

Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education Spotlight

Hispanic Students



Over the last two decades, as the U.S. population has grown more racially and ethnically diverse, so too have students across all levels of higher education. The Hispanic population's growing numbers and rising postsecondary enrollment rates figured centrally in both trends. Between 1995–96 and 2015–16, the total share of undergraduate students who were Hispanic nearly doubled. While Hispanic students are accessing higher education at levels unseen before, equity gaps—particularly in persistence, completion, and educational outcomes—remain. This infographic highlights data from *Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education: A Status Report* to provide an overview of the educational journeys of Hispanic students enrolled in postsecondary education.

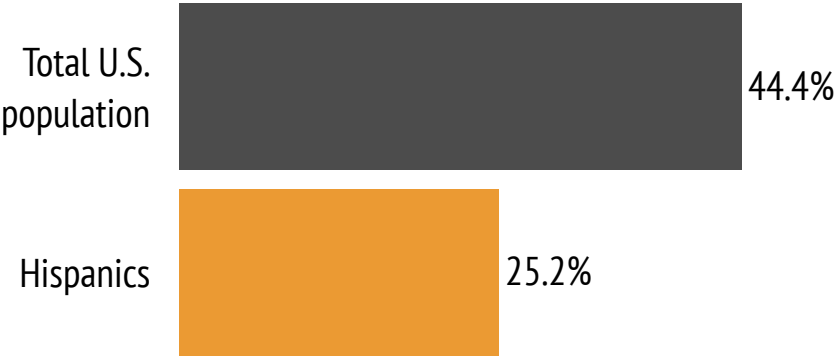
U.S. Population & Educational Attainment*

Hispanics represented 18.0% of the total U.S. population.



● Hispanics ● Total U.S. population

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

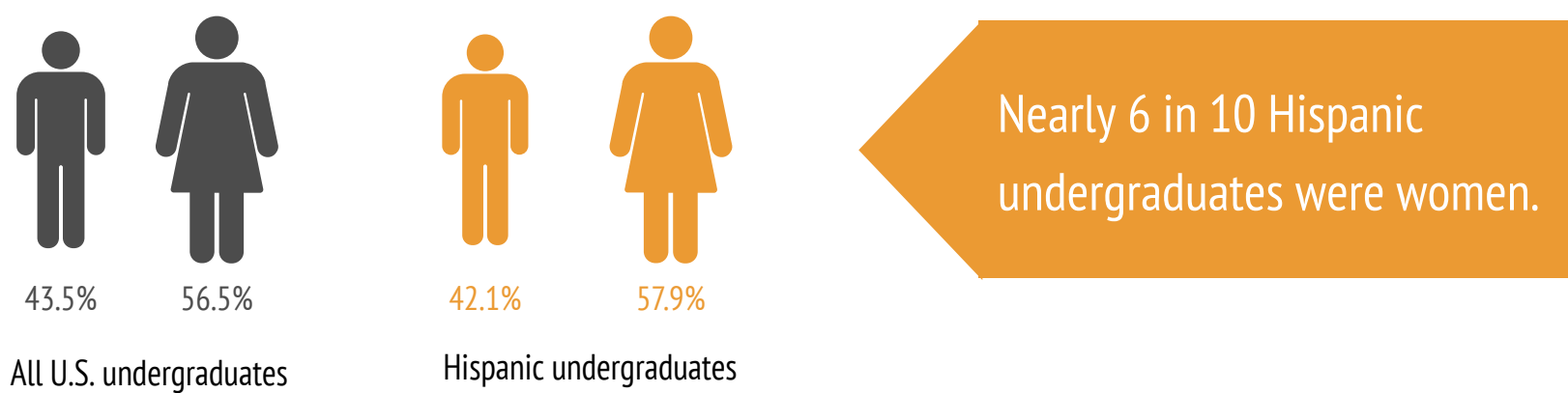


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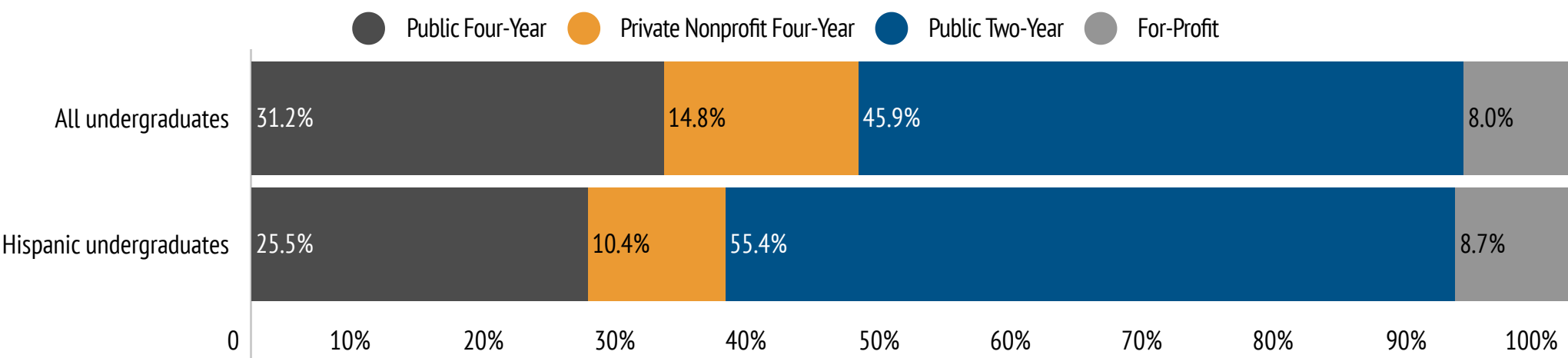
Undergraduate Enrollment*

19.8% of all undergraduate students were Hispanic.

Undergraduate Enrollment by Gender



Undergraduate Enrollment Across Sectors¹



55.4% of Hispanic undergraduates were enrolled in a public two-year institution, a much higher proportion than undergraduates overall (45.9%).

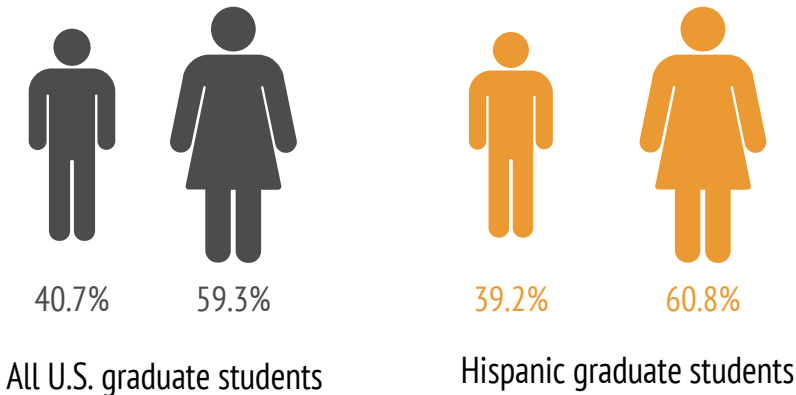
1. Institutions were categorized into sectors based upon control of the institution and the length of the predominant award granted.

Graduate Enrollment*

9.2% of all graduate students were Hispanic.

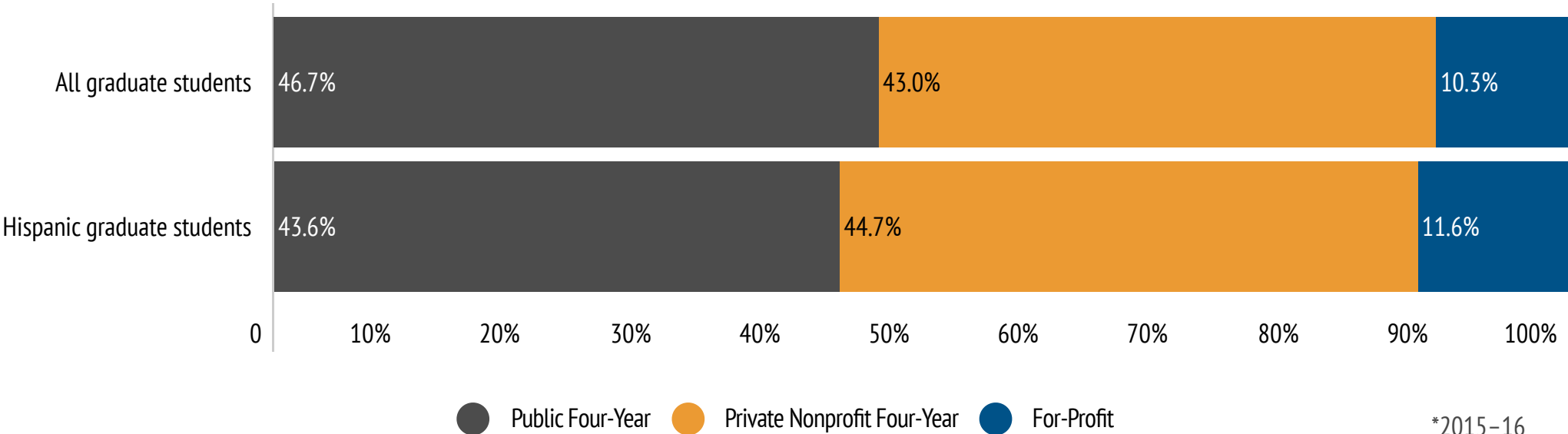


Graduate Enrollment by Gender



Six in 10 Hispanic graduate students were women.

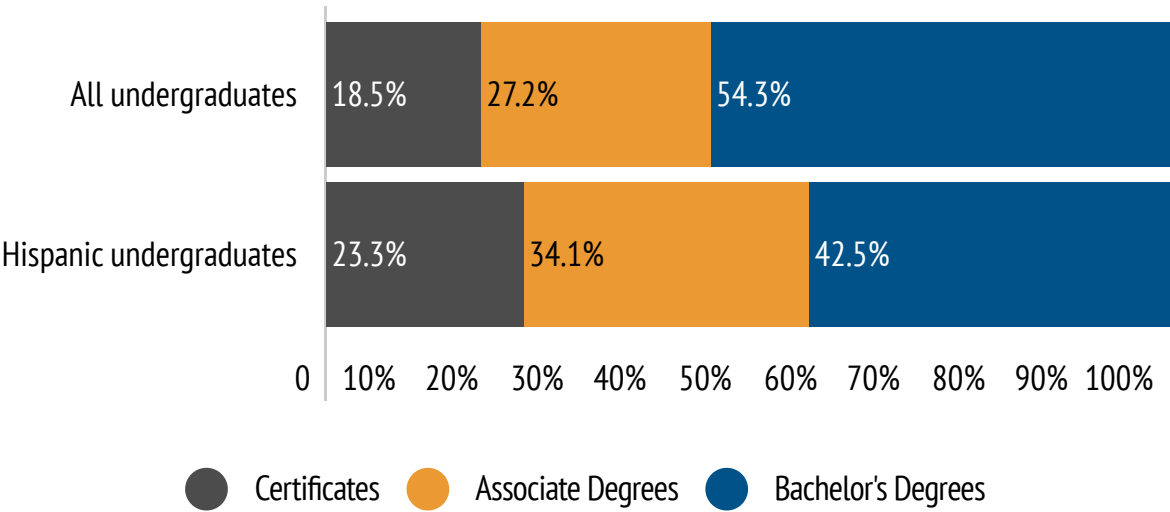
Graduate Enrollment Across Sectors



*2015–16

Undergraduate Completion*

Undergraduate Completions by Award Level



Hispanic students earned 18.6% of all associate degrees and 11.6% of all bachelor's degrees.



Graduate Completion*

Hispanic students earned

- 7.4% of all master’s degrees
- 6.9% of all professional degrees
- 4.9% of all doctoral degrees

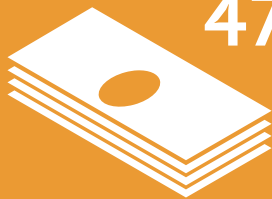
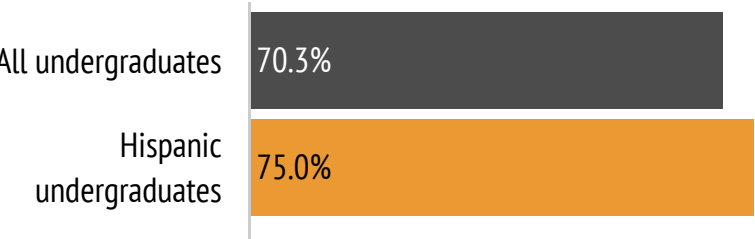
79.8%



of Hispanic graduate students completed master’s degrees, compared with 77.0% of all graduate students.

Paying for College*

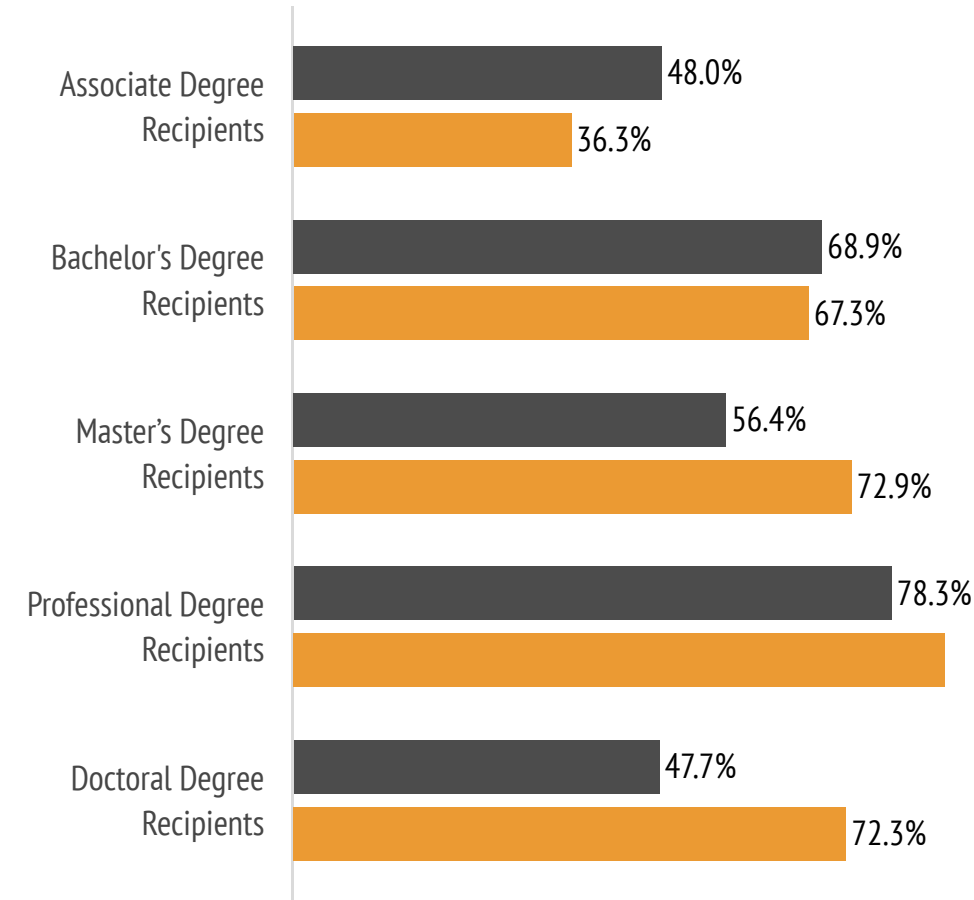
FAFSA Completion Rate



47.7%

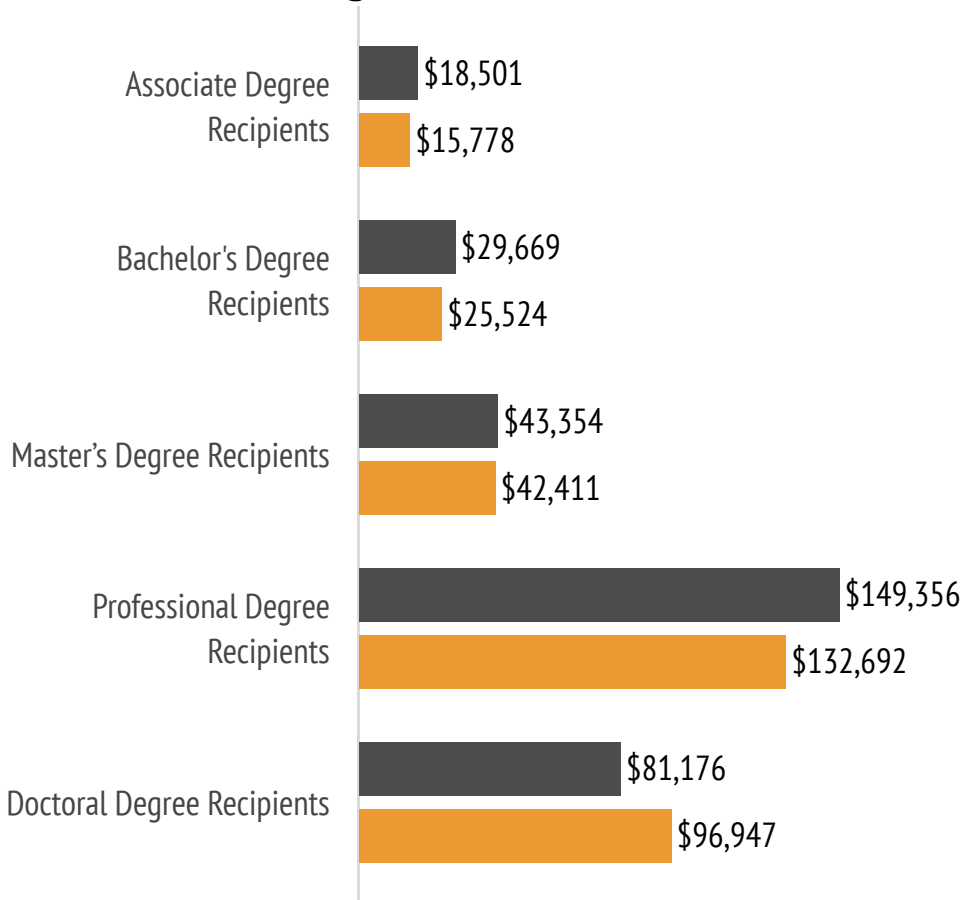
of Hispanic undergraduate students were from families with an expected family contribution of \$0, compared with 39.1% of undergraduate students overall.

Percent Who Borrowed



● All students ● Hispanic students

Average Amount Borrowed



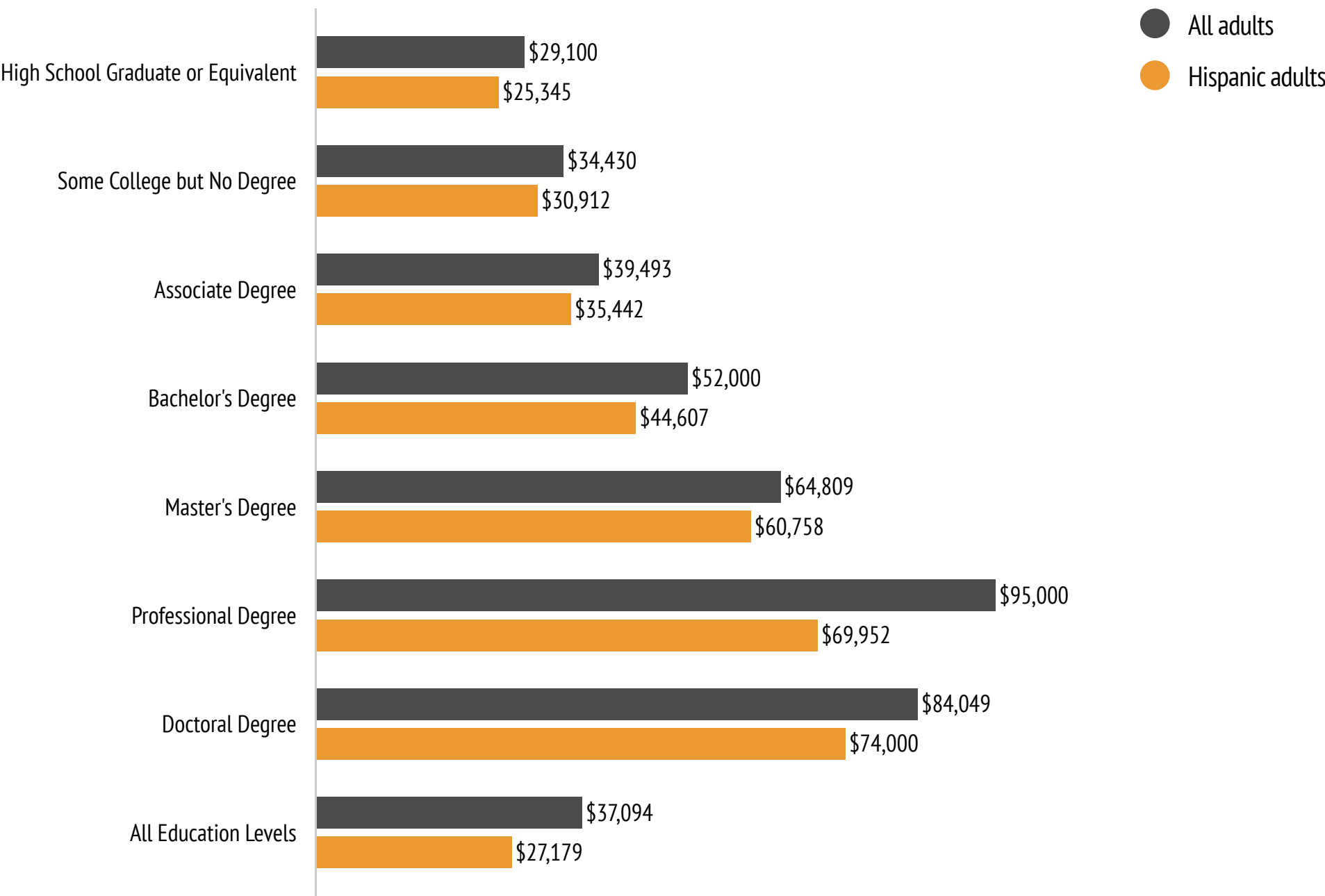
● All students ● Hispanic students

Among undergraduate degree recipients, Hispanics were less likely to borrow and borrowed less than undergraduate students overall.

Median Annual Earnings*

Median annual earnings of Hispanic adults were **LOWER** than the national median for all adults across all levels of educational attainment.

Median Annual Earnings for Adults Ages 25 and Older



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