



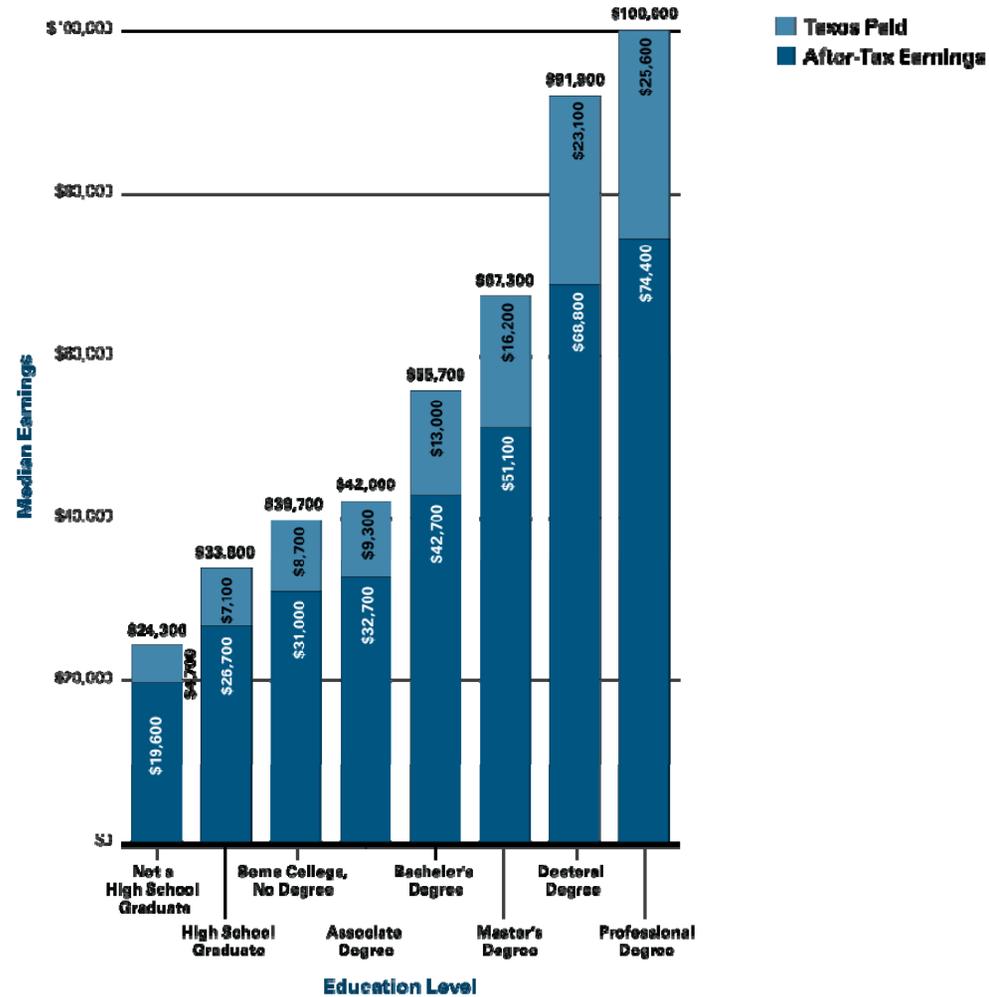
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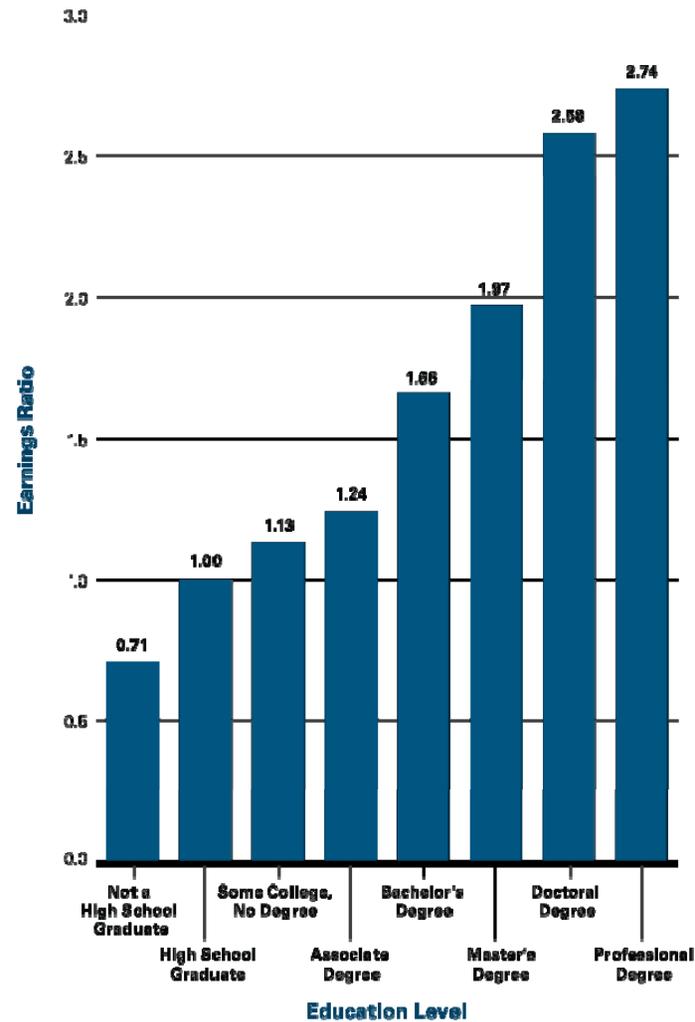
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# Median Earnings and Tax Payments of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Ages 25 and Older, by Education Level, 2008



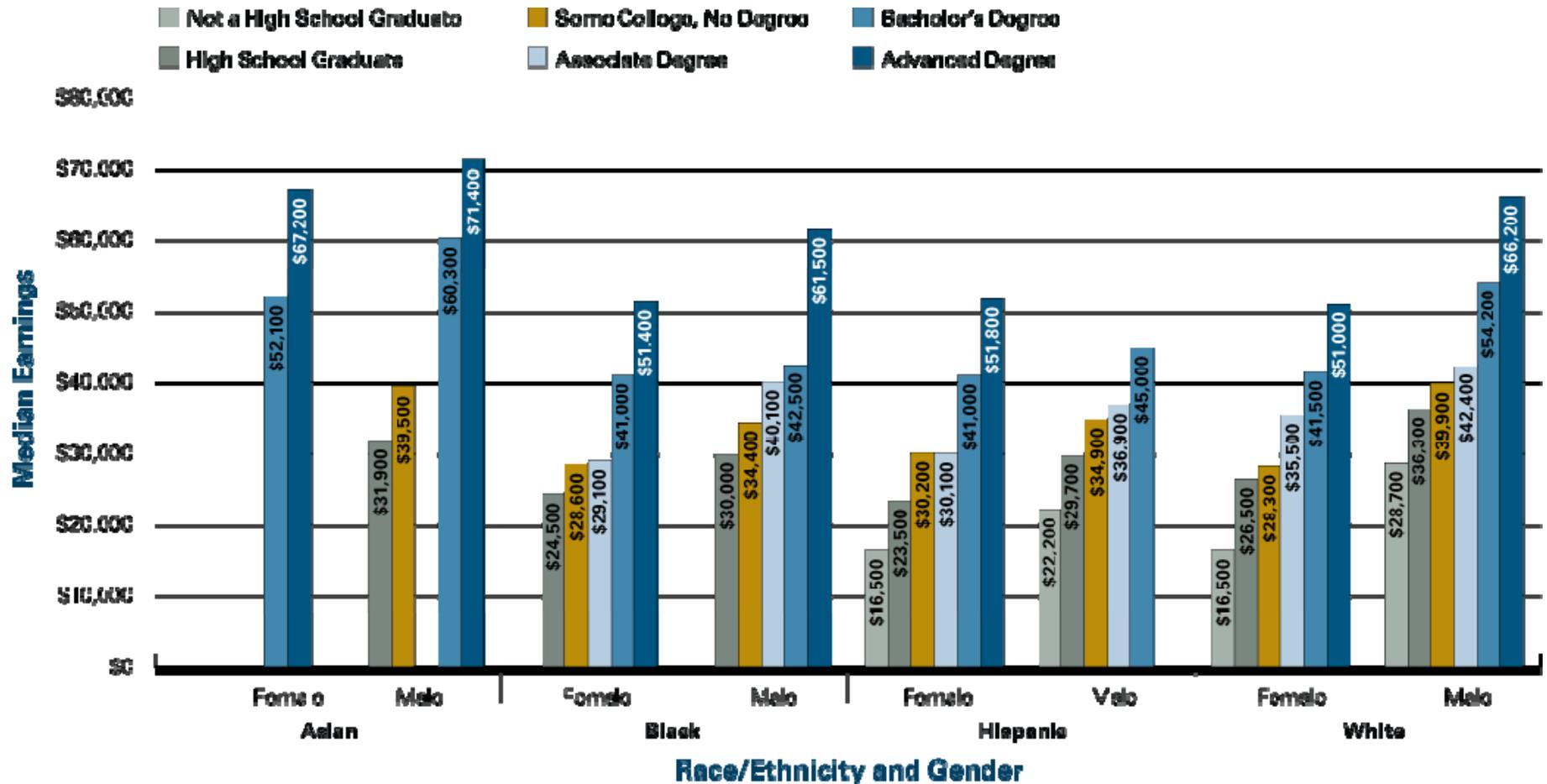
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# Expected Lifetime Earnings Relative to High School Graduates, by Education Level



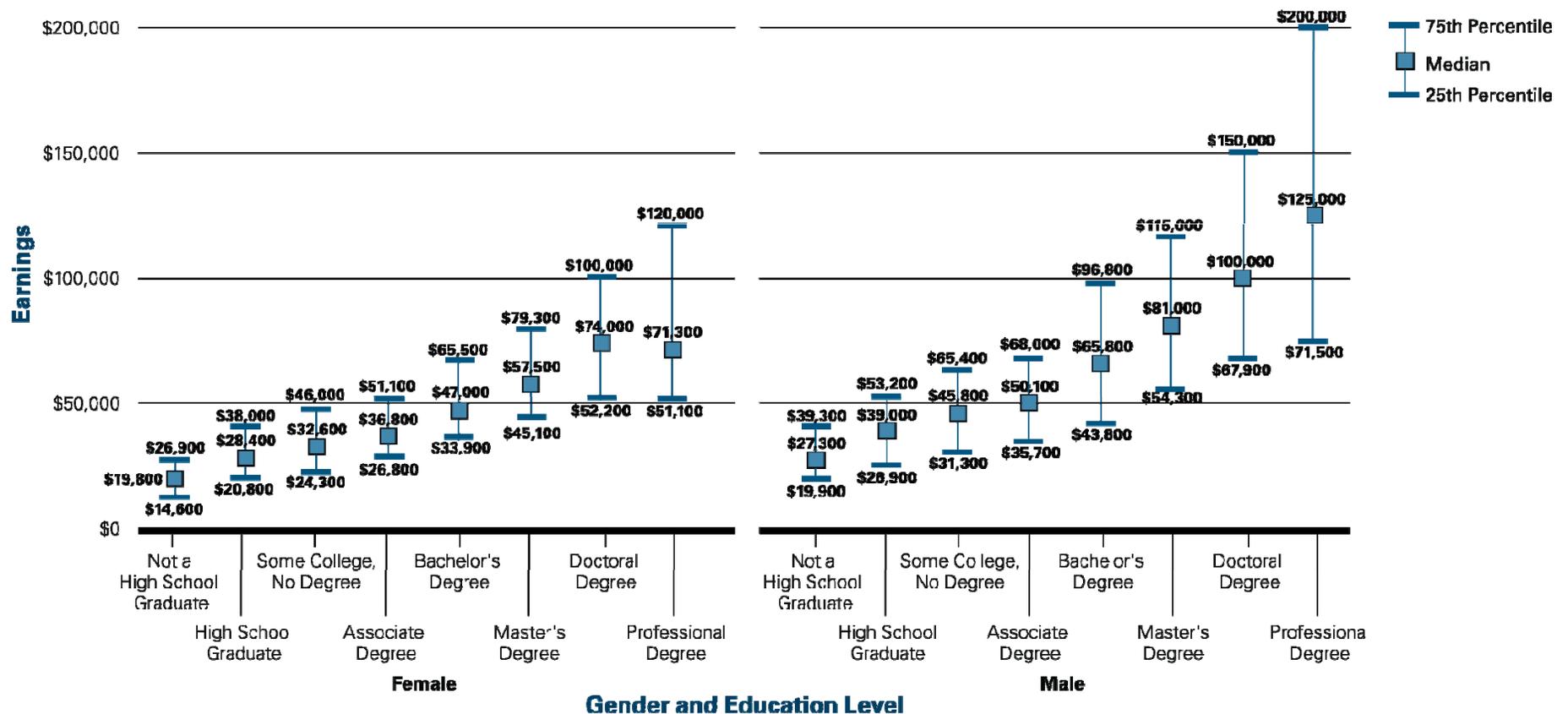
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# Median Earnings of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Ages 25–34, by Race/Ethnicity, Gender, and Education Level, 2008



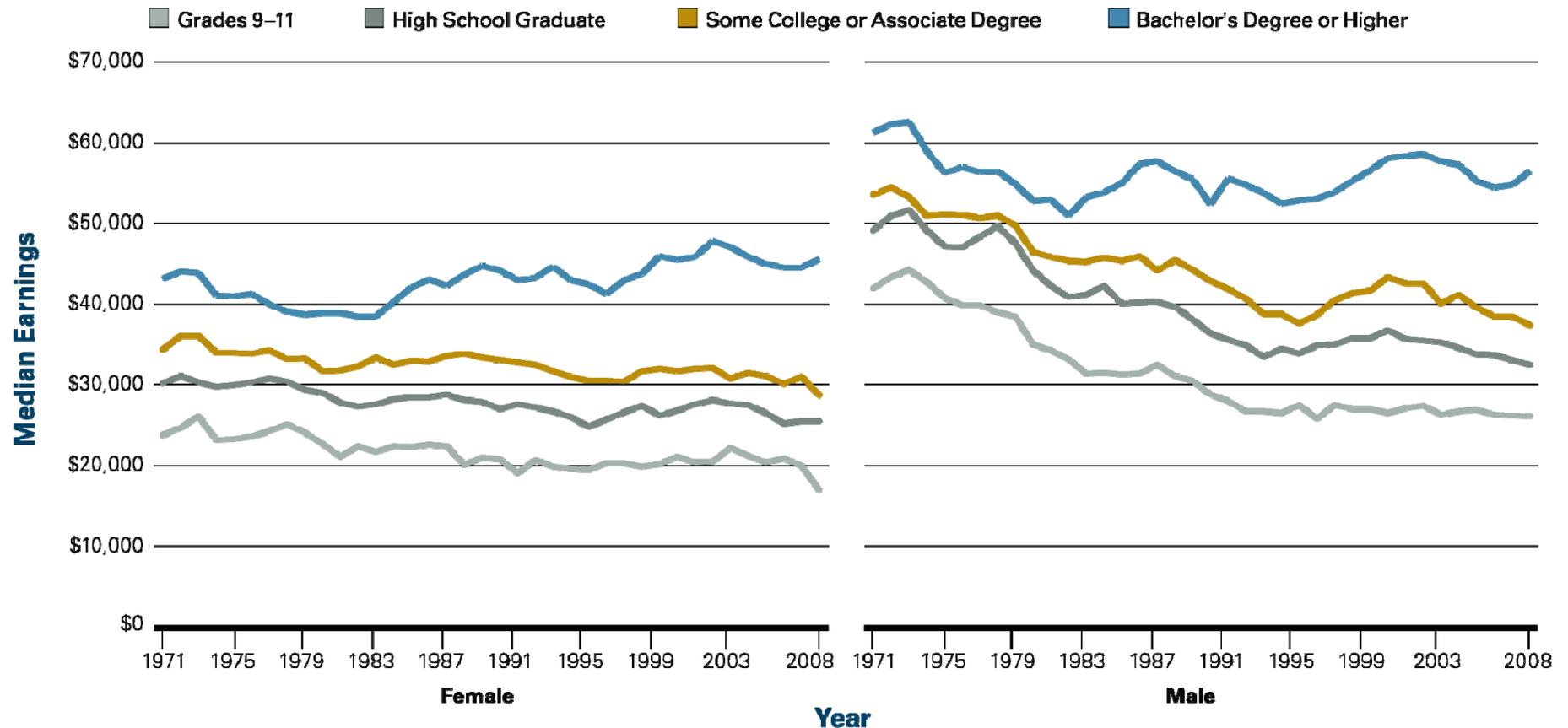
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# Median, 25th Percentile, and 75th Percentile Earnings of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Ages 25 and Older, by Gender and Education Level, 2008



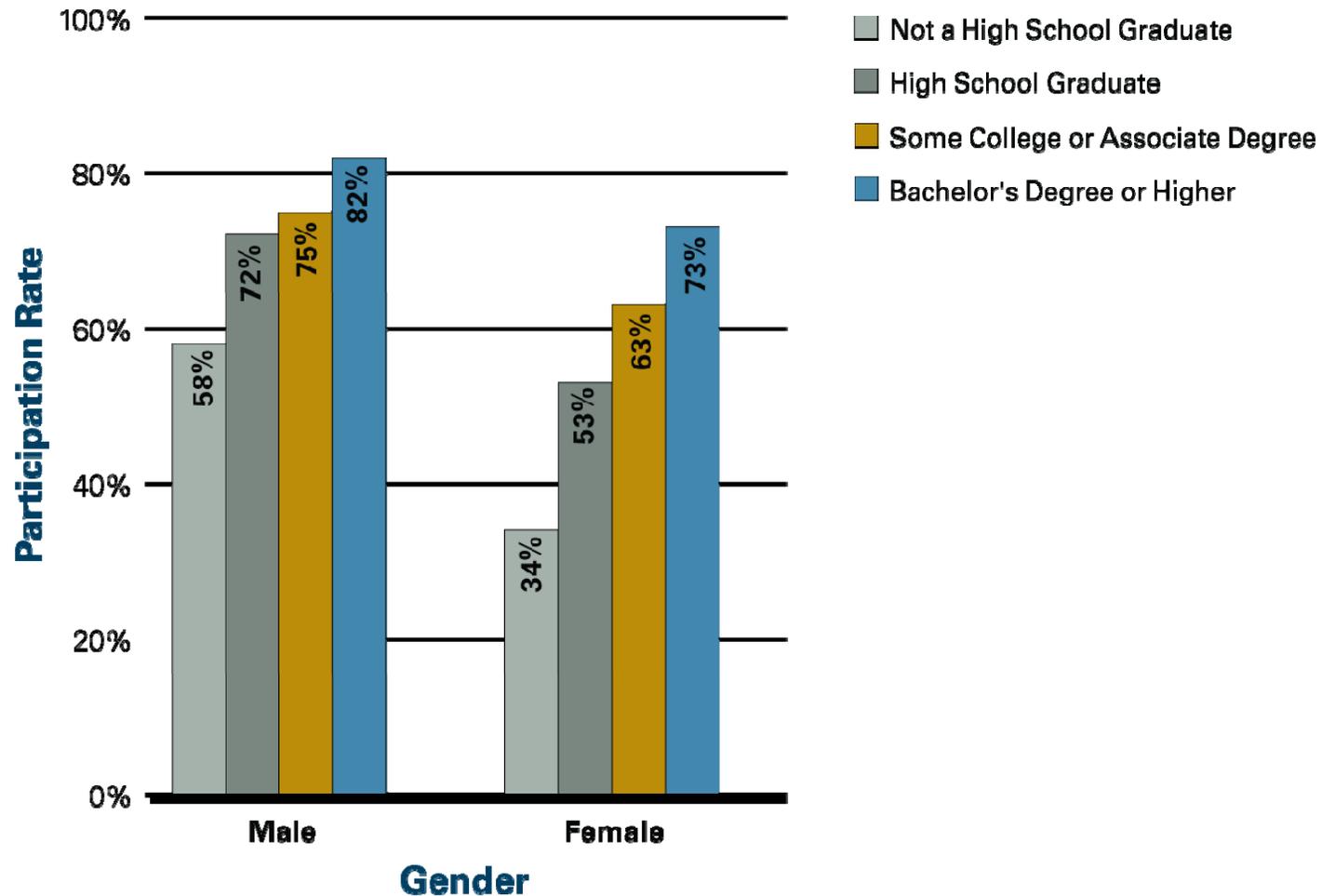
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# Median Earnings of Full-Time Year-Round Workers Ages 25–34, by Gender and Education Level, 1971–2008 (in Constant 2008 Dollars)



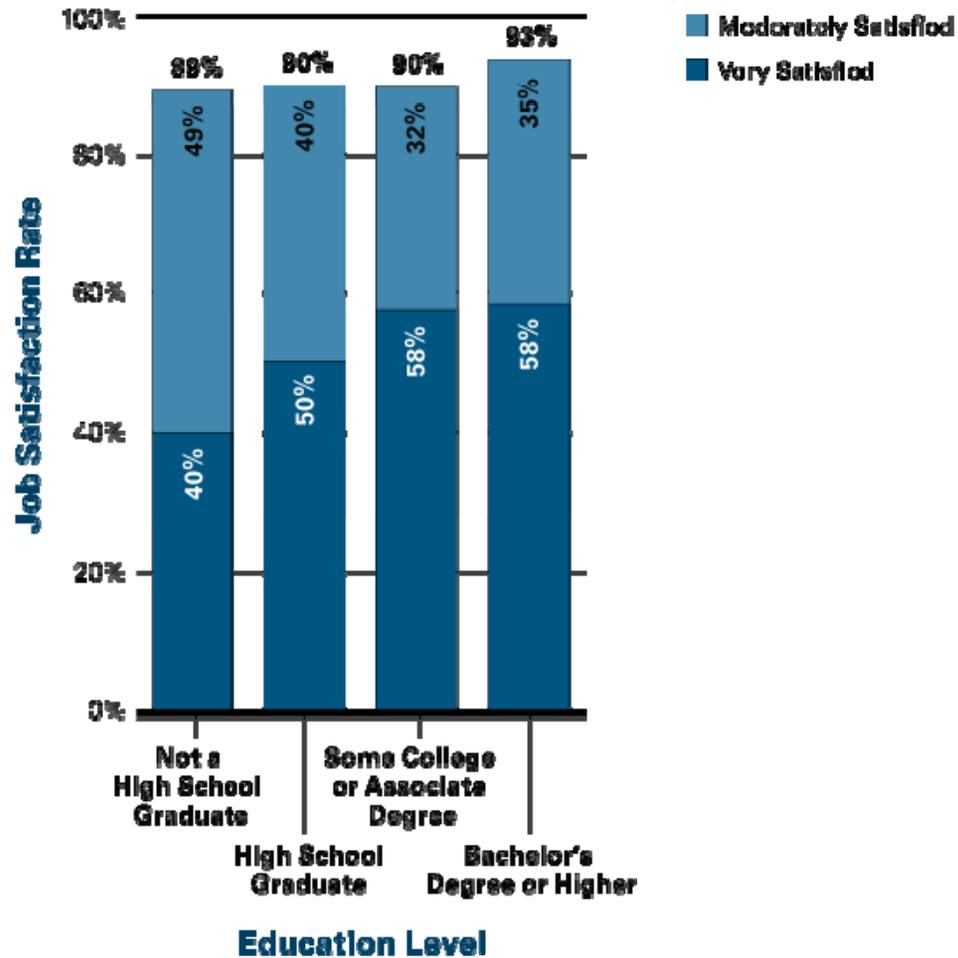
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# Labor Force Participation Rates Among Individuals Ages 25 and Older, by Gender and Education Level, First Quarter 2010



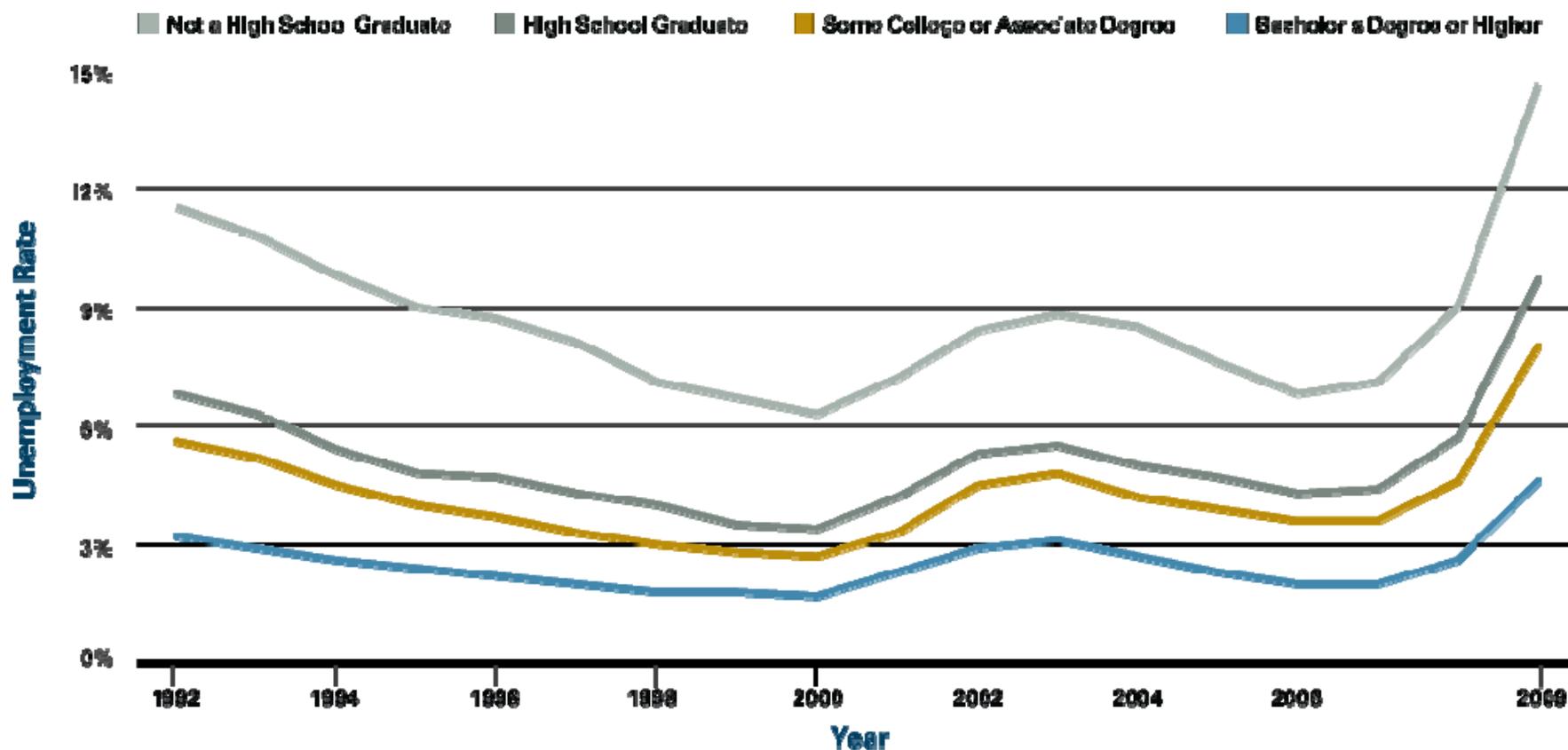
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# Job Satisfaction Rates Among Employed Individuals Ages 25 and Older, by Education Level, 2008



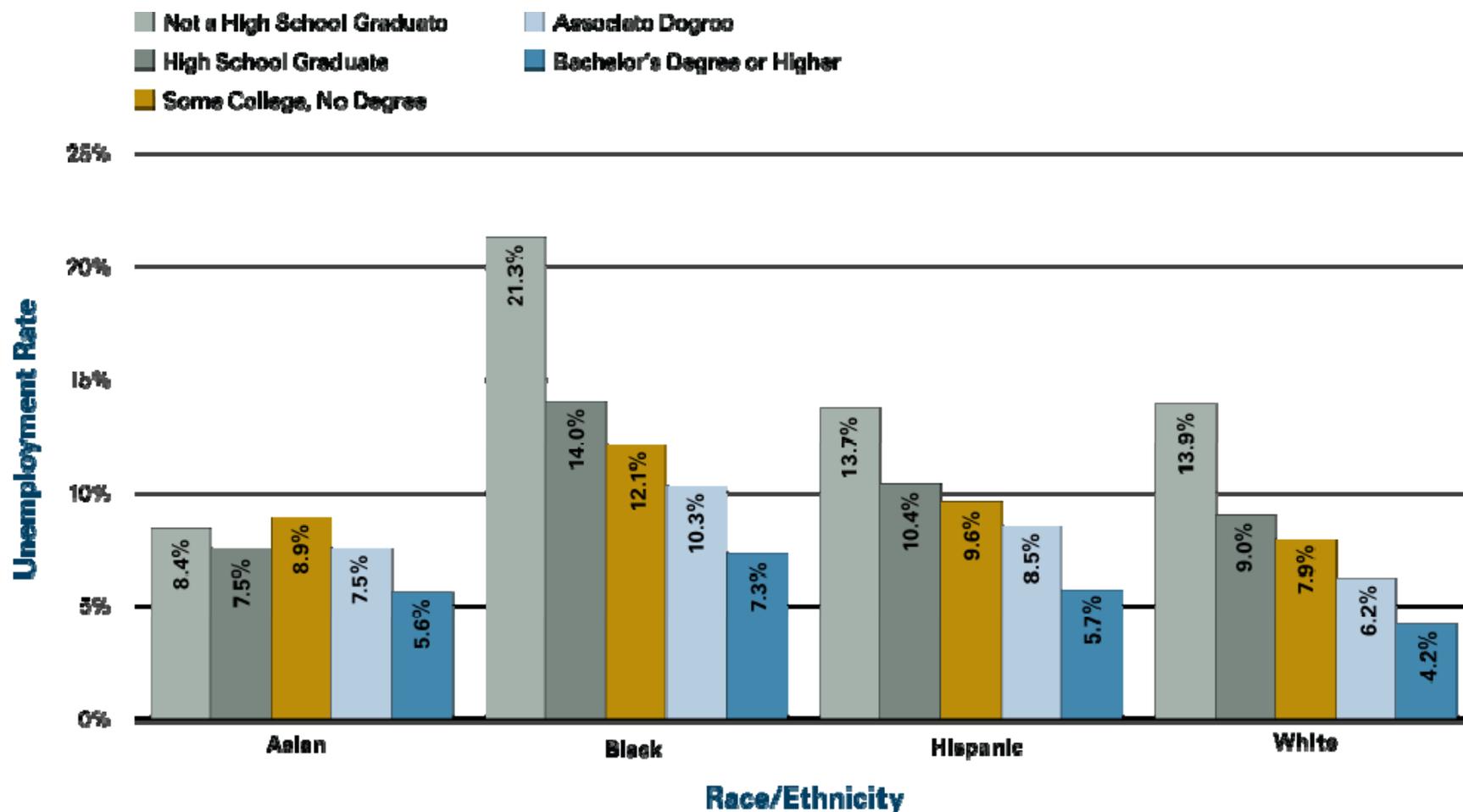
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# Unemployment Rates Among Individuals Ages 25 and Older, by Education Level, 1992–2009



Sources: The College Board, *Education Pays 2010*, Figure 1.10a; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010d.

# Unemployment Rates of Individuals Ages 25 and Older, by Education Level and Race/Ethnicity, 2009



Sources: The College Board, *Education Pays 2010*, Figure 1.10b; Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010c.