

Community Collaboration: The Role of Schools in Serving Children Experiencing Homelessness

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McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act

Education for Homeless Children and
Youth (EHCY)
Program

Title X, Part C

2001 Reauthorization of the
Elementary and Secondary
Education Act

Defining homelessness for EHCY

- An individual who lacks a ***fixed, regular,*** and ***adequate*** nighttime residence, including children and youth :
 - ***sharing housing*** due to loss of housing or economic hardship
 - living in ***motels***, hotels, ***trailer parks***, or camping grounds due to lack of alternative adequate housing
 - living in emergency or ***transitional housing***

Defining homelessness (cont'd)

Including children and youth :

- abandoned in hospitals
- *awaiting foster care*
- having a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, regular sleeping accommodations

Defining homelessness (cont'd)

- living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations
- *migratory students* meeting the description
- *unaccompanied youth* meeting the description

Numbers experiencing homelessness Nationally

- Approx. one-third are families
- 1.6 million children – one in 45 experience homelessness (NCFH)
- **1,168,354** in SY 2011-2012
- [NCHE State Profile Pages](#)

Virginia 2011-12

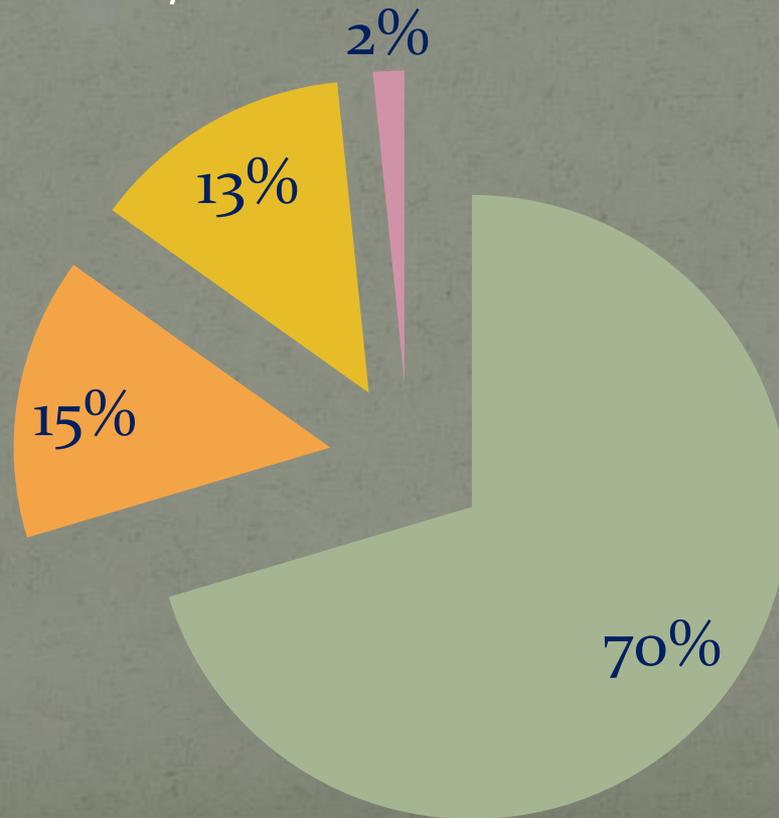
- PreK-12 – 17,940
- PreK – 551 (enrolled)
- Elementary – 9,469
- Middle – 3,543
- High – 4,377

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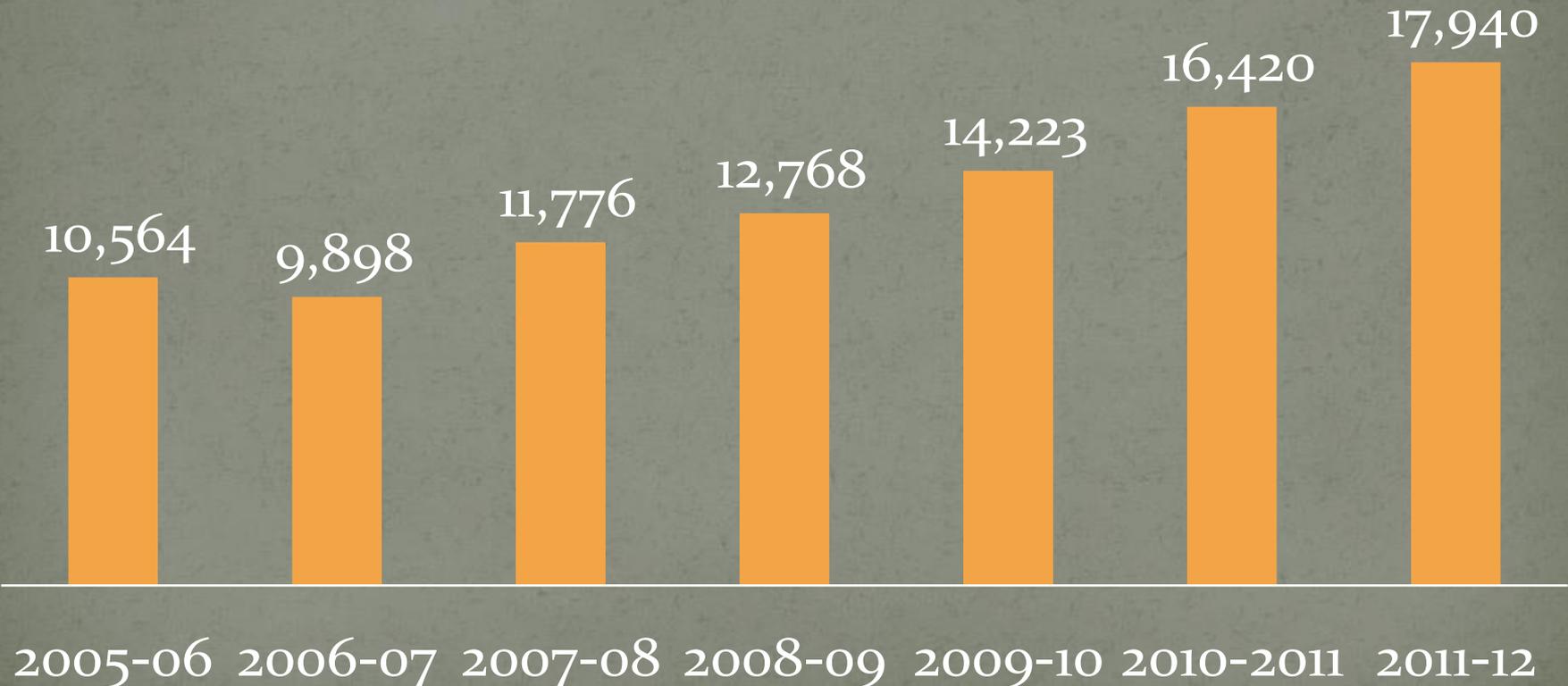
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Virginia 2012 Primary Nighttime Residence

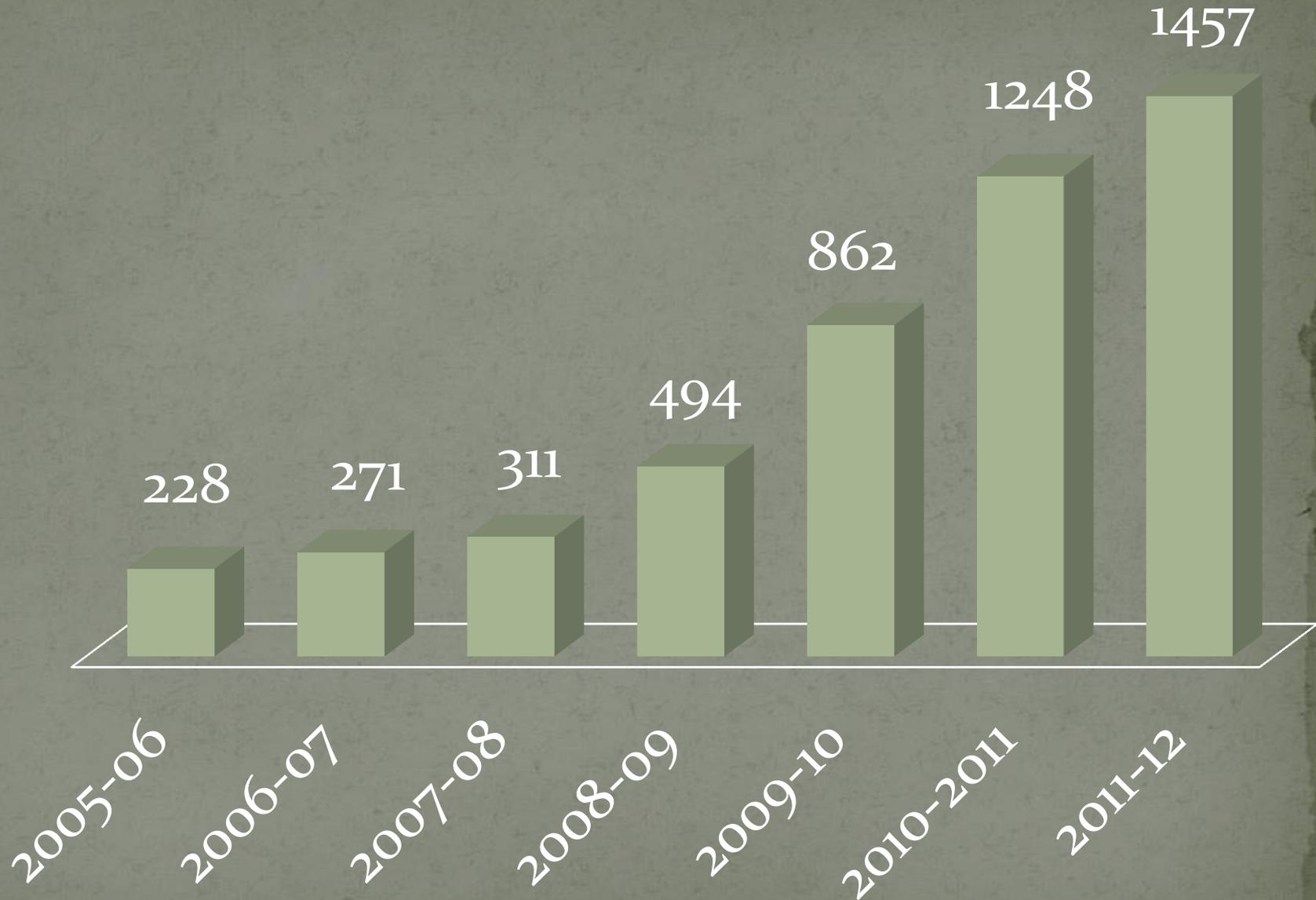
- Doubled up
- Sheltered
- Hotel/motel
- Unsheltered



Students Identified as Homeless Total Enrolled in Virginia Public Schools



UHY Reported by Subgrants

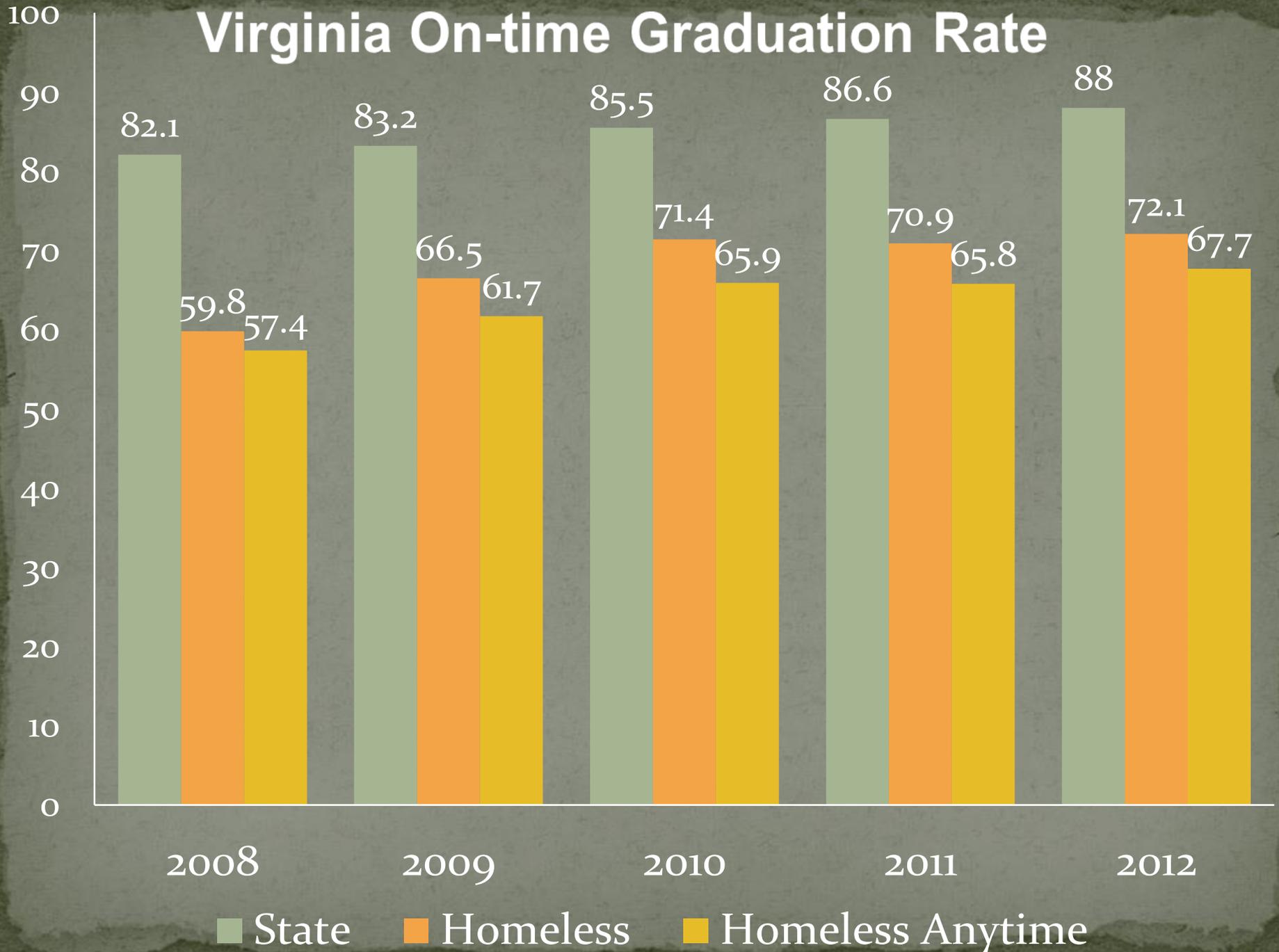


539% increase from 2005-06 to present

Get the student enrolled!

Keep the student enrolled!

Virginia On-time Graduation Rate



Why College and Career Ready?

- In 2008, college graduates earned, on average, twice as much as high school graduates, a disparity that has grown since 1980.¹
- By 2012, 63 percent of jobs in the United States workforce will require at least some postsecondary education or training.²
- States collectively will need to produce an additional three million college credentials to meet the growing workforce demands.³

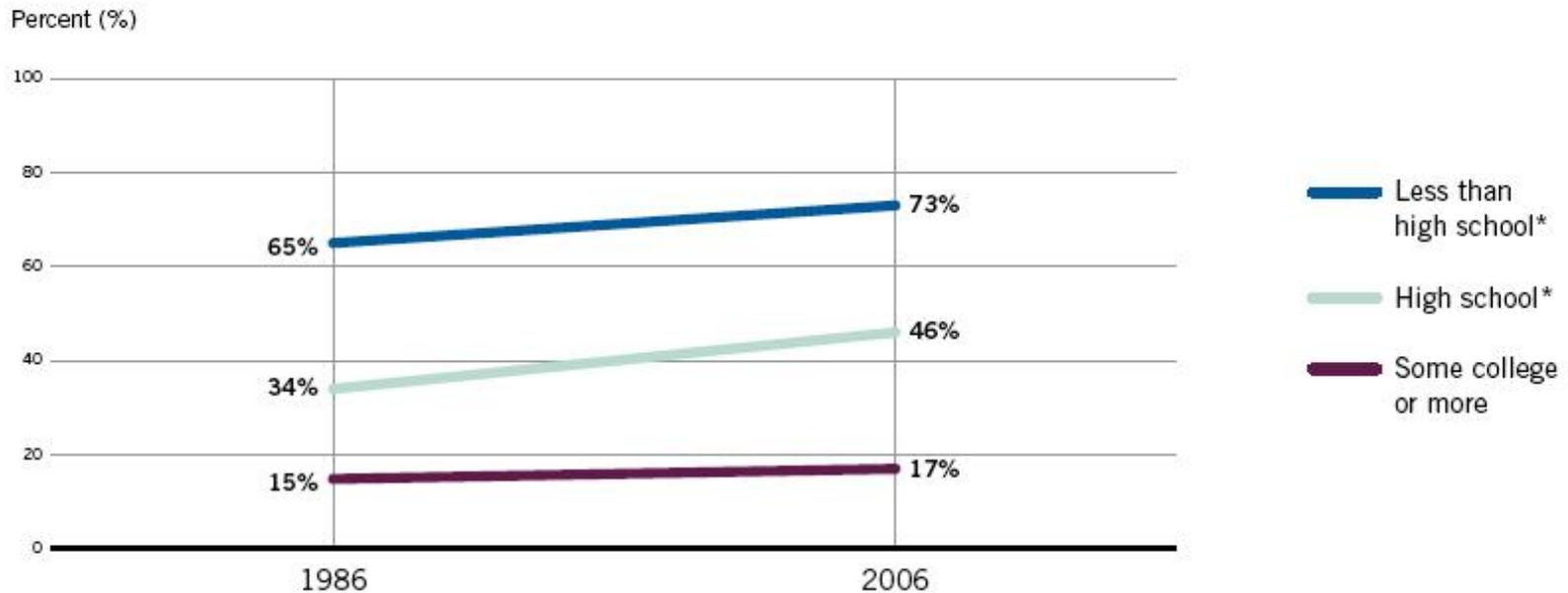
¹ Georgetown University, Center on Education and the Workforce, “College is Still the Best Option” (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University, 2009). Available at: <http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/college%20still%20best%20option.pdf>.

²Anthony P. Carnevale, “College for All?,” *Change: The Magazine of Higher Learning* 40(1) (2008): 22–31.

³Anthony P. Carnevale, Nicole Smith, and Jeff Strohl, *Help Wanted: Projections of Jobs and Education Requirements Through 2018* (Washington, D.C.: Georgetown University, Center on Education and the Workforce, 2010). Available at: <http://www9.georgetown.edu/grad/gppi/hpi/cew/pdfs/FullReport.pdf>.

Children of working parents with no college education are at increasing risk of living in poverty. In 20 years, poverty rates for children of parents who work full-time and have high school diplomas increased by 12 percent.

Low-income children with parents employed full-time, by parents' education, 1986-2006



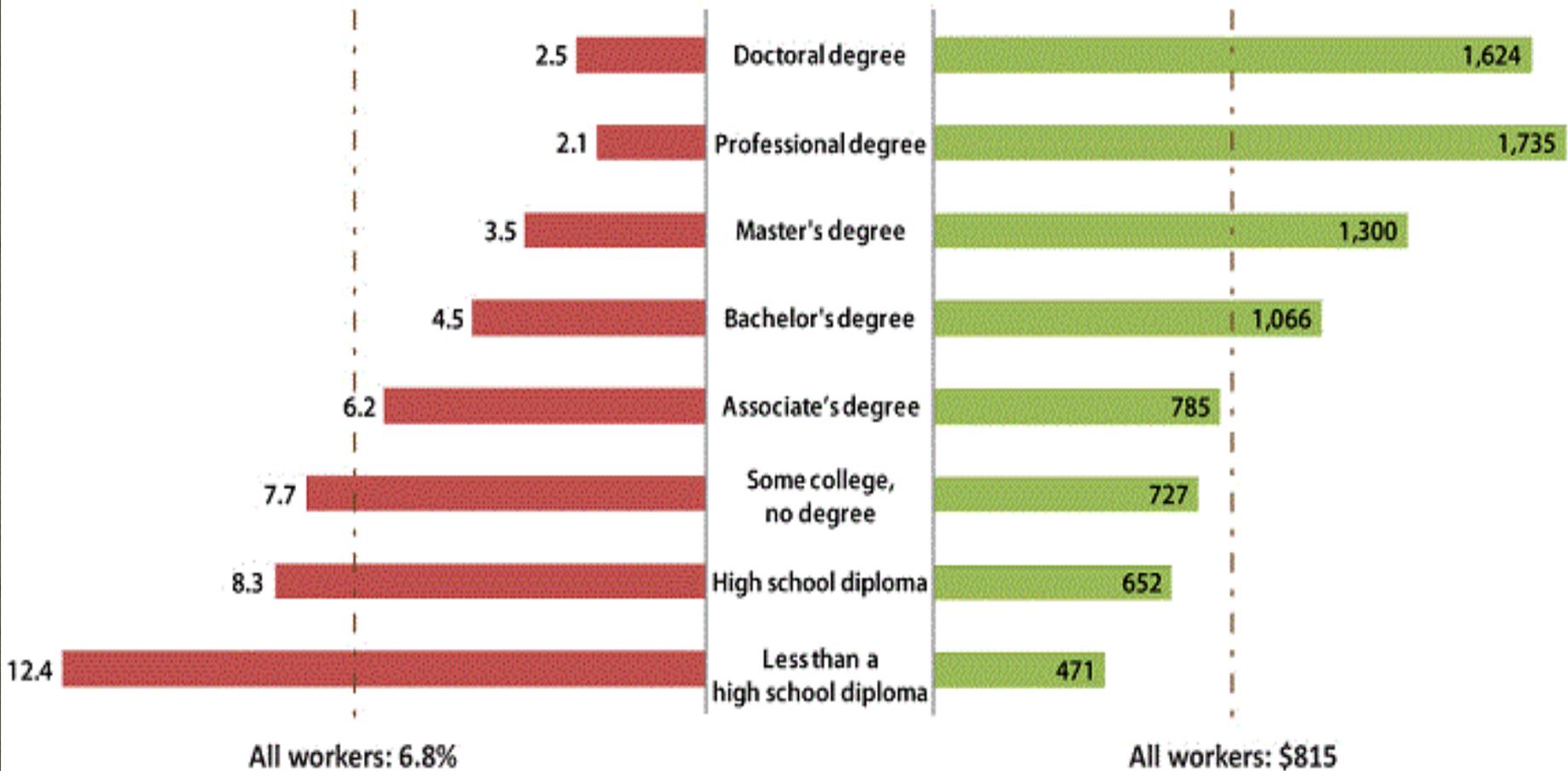
* Changes in the percent of low income are statistically significant at the 0.1 level for parental education level.

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Parents' Low Education Leads to Low Income, Despite Full-Time Employment

Earnings and unemployment rates by educational attainment

Unemployment rate in 2012 (%)

Median weekly earnings in 2012 (\$)



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

Note: Data are 2012 annual averages for persons age 25 and over. Earnings are for full-time wage and salary workers. Graphic downloaded from: http://www.bls.gov/emp/ep_chart_001.htm, September 2j013.

Resources

- HUD Virginia Resources - www.hud.gov/local/index.cfm?state=va&topic=homeless
- NAEHCY – www.naehcy.org
- NCHE - www.serve.org/nche
- NLCHP - www.nlchp.org
- NLIHC – www.nlihc.org
- Project HOPE-VA: www.wm.edu/hope
- USDE - www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

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