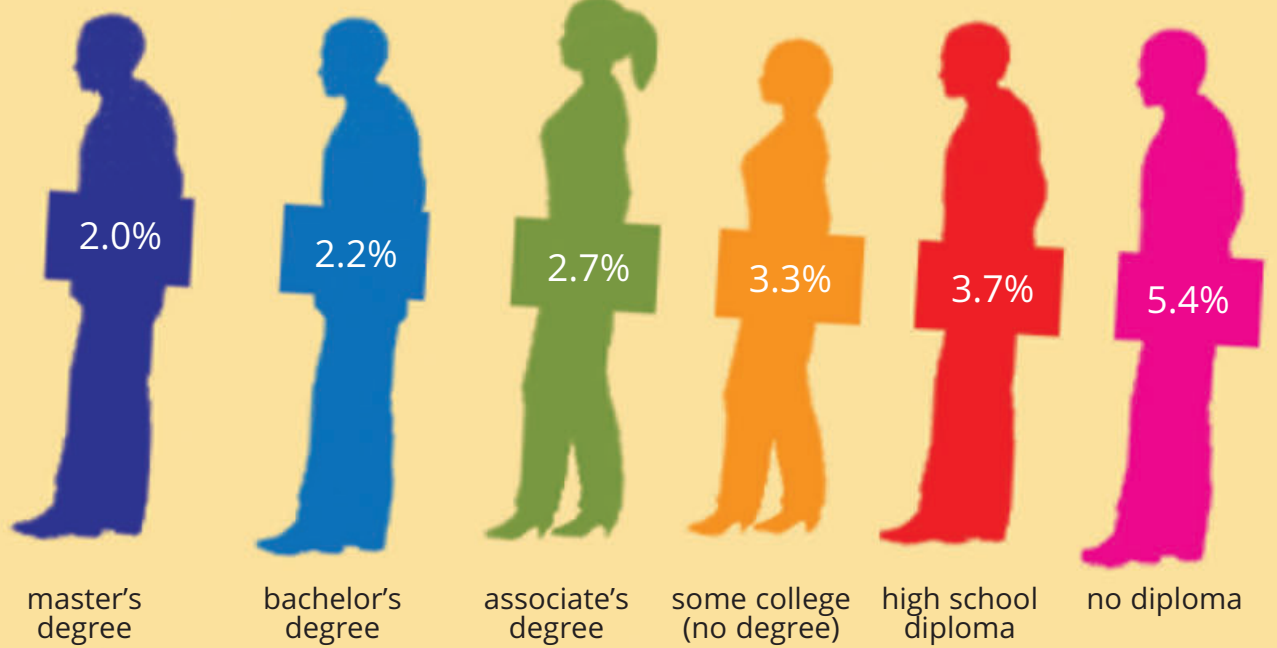


who's not working

unemployment rate in 2019

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



who's earning what

median weekly earnings in 2019

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



more education = more options

hourly wage needed to afford rent for a two bedroom apartment

How hard is it to keep a roof over your head on minimum wage*? This graphic from the Low Income Housing Coalition shows how many hours it takes, working a minimum wage job, to afford a two-bedroom apartment at the average market rate.

In 2020, there's no state in which a minimum-wage worker can afford a modest two-bedroom apartment at fair market rent working a standard 40-hour week, without paying more than 30% of his or her income.

A Vermont household must earn more than \$20 an hour to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment without spending more than 30% of income on rent.

Minimum wage in Vermont = \$10.96 per hour
Minimum wage in New York = \$15.00 per hour

Hourly wage needed to afford a modest 2-bedroom apartment:

- Less than \$15 an hour
- Between \$15–20 an hour
- More than \$20 an hour

