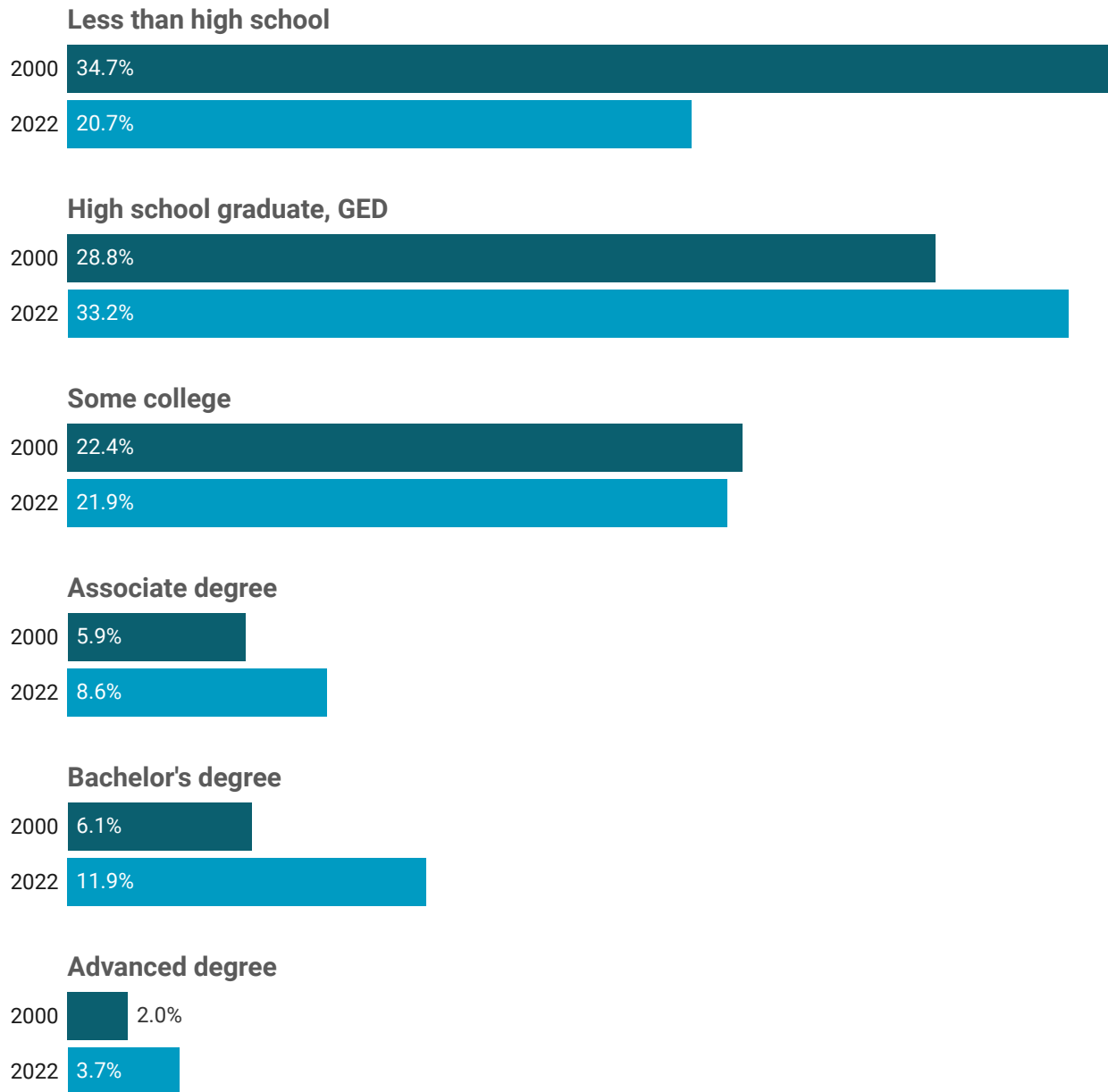


Low-wage workers today have achieved more education than 20 years ago: The share of low-wage workers with a bachelor's or advanced degree has almost doubled

The bars show the share of workers who were paid low wages in 2022 compared to 2000, by the highest level of education attained. In 2000, 6.1% of low-wage workers had attained a bachelor's degree, but by 2022, that number almost doubled to 11.9%.



In 2022, the value of the low-wage threshold is \$19.69. The sample includes workers who live in California, were employed last week but not self-employed, ages 16+, and with non-zero earnings last week. To calculate the share of workers paid low wages in 2000, we inflate 2000 wages to 2022 dollars and apply the 2022 low wage threshold.

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