

Education and Economic Mobility

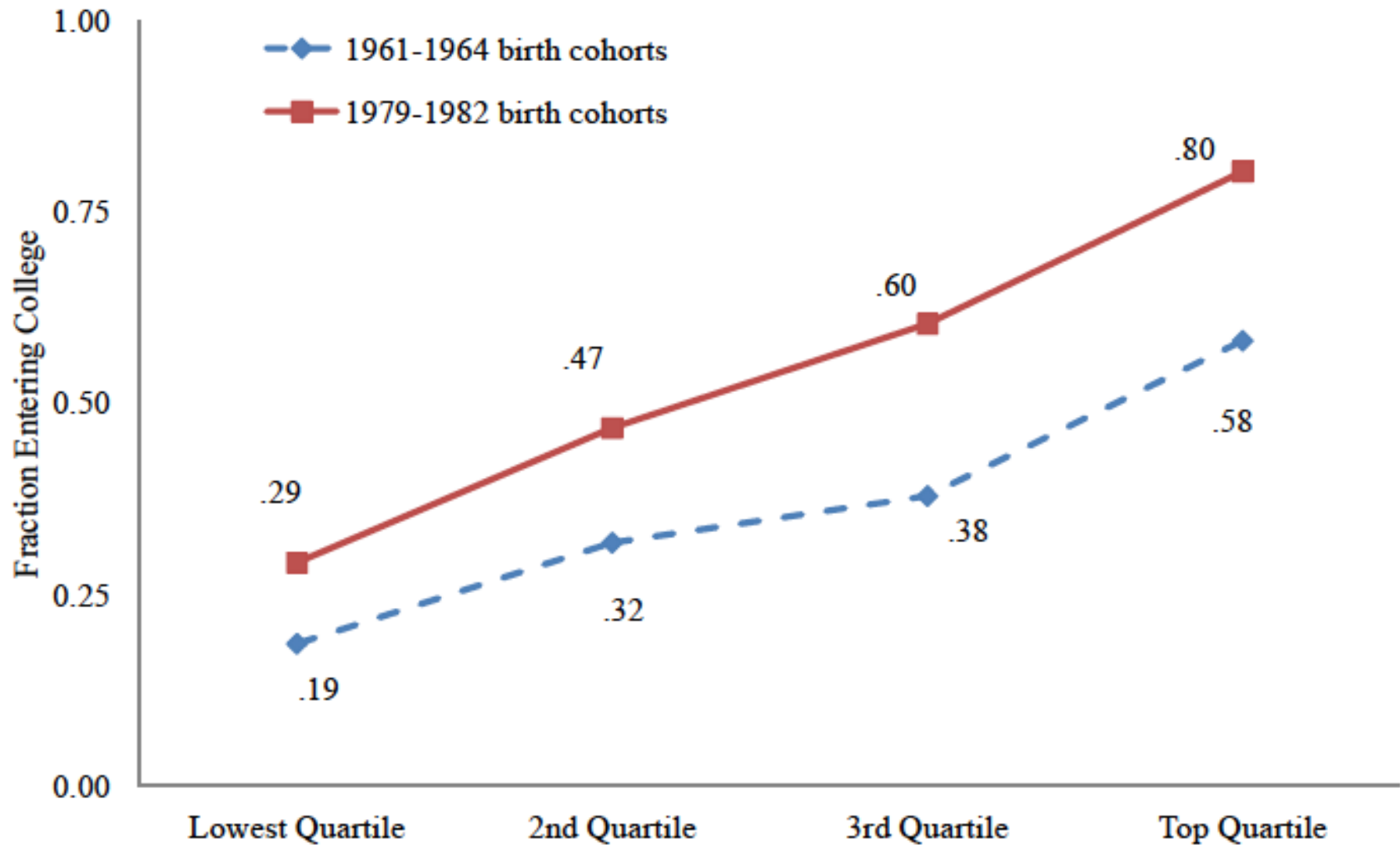
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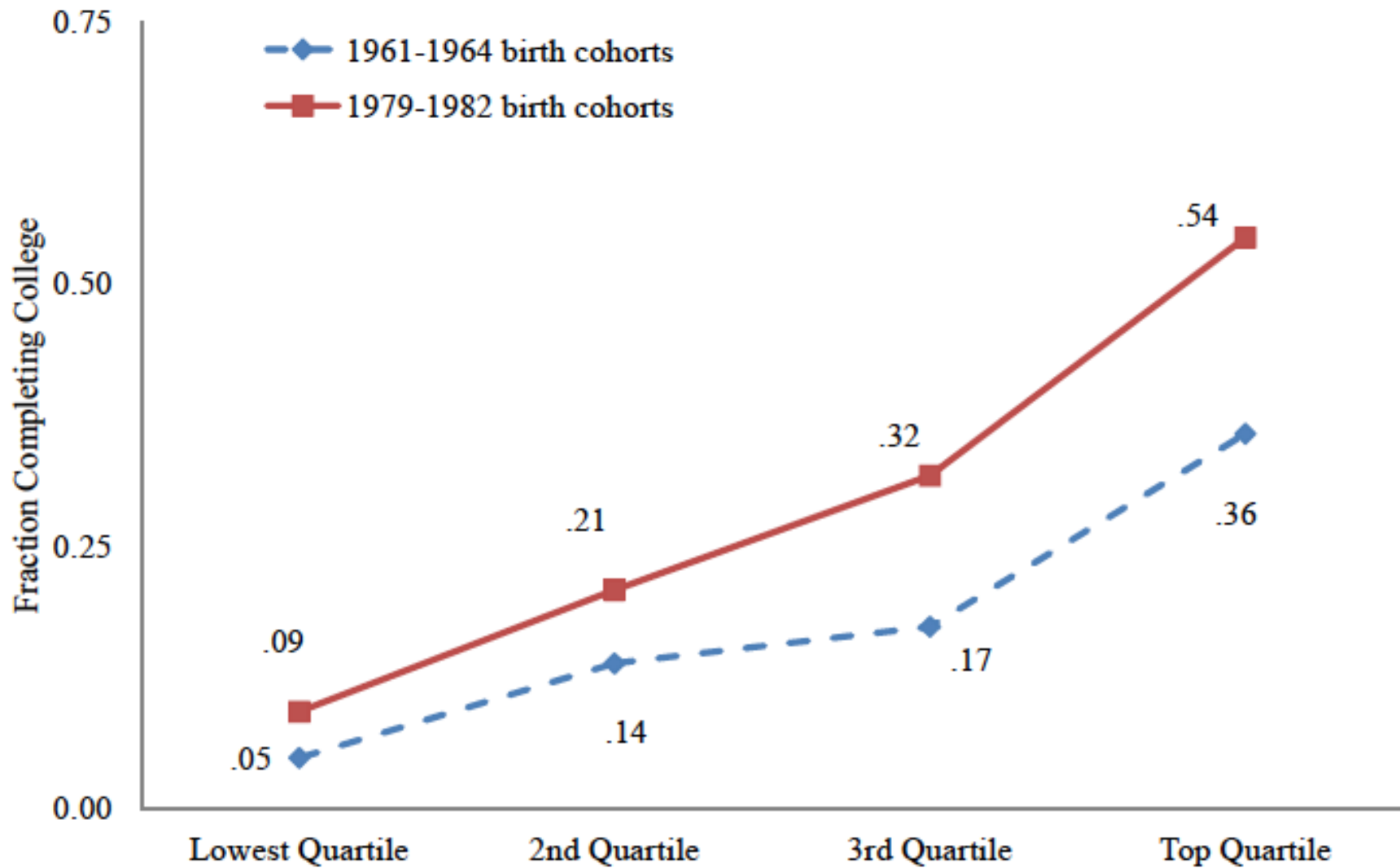
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Uneven Gains



Source: Bailey & Dynarski (2011)

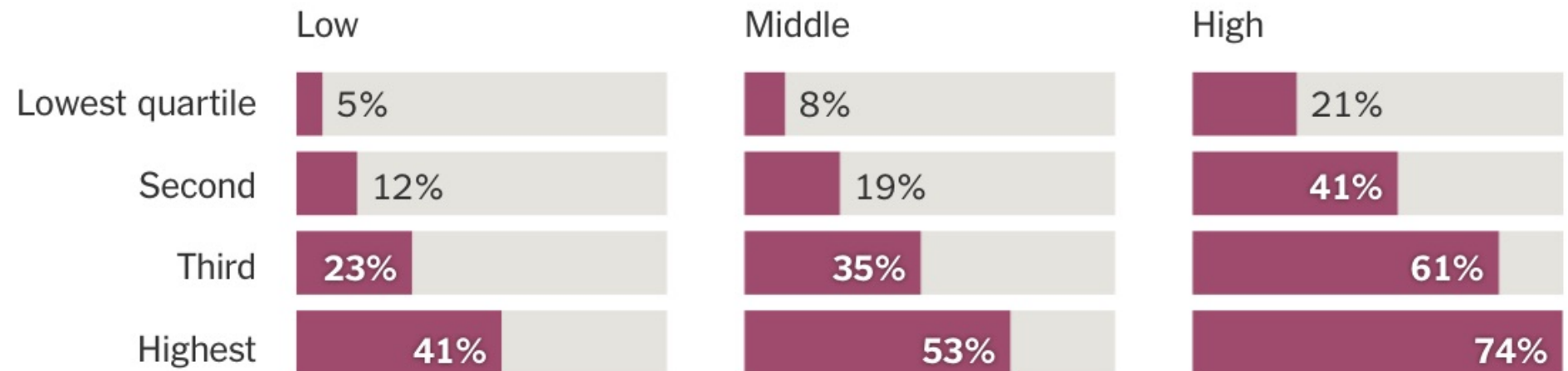
BA Especially Unequal



Enrollment Gaps Not Fully Explained by Scores

A low-income college student with top math scores has the same chance of graduating with a bachelor's degree (41 percent) as a rich student with mediocre scores.

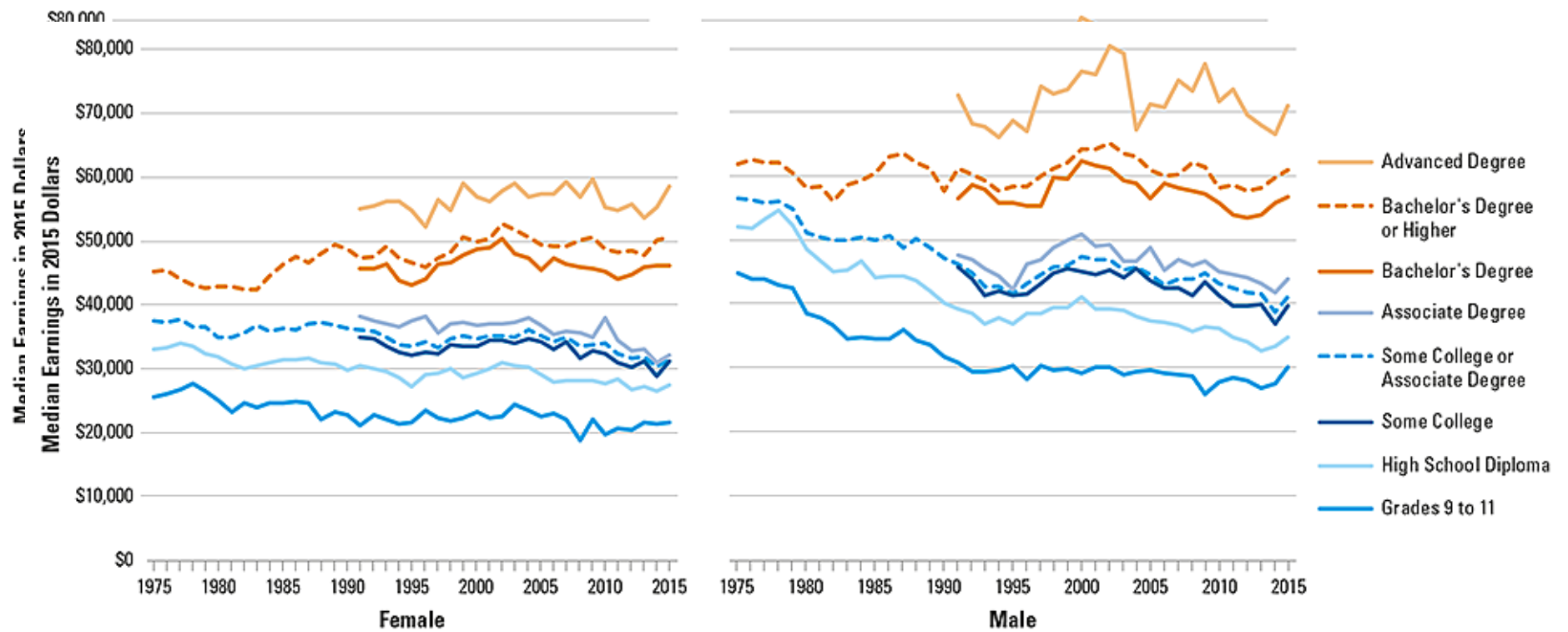
B.A. completion rate in three socio-economic groups, ranked in four groups of math test scores.



Source: Educational Longitudinal Survey & NYT Upshot.

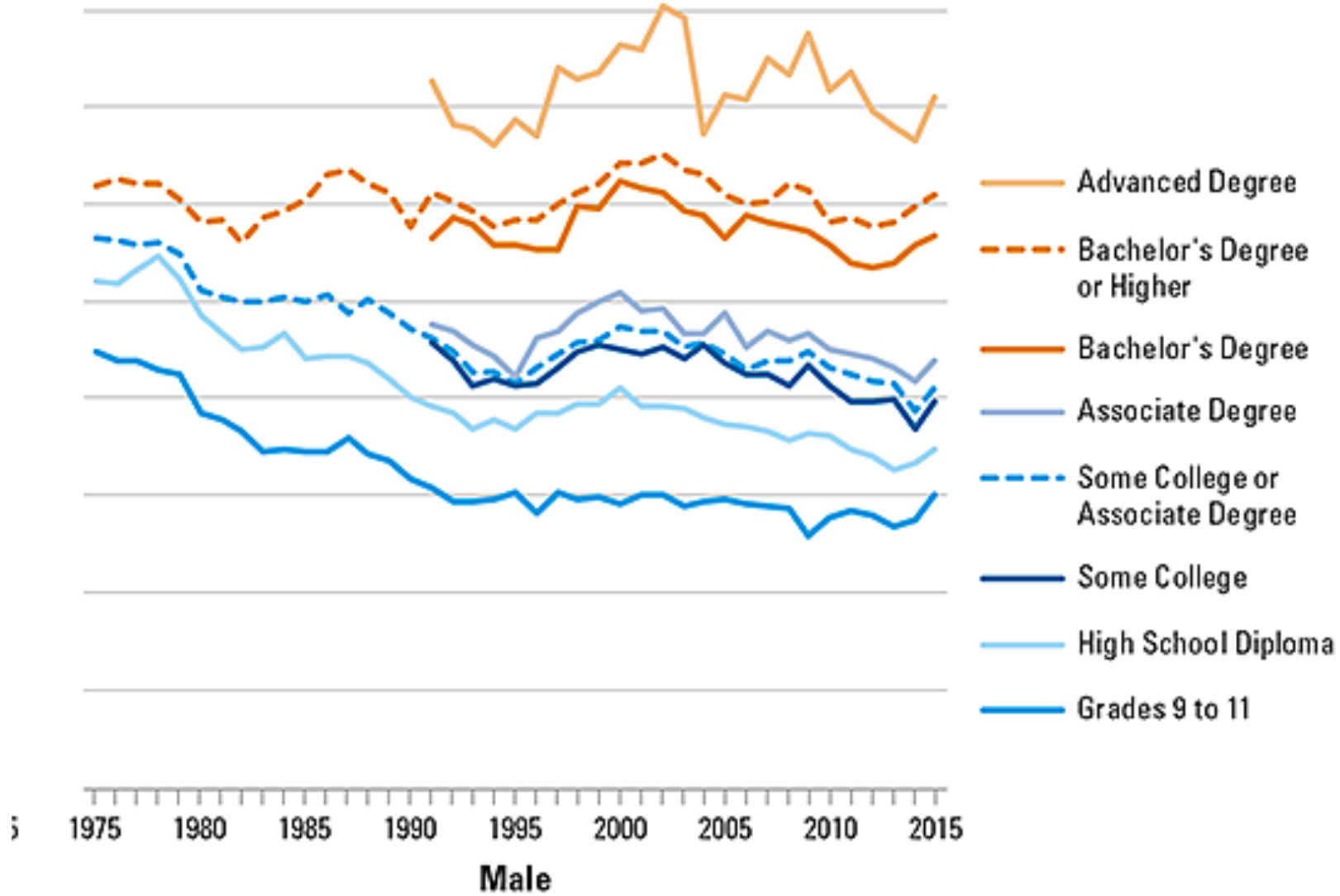
Education Increasingly Divides
the Haves and Have-Nots

Earnings by Education Over Time



Source: College Board, *Education Pays*

Men



Source: College Board, *Education Pays*

Women

