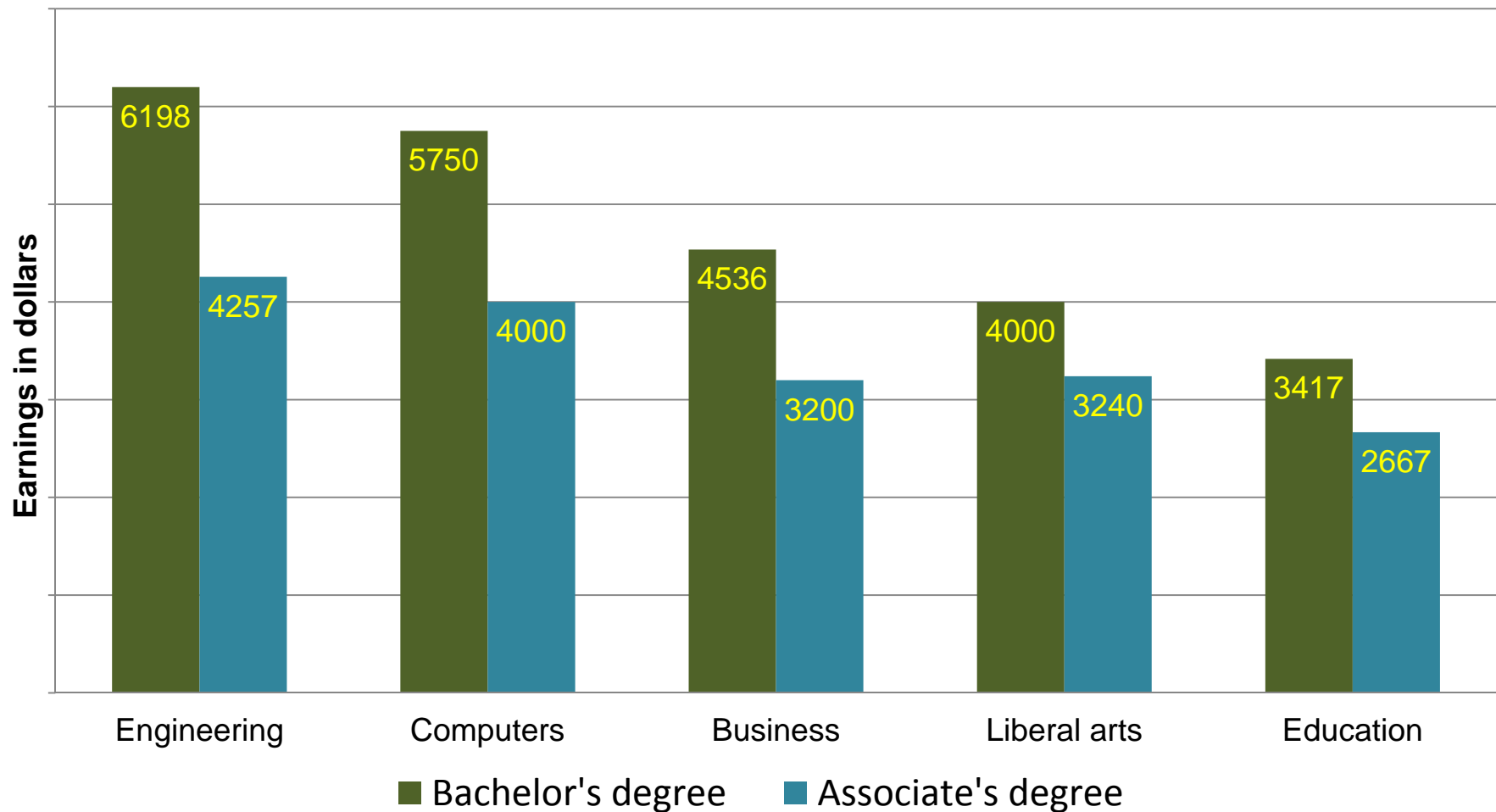
Mean Monthly Earnings by Educational Attainment Among the Population 18 Years and Over with Earnings: 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel

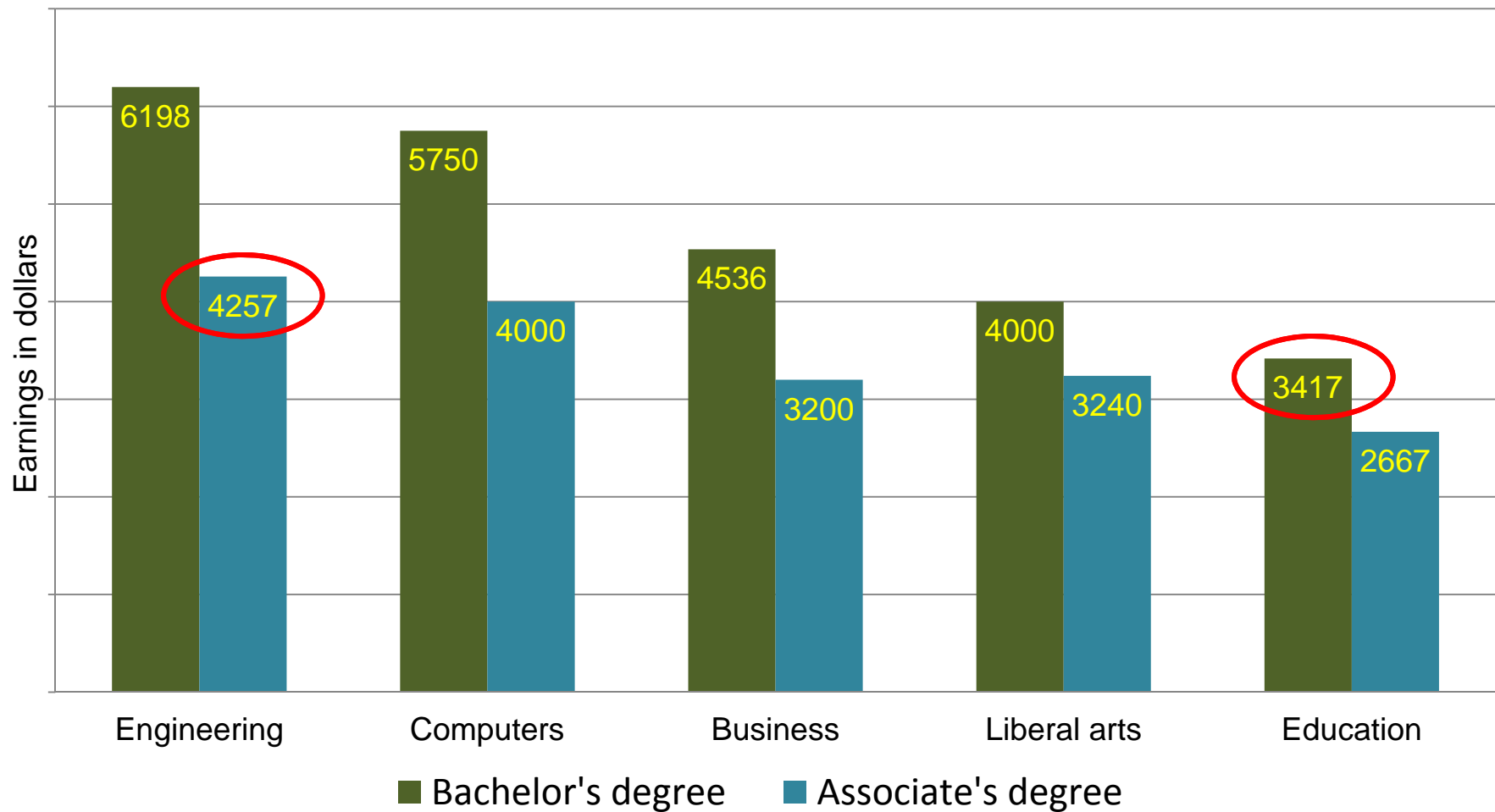


Median Monthly Earnings by Selected Field of Training and Education Levels: 2009



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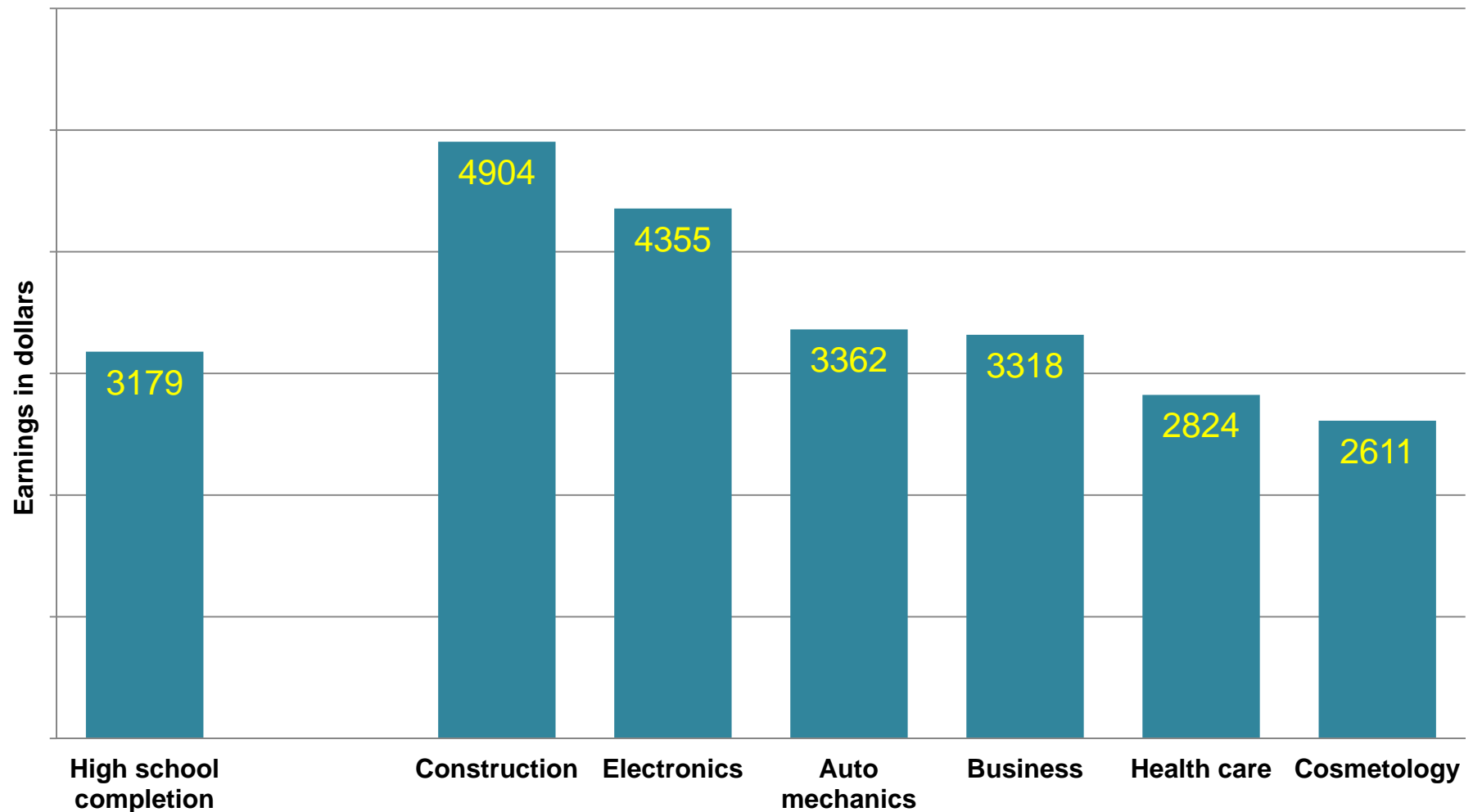
Median Monthly Earnings by Selected Field of Training and Education Levels: 2009



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel

Mean Monthly Earnings by Vocational Certificate Field Among the Population 18 Years and Over with Earnings: 2009

(Earnings in dollars)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel

High School Equivalency (GED)

Characteristics of GED and High School Diploma Holders Among the Population 18 Years and Over: 2009

(Earnings in dollars)

	GED		High school diploma	
	Percent	Mean monthly earnings	Percent	Mean monthly earnings
Total	100.0	3,149	100.0	4,690
Highest Degree Level				
High school graduate	57.3	2,922	27.2	3,222
Some college	38.0	3,192	39.6	3,794
Bachelor's degree or higher	4.8	4,852	33.2	6,305

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, Survey of Income and Program Participation, 2008 Panel

Educational Attainment

- Over 30 percent of adults have bachelor's or higher degrees
- Number of Hispanic adults with bachelor's degrees grew 80 percent from 2001-2011
- People with higher education have experienced lower unemployment in the recent recession
- Nearly half of all people with science and engineering degrees located on the West coast or East coast

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