

Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education Spotlight

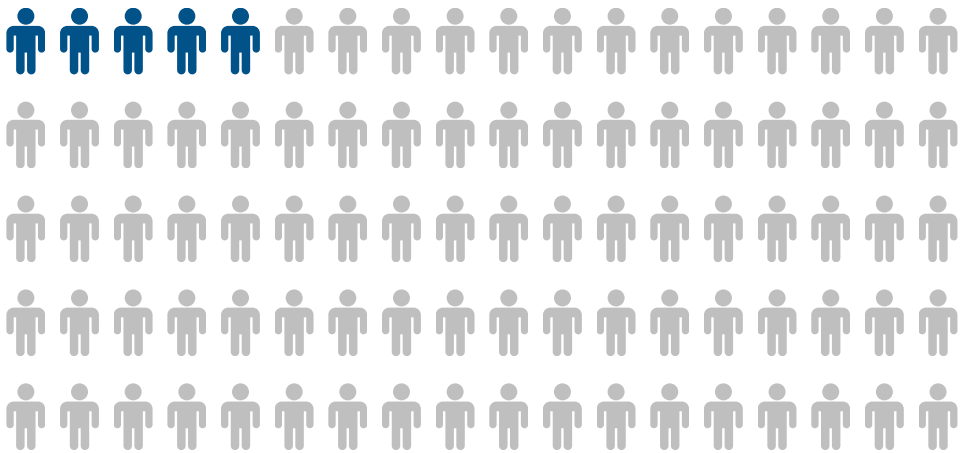
Asian Students



The representation of Asians among undergraduate and graduate students remained relatively unchanged between 1995–96 and 2015–16. As a group, Asian students exhibited some of the highest persistence and completion rates of all racial and ethnic groups. Considering educational and employment outcomes, Asian adults had the highest levels of educational attainment and median annual earnings of any racial or ethnic group in the United States. This infographic highlights data from *Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report* to provide an overview of the educational journeys of Asian students enrolled in postsecondary education.

U.S. Population & Educational Attainment*

Asians represented 5.7% of the total U.S. population.



● Asians ● Total U.S. population

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

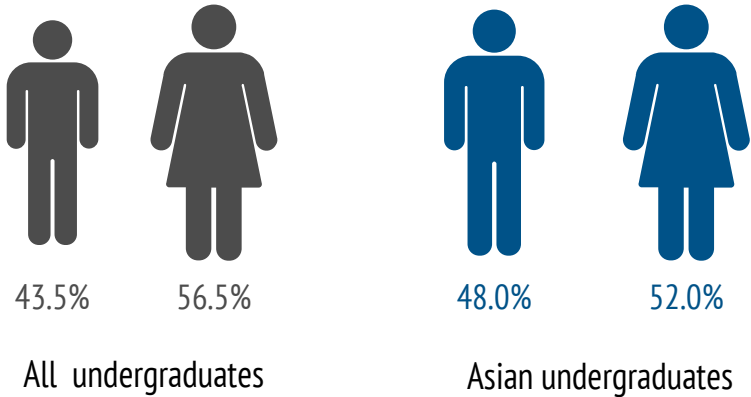


Nearly **62%** of Asian adults had attained an associate degree or higher.

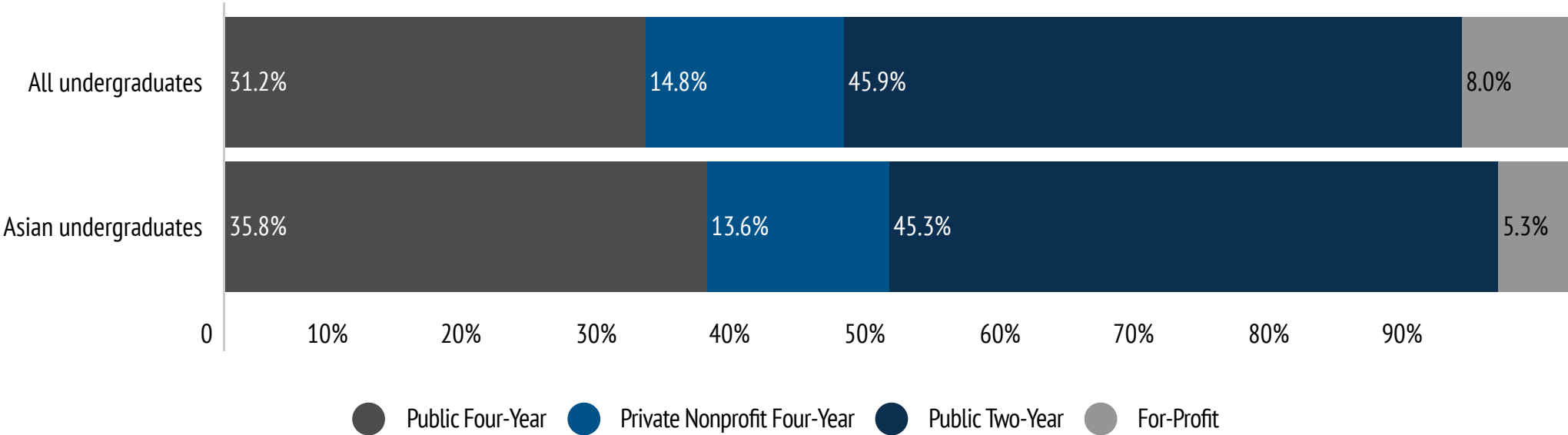
Undergraduate Enrollment*

5.7% of all undergraduate students were Asian.

Undergraduate Enrollment by Gender



Undergraduate Enrollment Across Sectors¹



45.3% of Asian undergraduates were enrolled in public two-year institutions, similar to the share of undergraduates overall (45.9%).

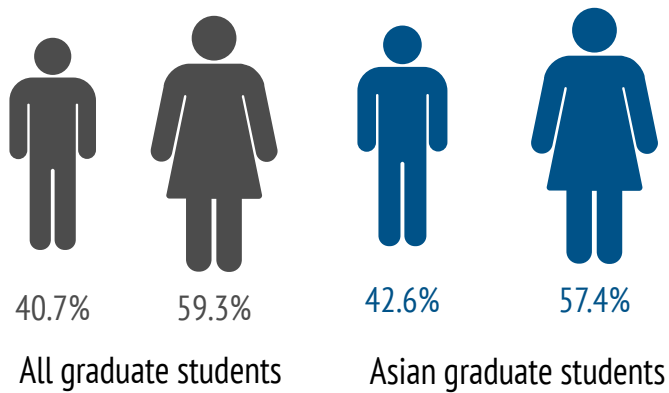
1. Institutions were categorized into sectors based upon control of the institution and the length of the predominant award granted.

Graduate Enrollment*



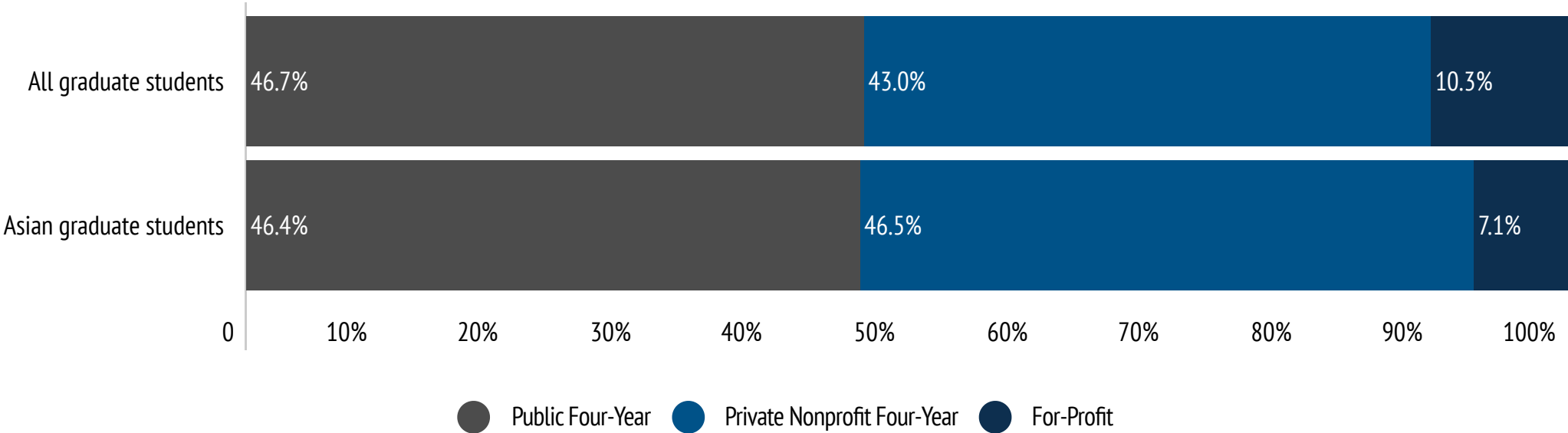
6.3% of all graduate students were Asian.

Graduate Enrollment by Gender



57% of Asian graduate students were women.

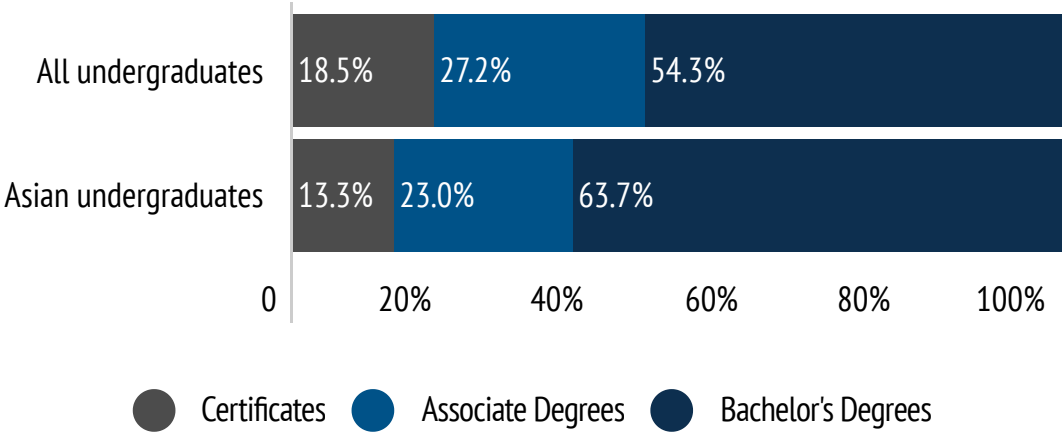
Graduate Enrollment Across Sectors



*2015-16

Undergraduate Completion*

Undergraduate Completions by Award Level



63.7% of Asian undergraduate students completed bachelor's degrees, nearly 10 percentage points higher than that of all undergraduates (54.3%).



Graduate Completion*

23.2% of Asian graduate students completed professional degrees, compared with 10.4% of graduate students overall.

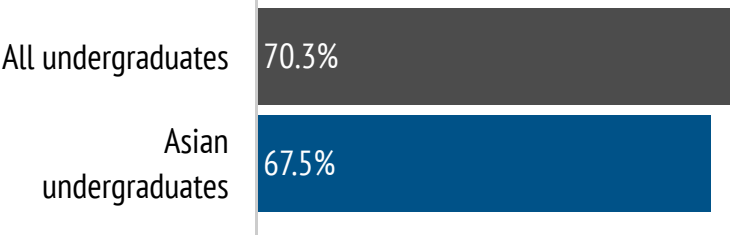
- Asian students earned
- 5.2% of all master's degrees
 - 13.4% of all professional degrees
 - 5.1% of all doctoral degrees

*2016



Paying for College*

FAFSA Completion Rate

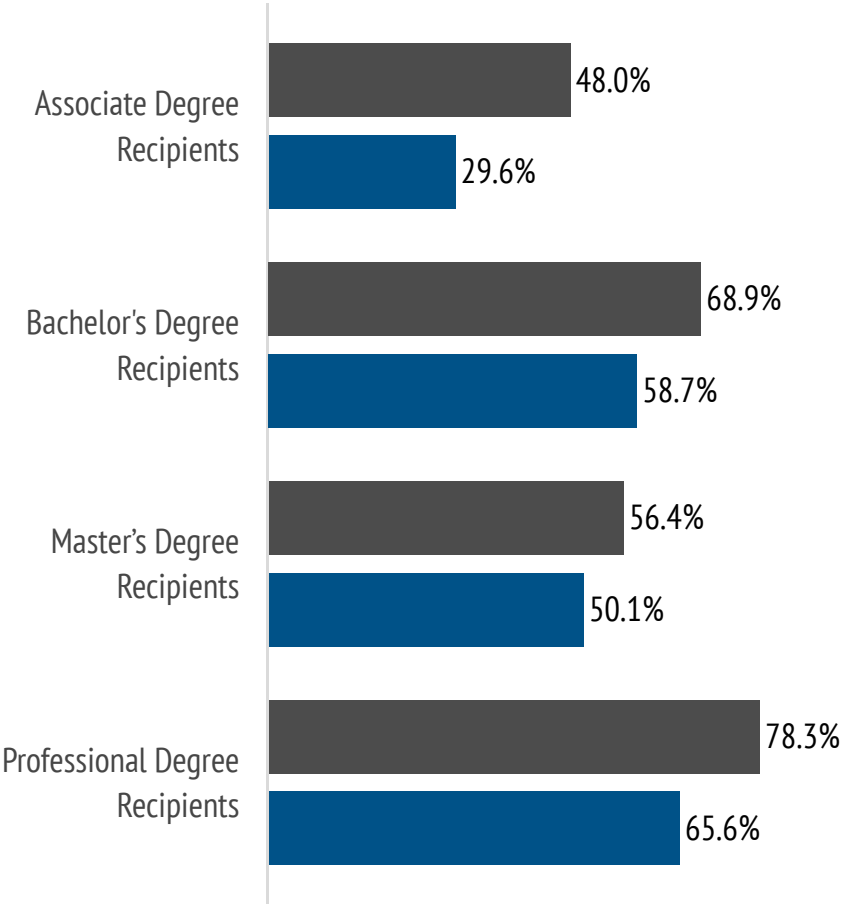




39.1%

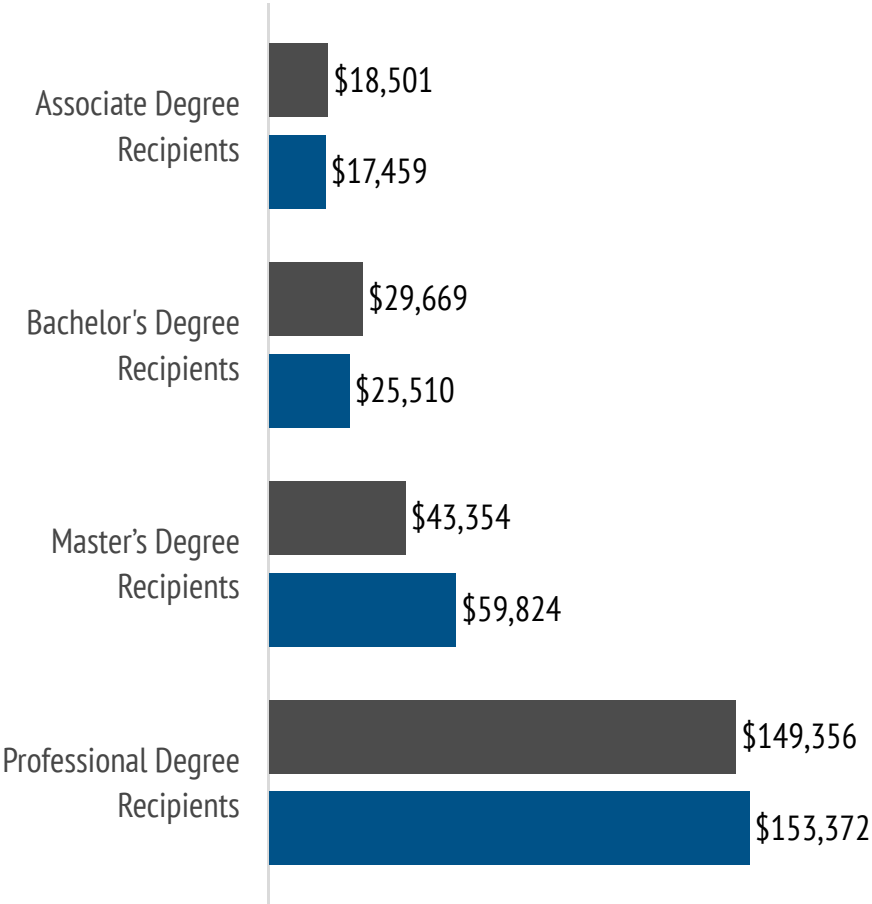
of Asian undergraduate students were from families with an expected family contribution of \$0, the same percentage as undergraduates overall.

Percent Who Borrowed



● All students ● Asian students

Average Amount Borrowed



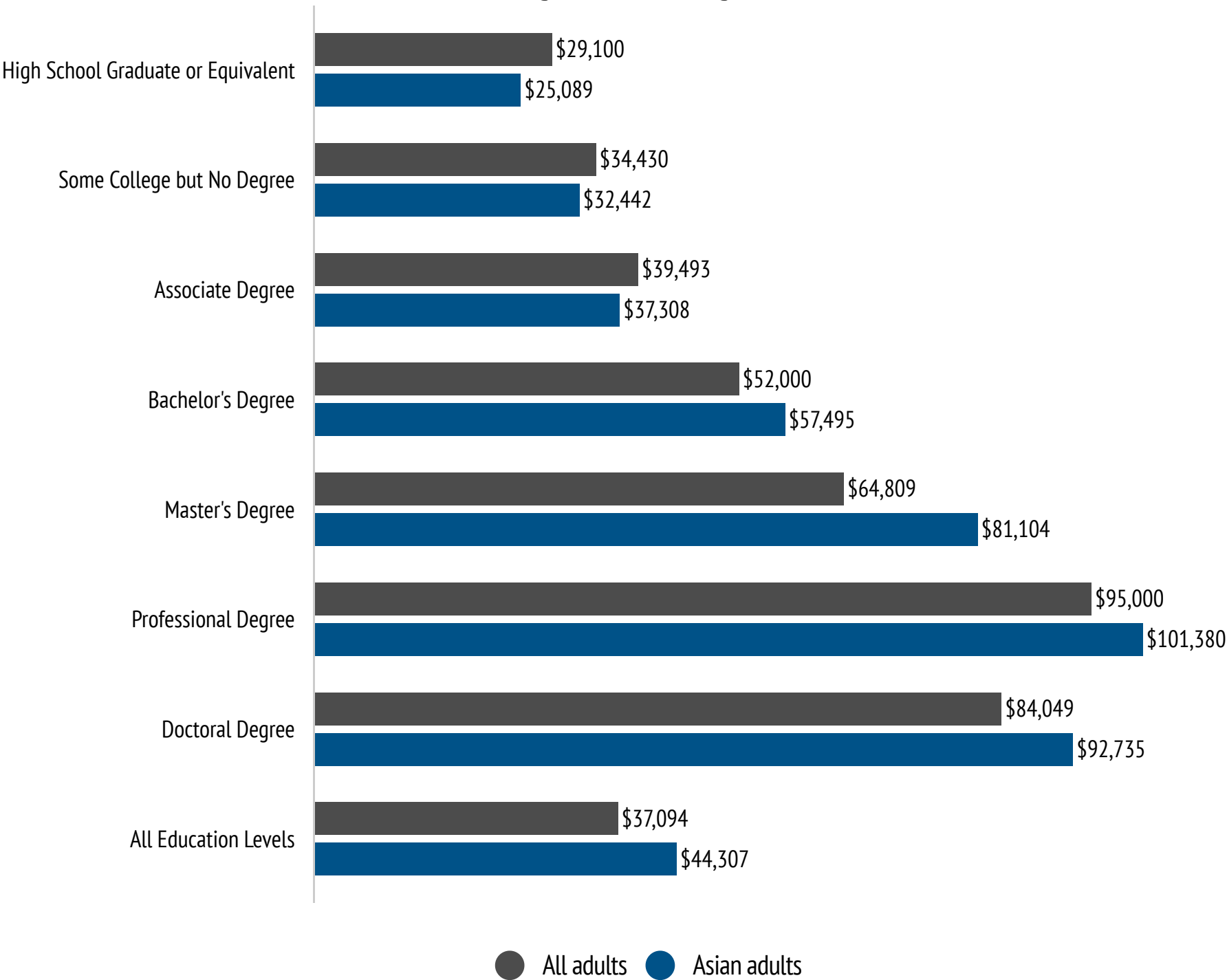
● All students ● Asian students

Among undergraduate degree recipients, Asian students were **LESS** likely to borrow and borrowed **LESS** than undergraduate students overall.

Median Annual Earnings*

The median annual earnings for Asians were higher than the national median for all adults across nearly all levels of postsecondary attainment.

Median Annual Earnings for Adults Ages 25 and Older



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