

Higher Education and Economic Opportunity in California

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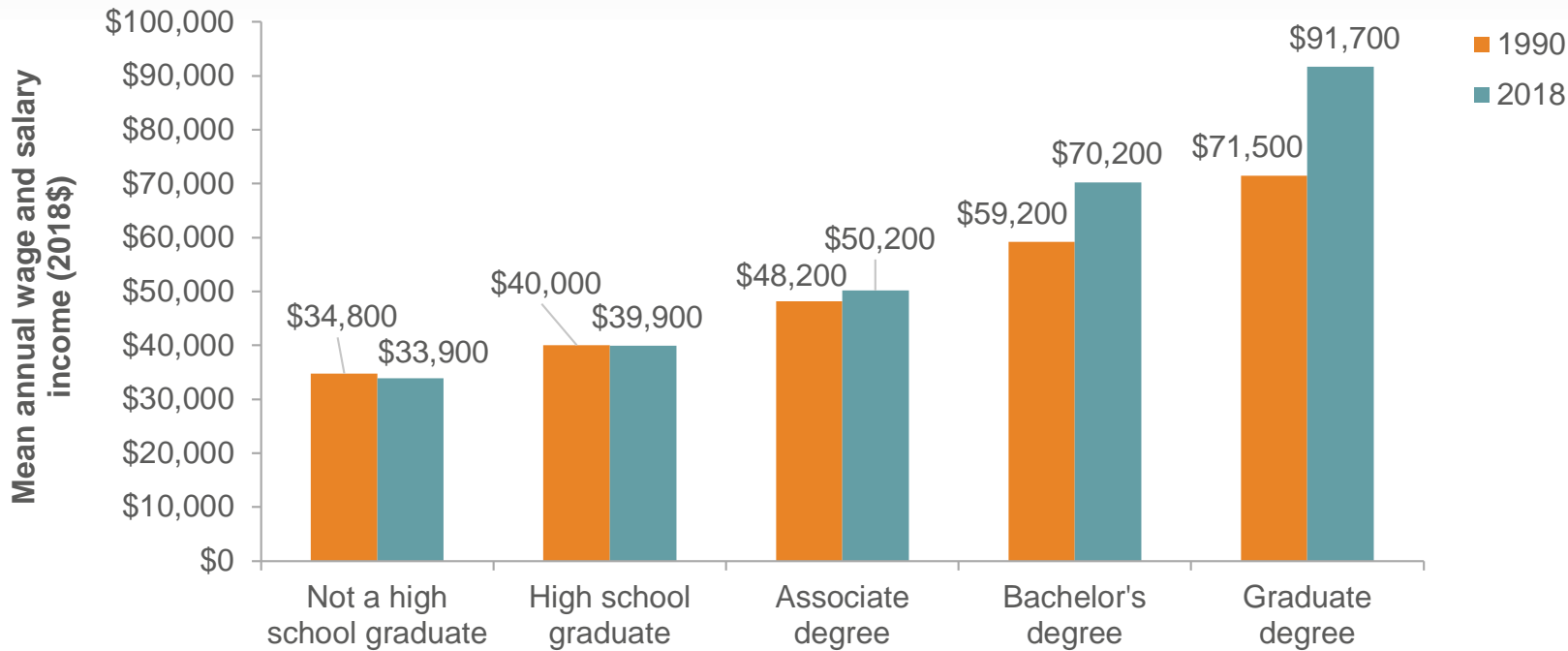
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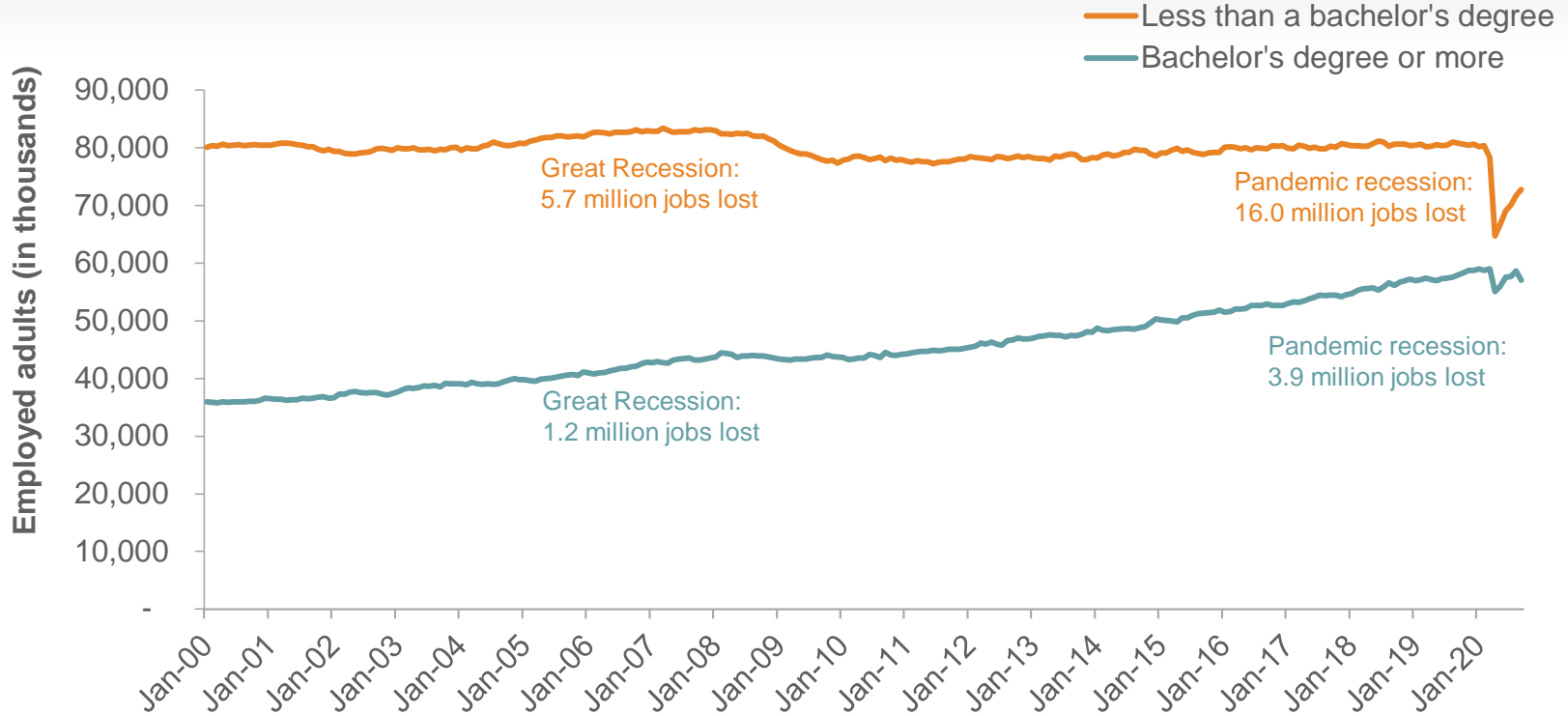
Higher education is a ladder of economic opportunity

- College graduates experience large economic benefits
- Closing gaps in access and completion can narrow California's economic divide and help the state meet its workforce needs
- California and its education institutions must provide low-income and historically underrepresented students with the information, access, and support they need to reach their educational goals

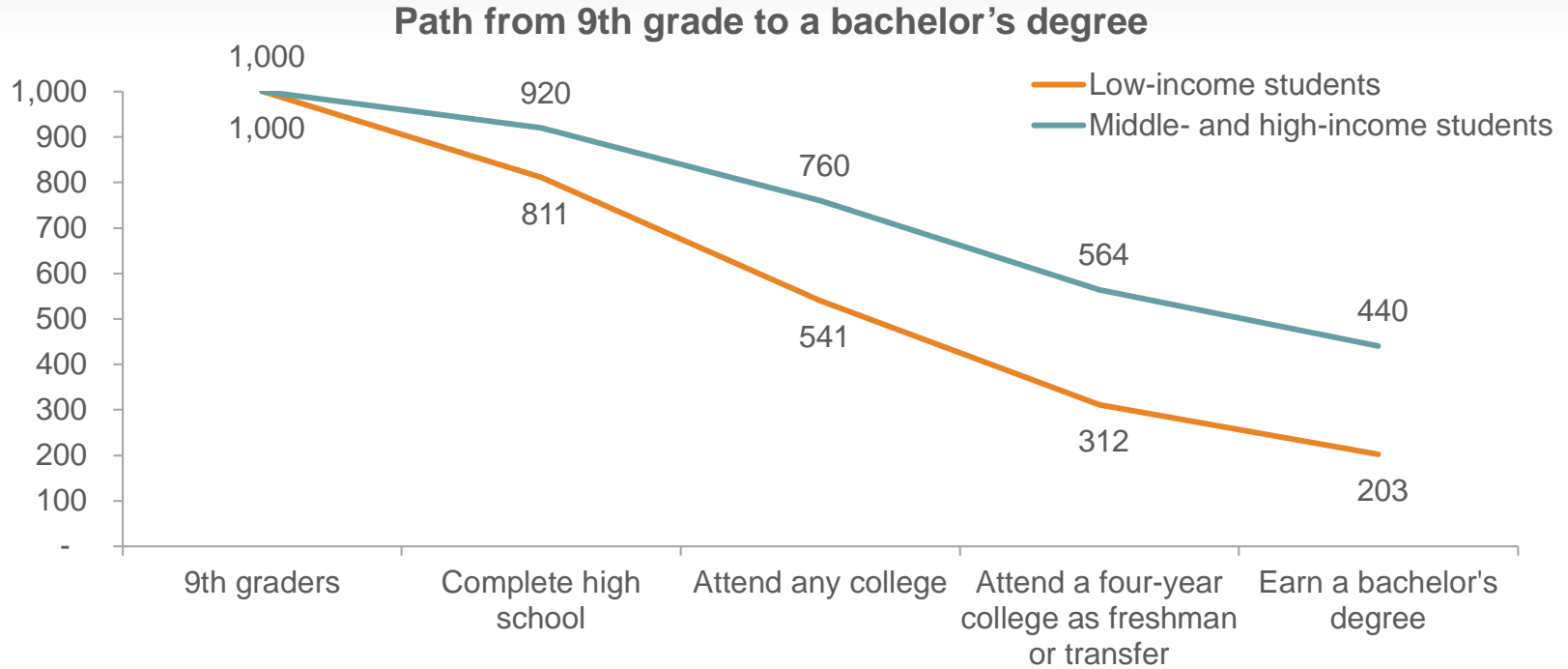
Wages are far higher for college graduates in California



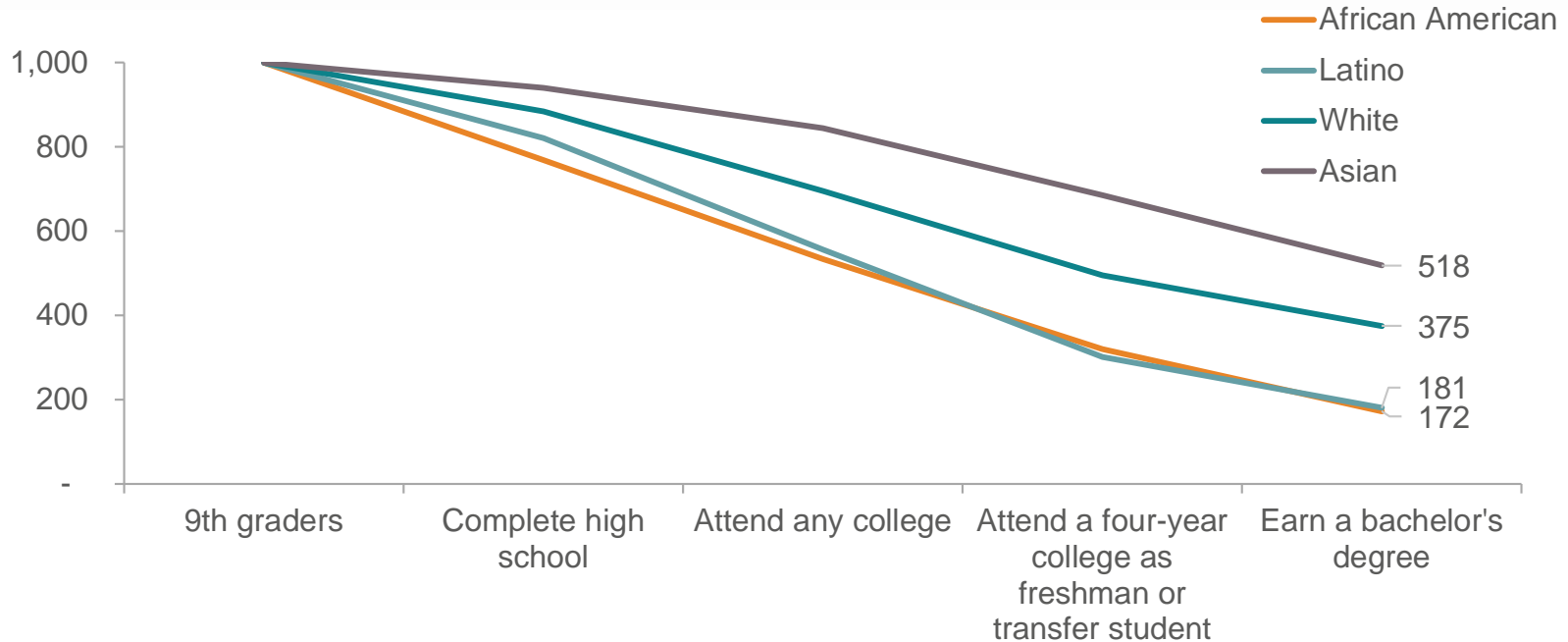
Job losses have been greater among less-educated workers



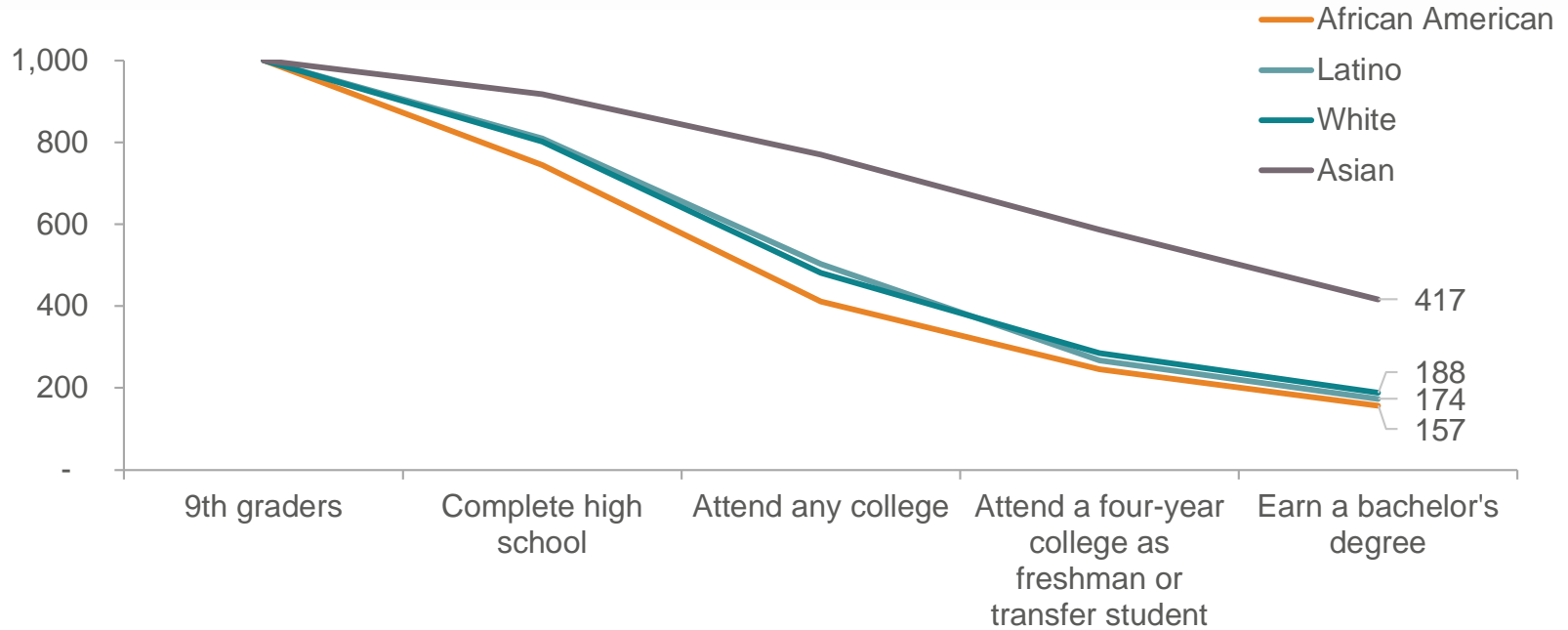
Most California 9th graders will not obtain a bachelor's degree



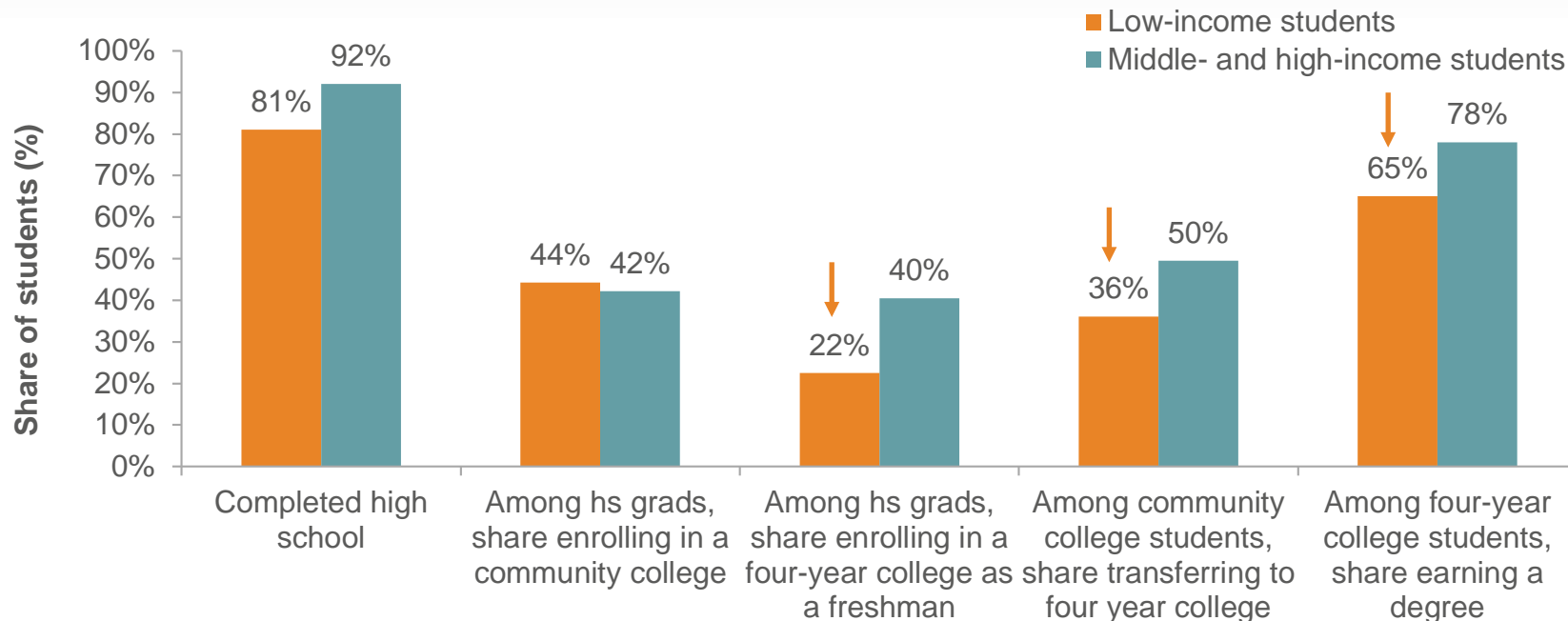
Educational paths of California 9th graders vary by race/ethnicity



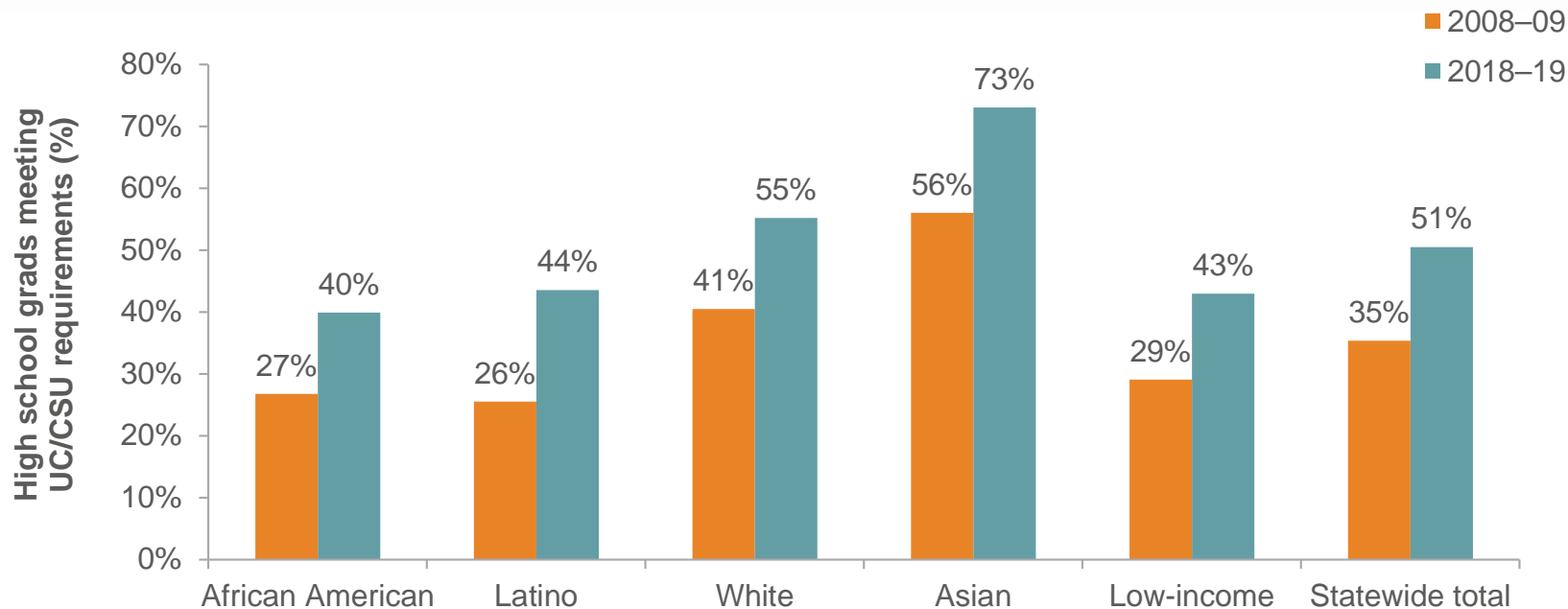
Low-income Californians in all racial/ethnic groups have low completion rates



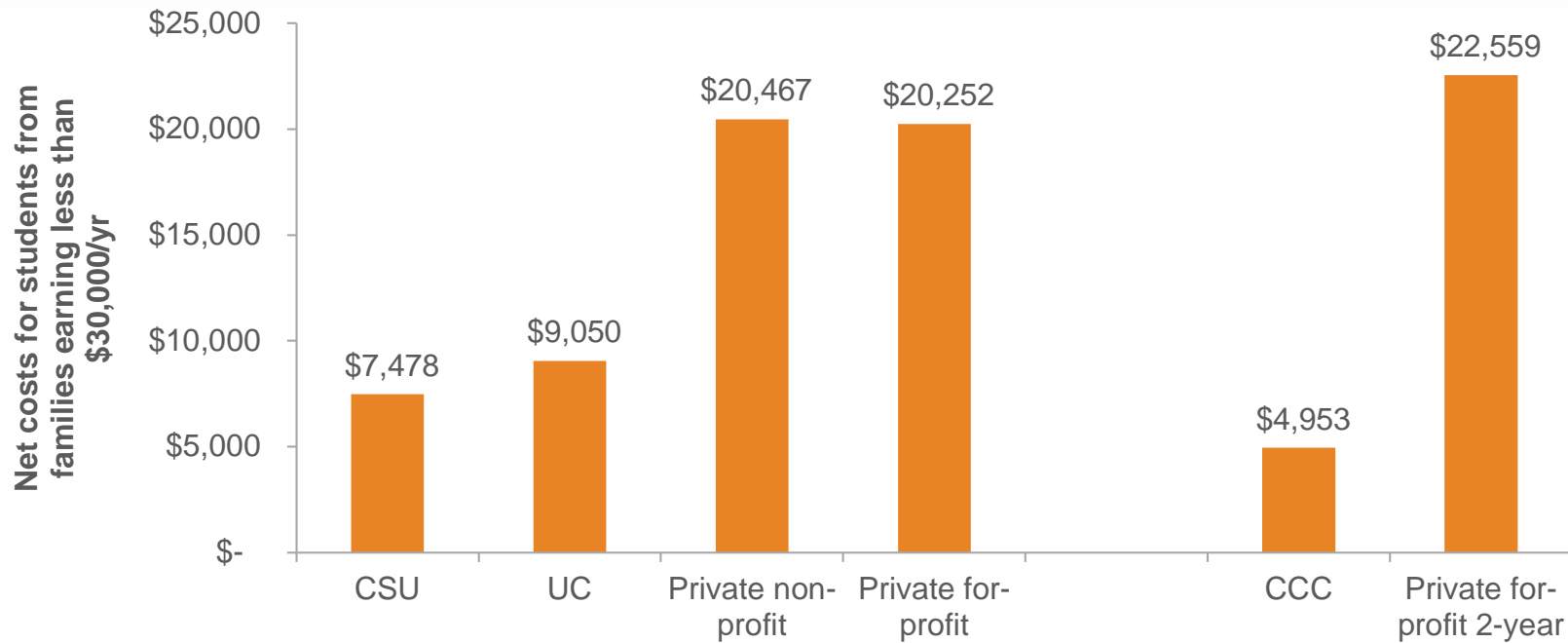
Low-income students face barriers at three key points on the pathway



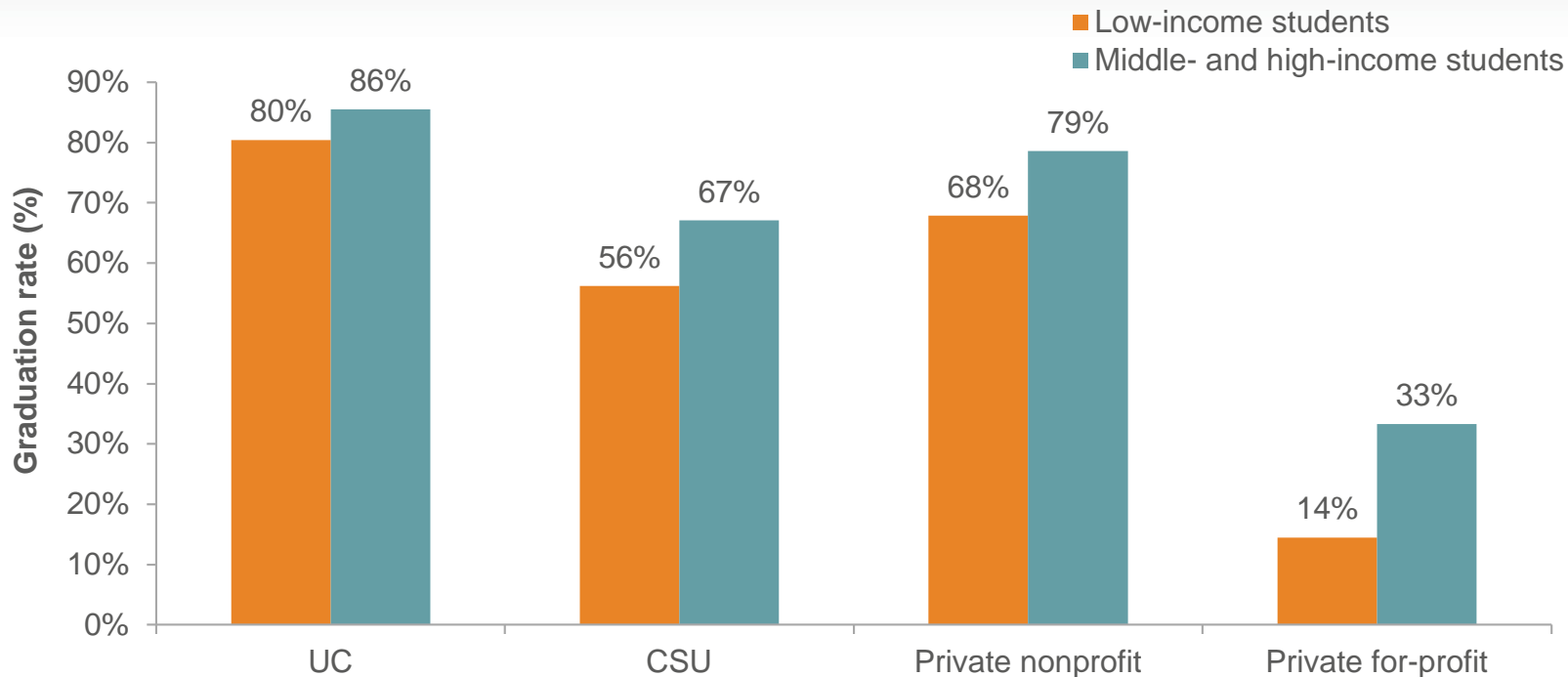
College preparation has improved, but equity gaps remain



College costs are burdensome for low-income students



Low-income students have lower graduation rates



Improvements in access and completion are possible

- Improve and re-orient high school preparation and outreach programs
- Develop an aggressively inclusive admissions process:
 - Increase emphasis on economic background
 - Proposition 16 and affirmative action
- Expand the Associate Degree for Transfer (ADT)
 - Increase majors and campuses
 - Unify course requirements
 - Offer early admission
- Ensure student services meet the needs of low-income and underrepresented students
- Provide financial support to make college truly accessible and sustainable for low-income students

Notes on the use of these slides

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