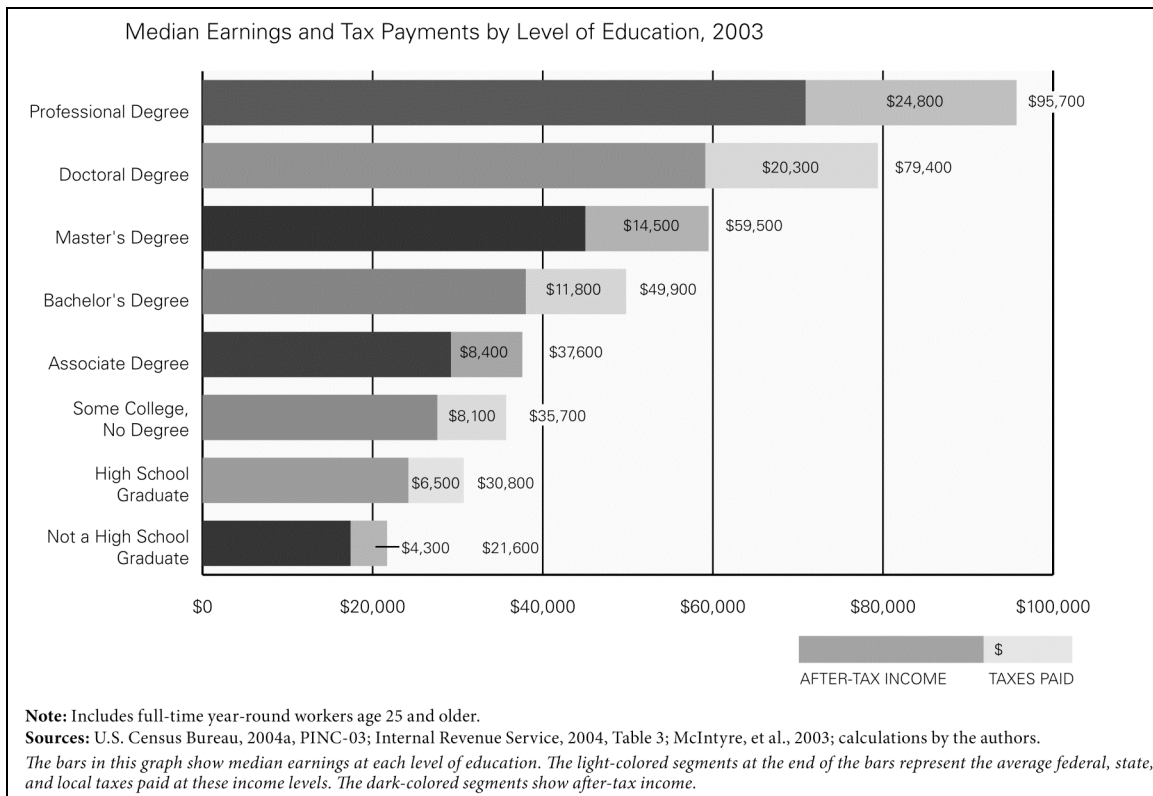
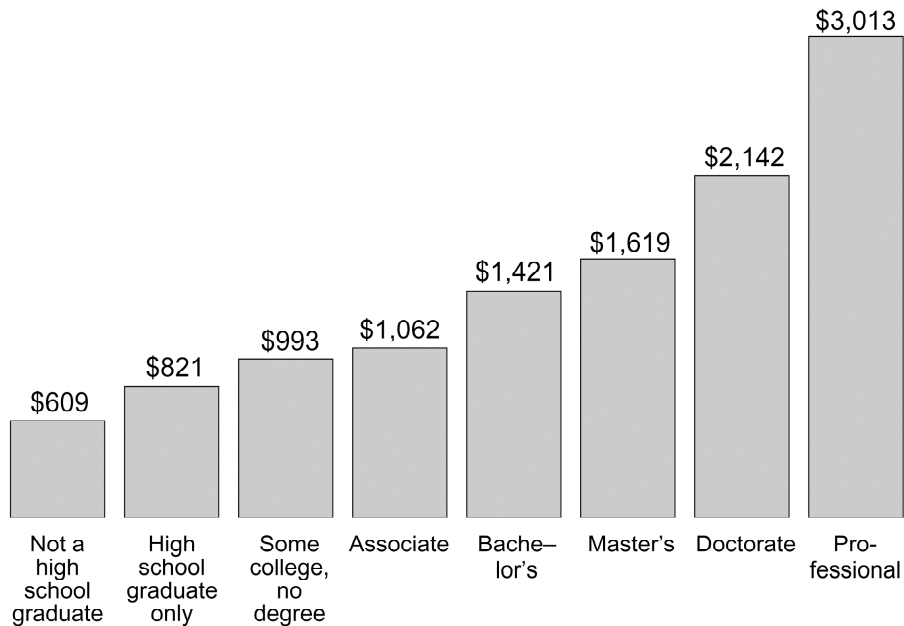


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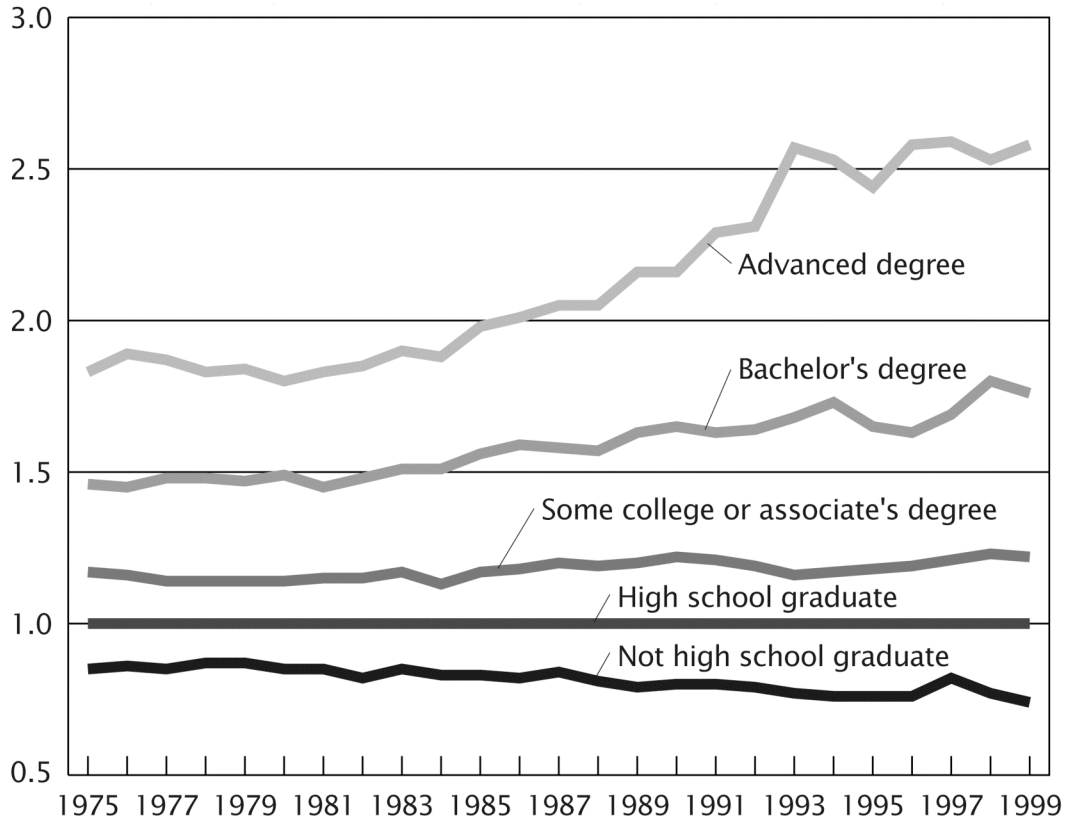


## Get a Degree, Make a Million: (Work-Life Earnings in thousands of dollars)

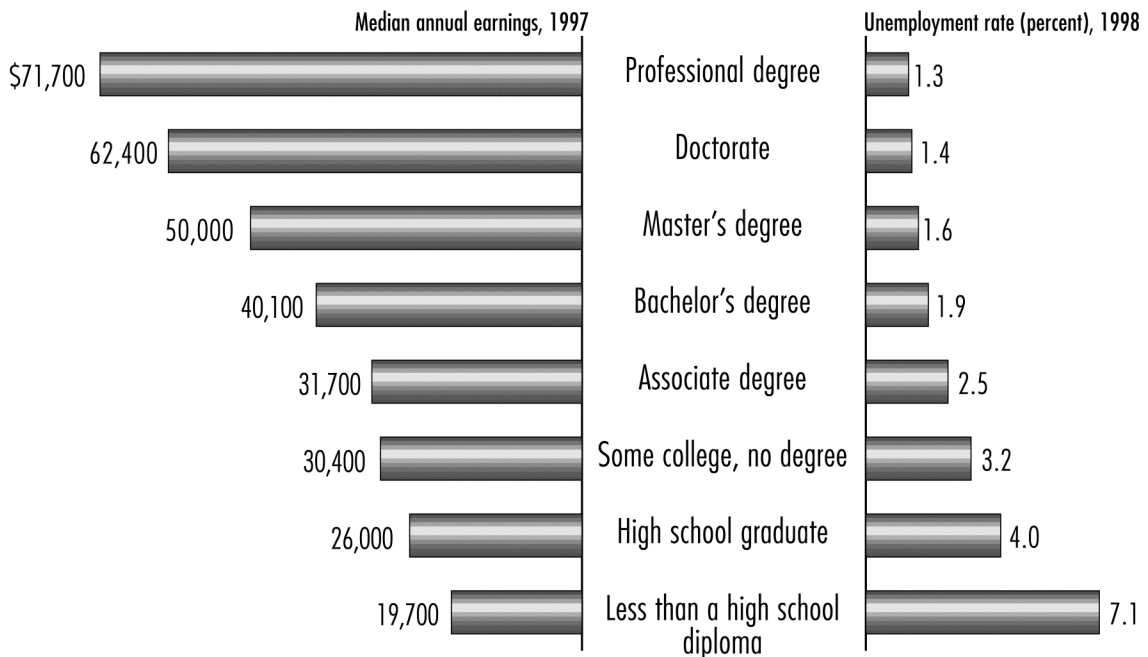


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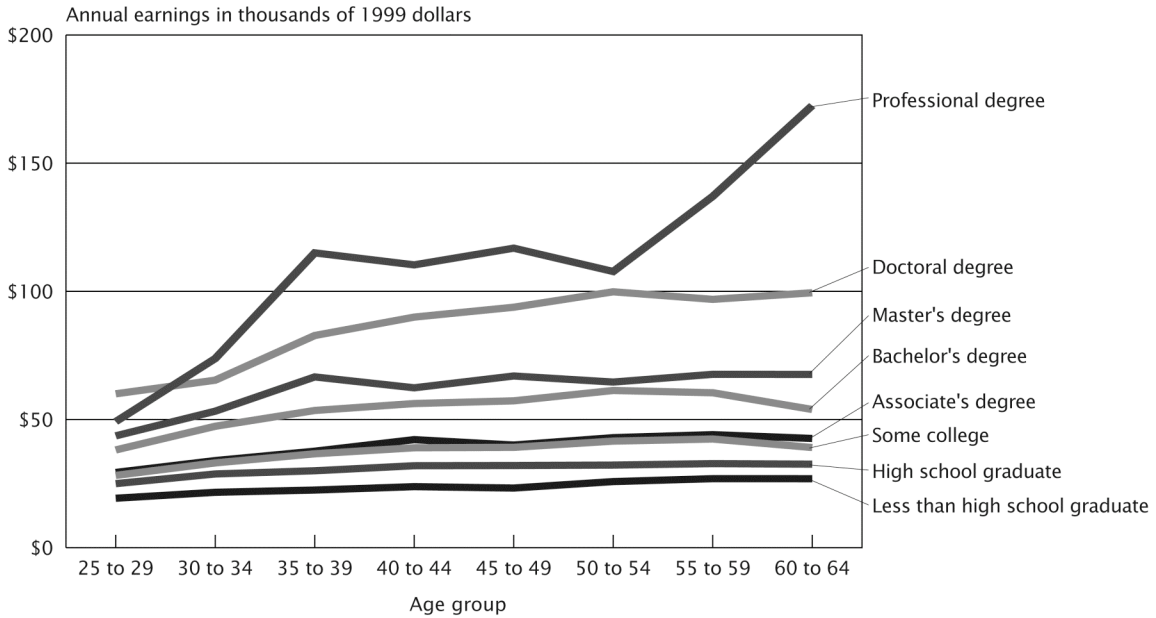


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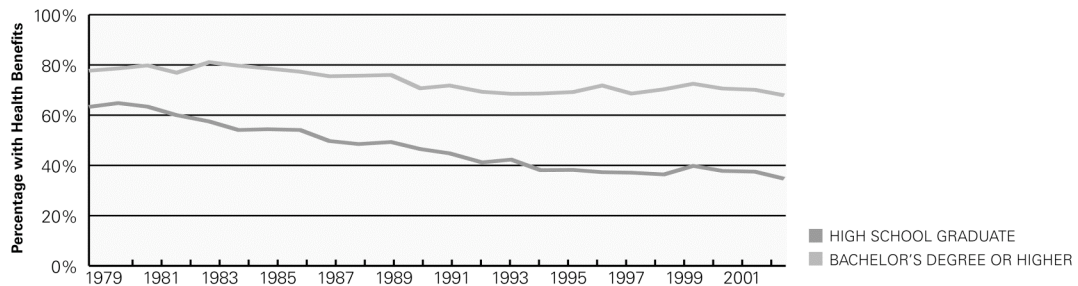
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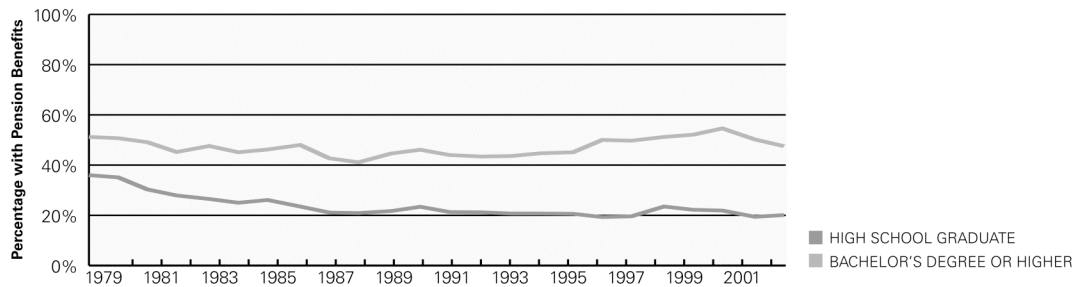


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Percentage of Private Sector Entry-Level Workers Covered by Employer-Provided Health Insurance, by Level of Education, 1979–2002



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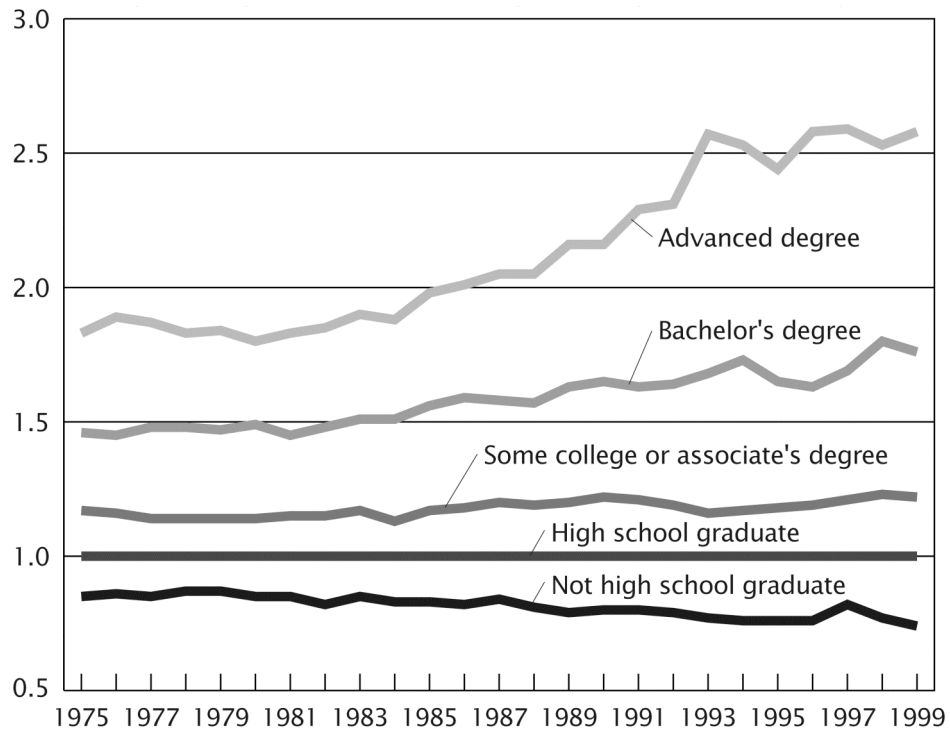


**Note:** Entry-level workers are those with terminal high school or college degrees and one to five years of work experience. Includes individuals ages 18–64 working at least 20 hours per week. Coverage is defined as employers paying at least part of the cost.

**Sources:** Bernstein, Mishel, and Allegretto, 2005, Table 2.14 and Table 2.15. Calculations by the Economic Policy Institute.

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### Look At This One Again:



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