

- Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education Spotlight
- **American Indian or Alaska Native Students**



The number of American Indian or Alaska Native students accessing and completing postsecondary credentials increased between 1995–96 and 2015–16. However, we still lack precise, national data on many educational outcomes for Native students. The data we can observe show troubling equity gaps in educational and labor-market outcomes for American Indian or Alaska Native students when compared with other groups. This infographic highlights data from *Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report* to provide an overview of the educational journeys of American Indian or Alaska Native students enrolled in postsecondary education.

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U.S. Population & Educational Attainment*

American Indians or Alaska Natives represented 0.7% of the total U.S. population.



● American Indians or Alaska Natives ● Total U.S. population

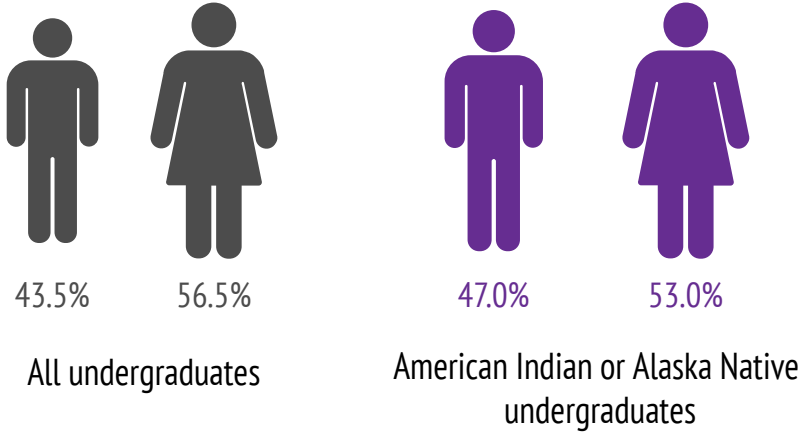
Attainment of Associate Degree or Higher (Adults Ages 25 and Older)



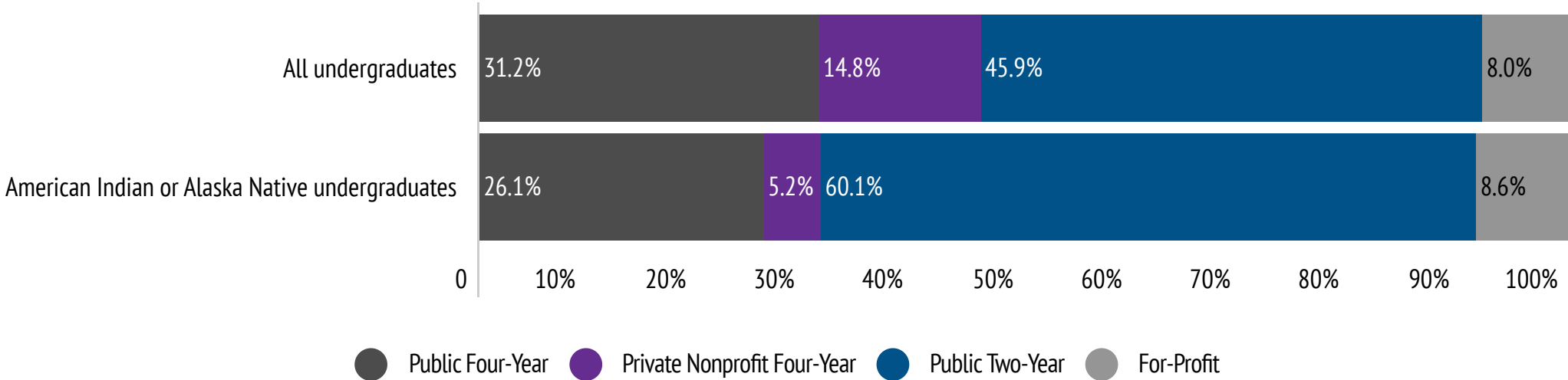
Undergraduate Enrollment*

0.8% The representation of American Indian or Alaska Native students remained relatively unchanged between 1995–96 and 2015–16.

Undergraduate Enrollment by Gender



Undergraduate Enrollment Across Sectors¹

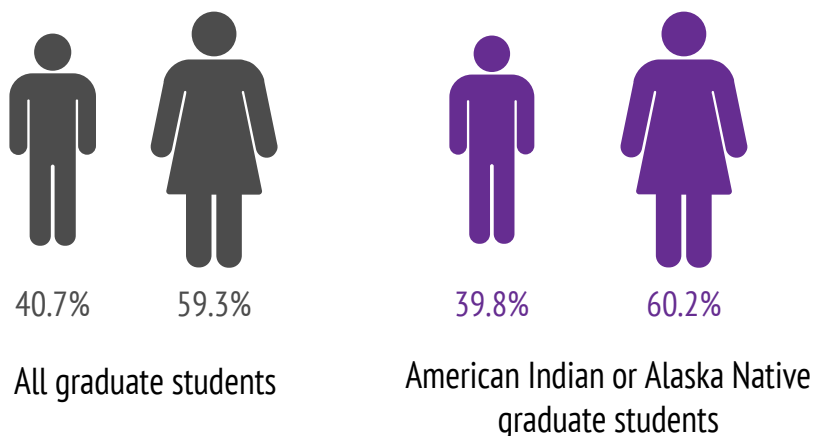


60% of American Indian or Alaska Native undergraduates were enrolled in public two-year institutions, compared with 45.9% of undergraduates overall.

1. Institutions were categorized into sectors based upon control of the institution and the length of the predominant award granted.

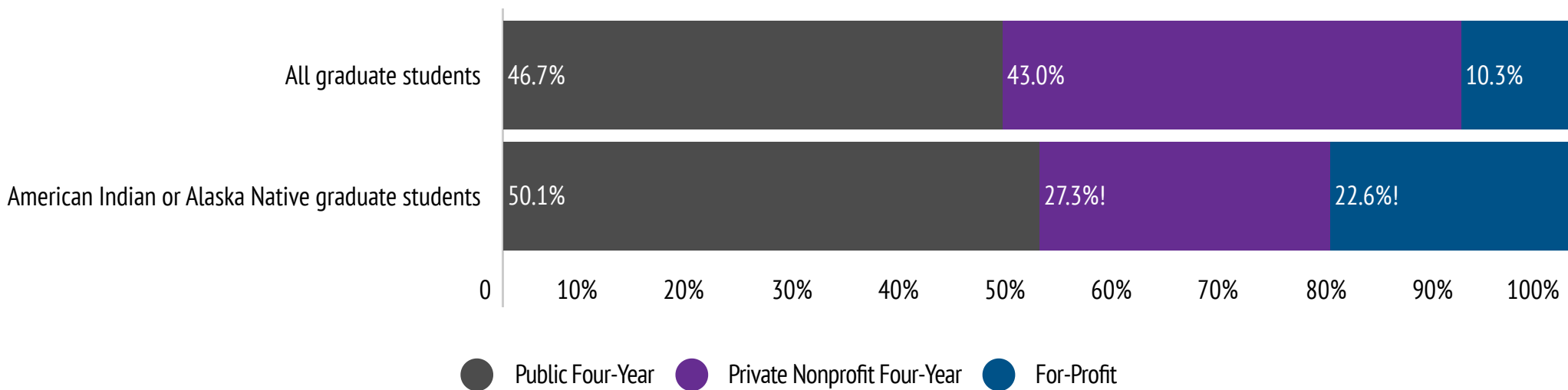
Graduate Enrollment*

Graduate Enrollment by Gender



60% of American Indian or Alaska Native graduate students were women.

Graduate Enrollment Across Sectors

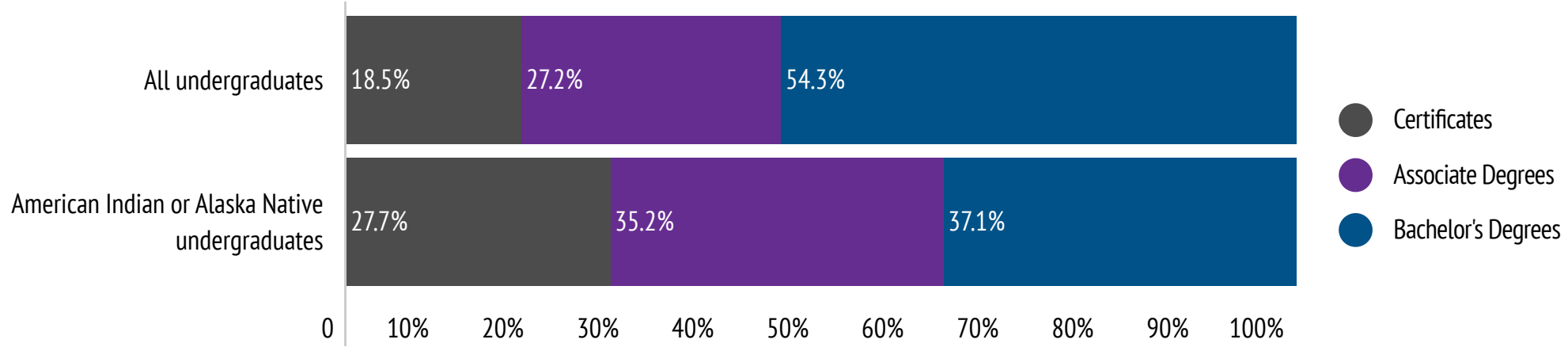


Half of American Indian or Alaska Native graduate students were enrolled in a public four-year institution.

! Interpret with caution. Ratio of standard error to estimate is >30% but <50%.

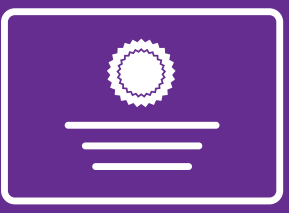
Undergraduate Completion*

Undergraduate Completions by Award Level



Graduate Completion*

76.3%



of American Indian or Alaska Native graduate students completed master's degrees, similar to that of all students (77.0%).

American Indian or Alaska Native Students Earned

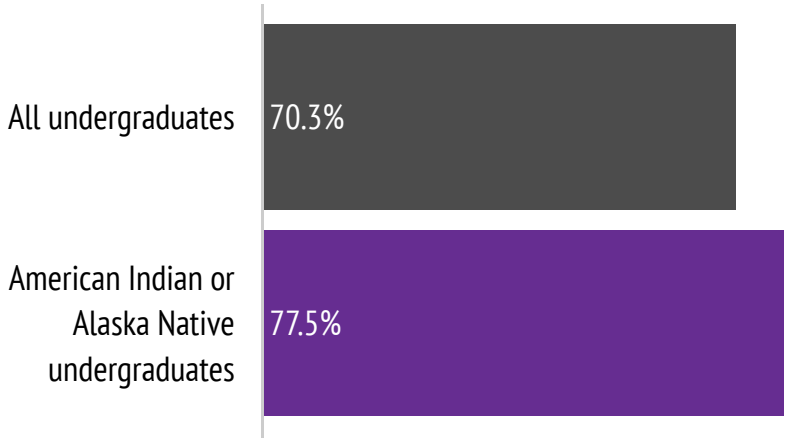

- 0.4% of all master's degrees
- 0.5% of all professional degrees
- 0.4% of all doctoral degrees

*2016



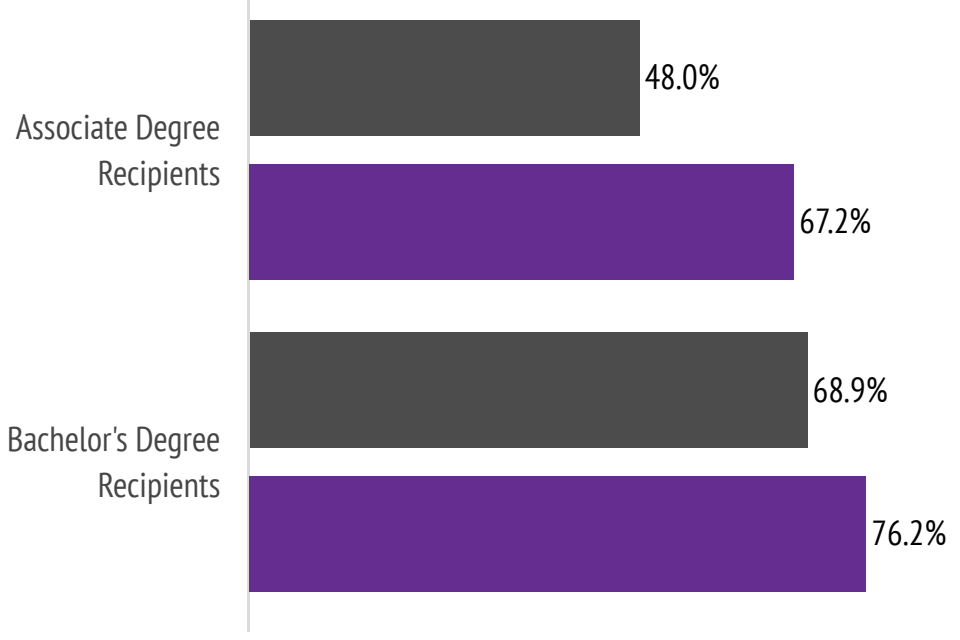
Paying for College*

FAFSA Completion Rate

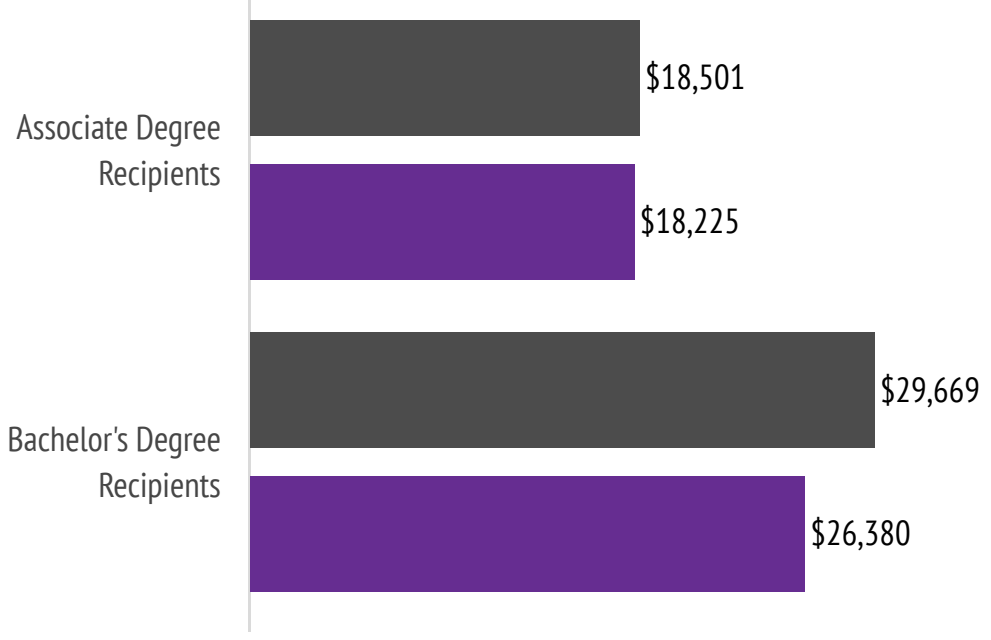



51% of American Indian or Alaska Native undergraduate students were from families with an expected family contribution of \$0, compared with 39.1% of undergraduates overall.

Percent Who Borrowed



Average Amount Borrowed



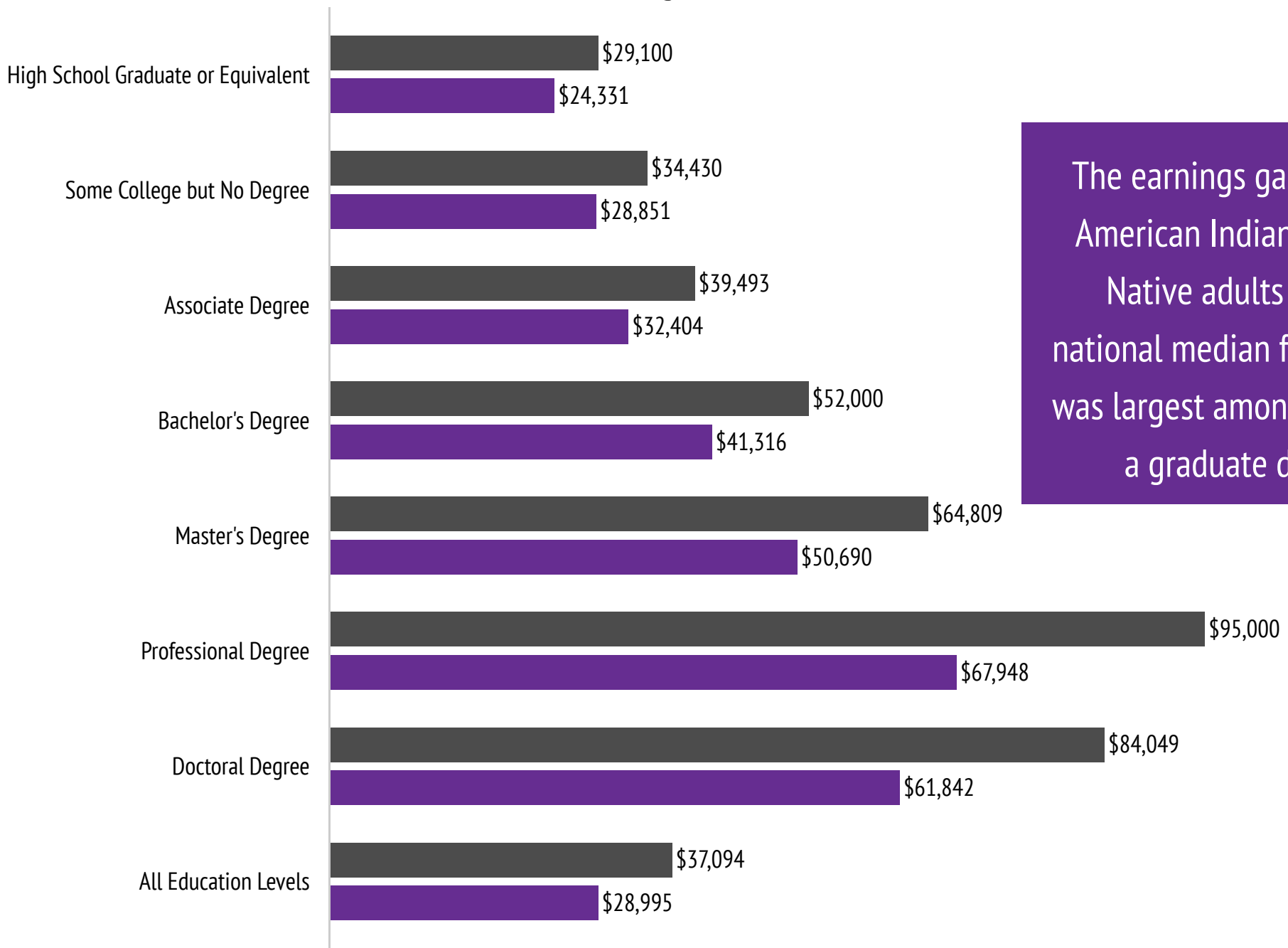
● All undergraduates ● American Indian or Alaska Native students ● All undergraduates ● American Indian or Alaska Native students

Across all degree types, American Indian or Alaska Native students were **MORE** likely to borrow than undergraduate students overall.

Median Annual Earnings*

Within every level of postsecondary attainment, the median annual earnings of American Indian or Alaska Native adults were between 16.2% and 28.5% less than the national median for all adults.

Median Annual Earnings for Adults 25 and Older



The earnings gap between American Indian or Alaska Native adults and the national median for all adults was largest among those with a graduate degree.

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