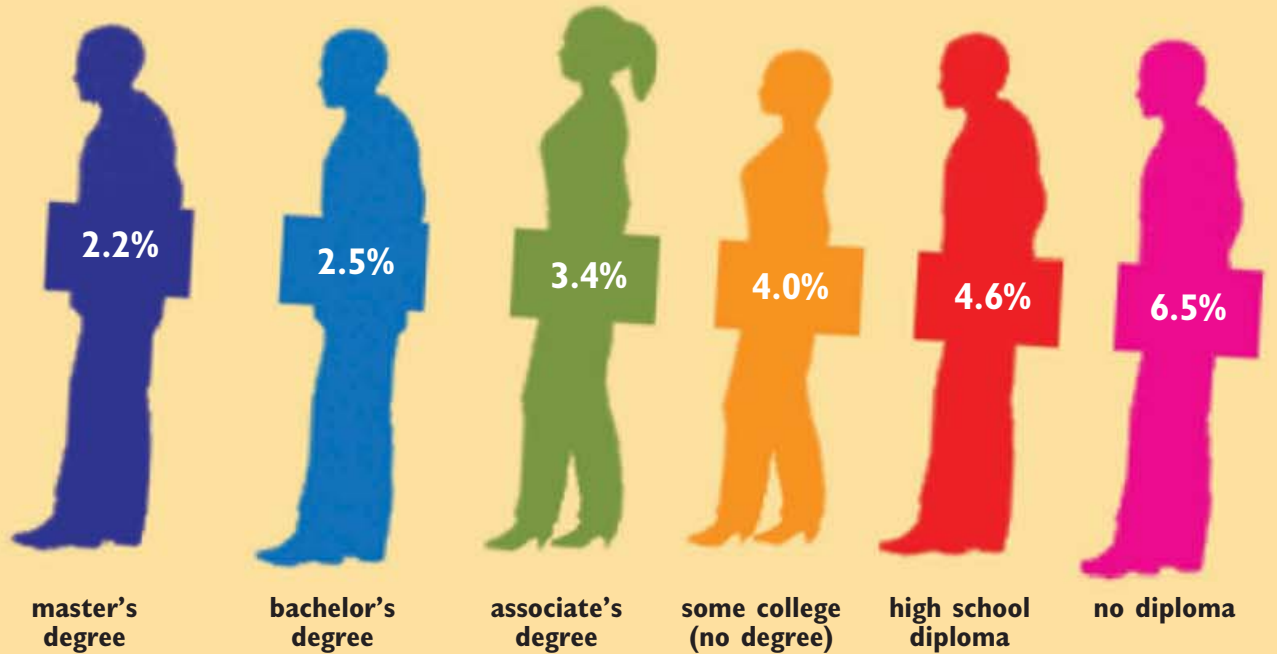


who's not working  
unemployment rate in 2017

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



who's earning what  
median weekly earnings in 2017

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics



more education = more options

hours at minimum wage needed to afford rent

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 2017, there was no state in which a minimum-wage worker could afford even a one-bedroom apartment at fair market rent working a standard 40-hour week, without paying more than 30% of his or her income.

An American household **must earn at least \$20.30** an hour to afford a modest, two-bedroom apartment without spending more than 30% of income on rent.

\* Minimum wage in Vermont = \$10.00 per hour  
Minimum wage in New York = \$10.75 per hour

hours needed to afford an apartment:

- 60 hours a week or less
- Between 61–78 hours
- 79 hours a week or more

