


Minding the Gap: San Diego/Imperial Counties Regional Perspective

Of the 38,808 graduates in 2018, **35% or 13,402 showed no college enrollments within 12 months of graduation**



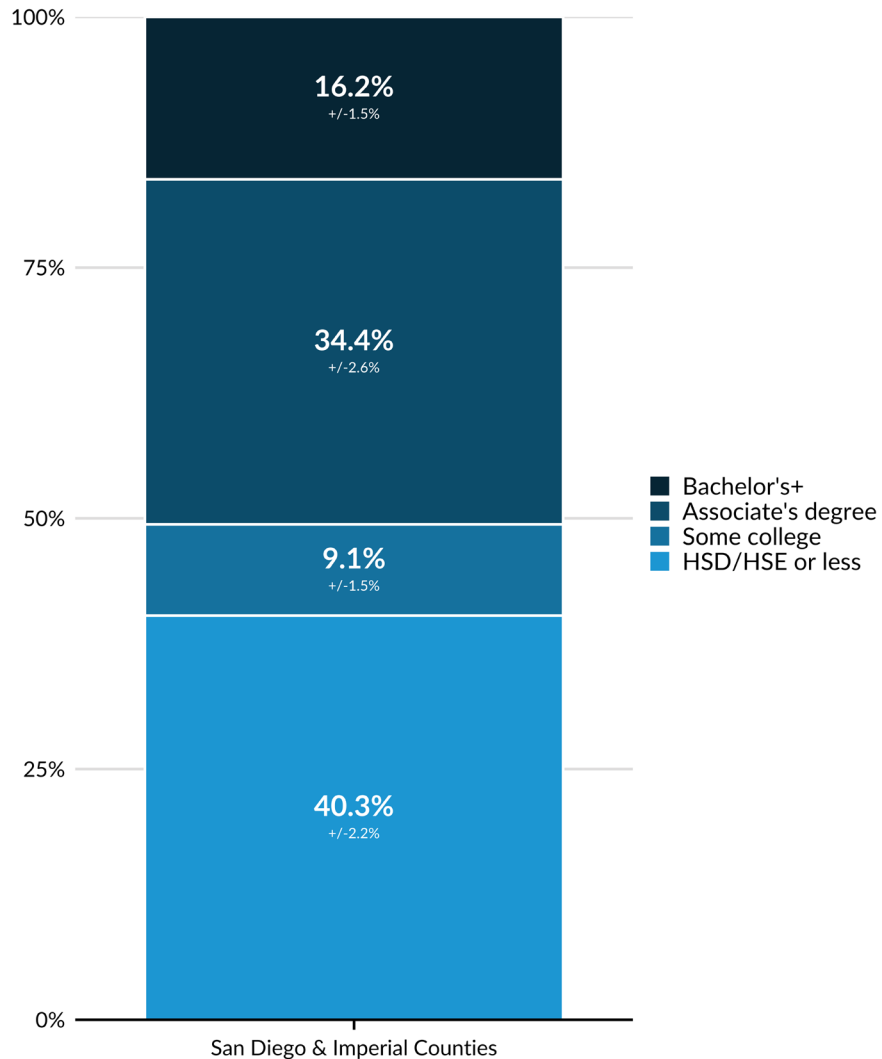
According to the US Census, approximately **35%** of high school graduates in San Diego and Imperial counties with no college enrollments between ages of 18-19 **were active military**

Source: California Department of Education DataQuest; U.S. Census Bureau 2019 American Community Survey 1-year Public Use Microdata Sample

If these percentages hold true, then an estimated **22%** of high school graduates are at work or...



In San Diego & Imperial Counties, 40.3% or 142,083 adults between 18 and 24 years of age have a high-school diploma or less



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. (2019). 2019 American Community Survey 1-year Public Use Microdata Sample

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Who are the impacted students?

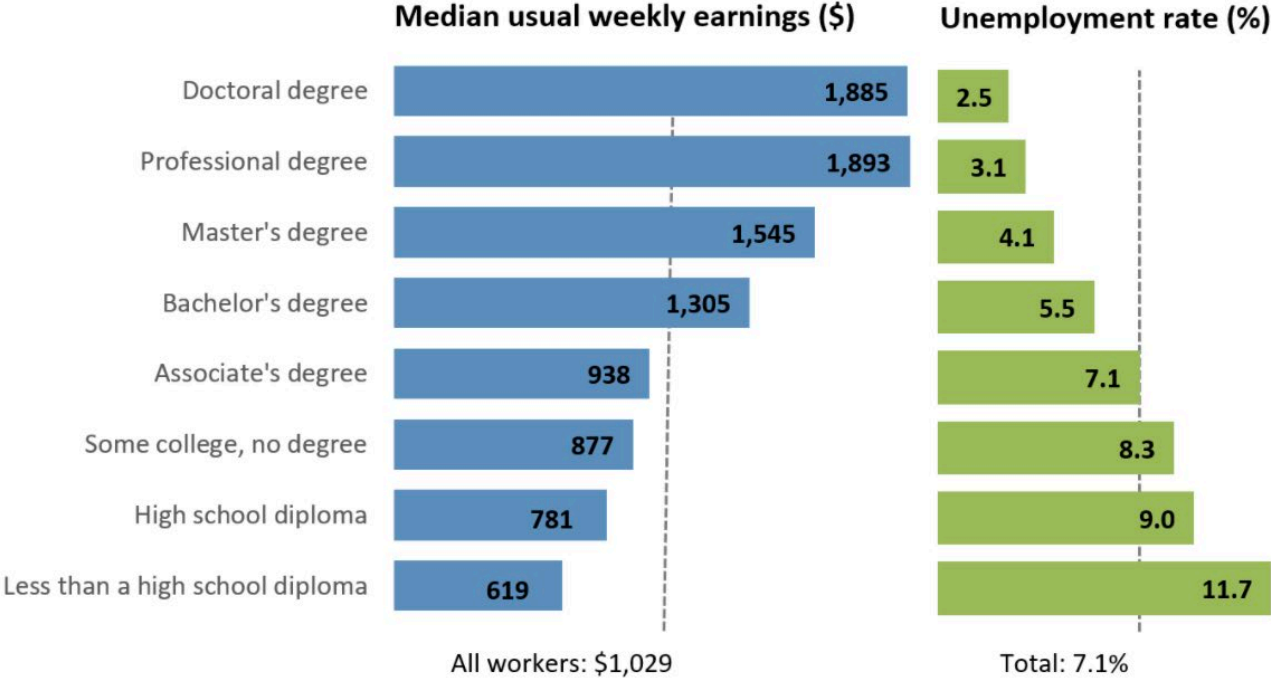
- Low SES
- Lower levels of academic preparation & achievement
- Disproportionately persons of color

What are the effects?

- Substantially lower likelihood of college enrollment & completion of four-year degrees
- Negative impact on earnings and earning potential

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Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment, 2020



Note: Data are for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey.

Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment Projections