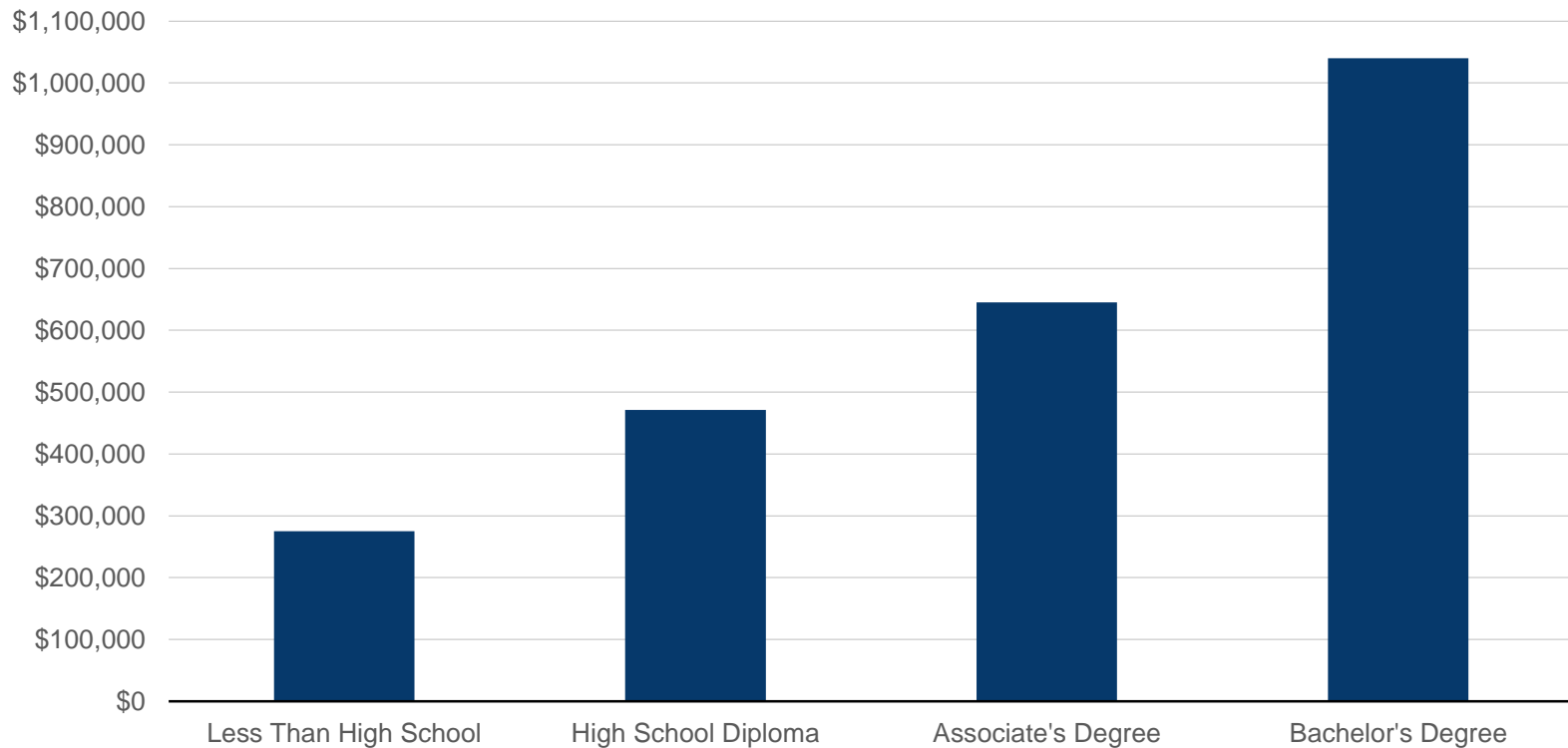


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Lifetime earnings by educational attainment



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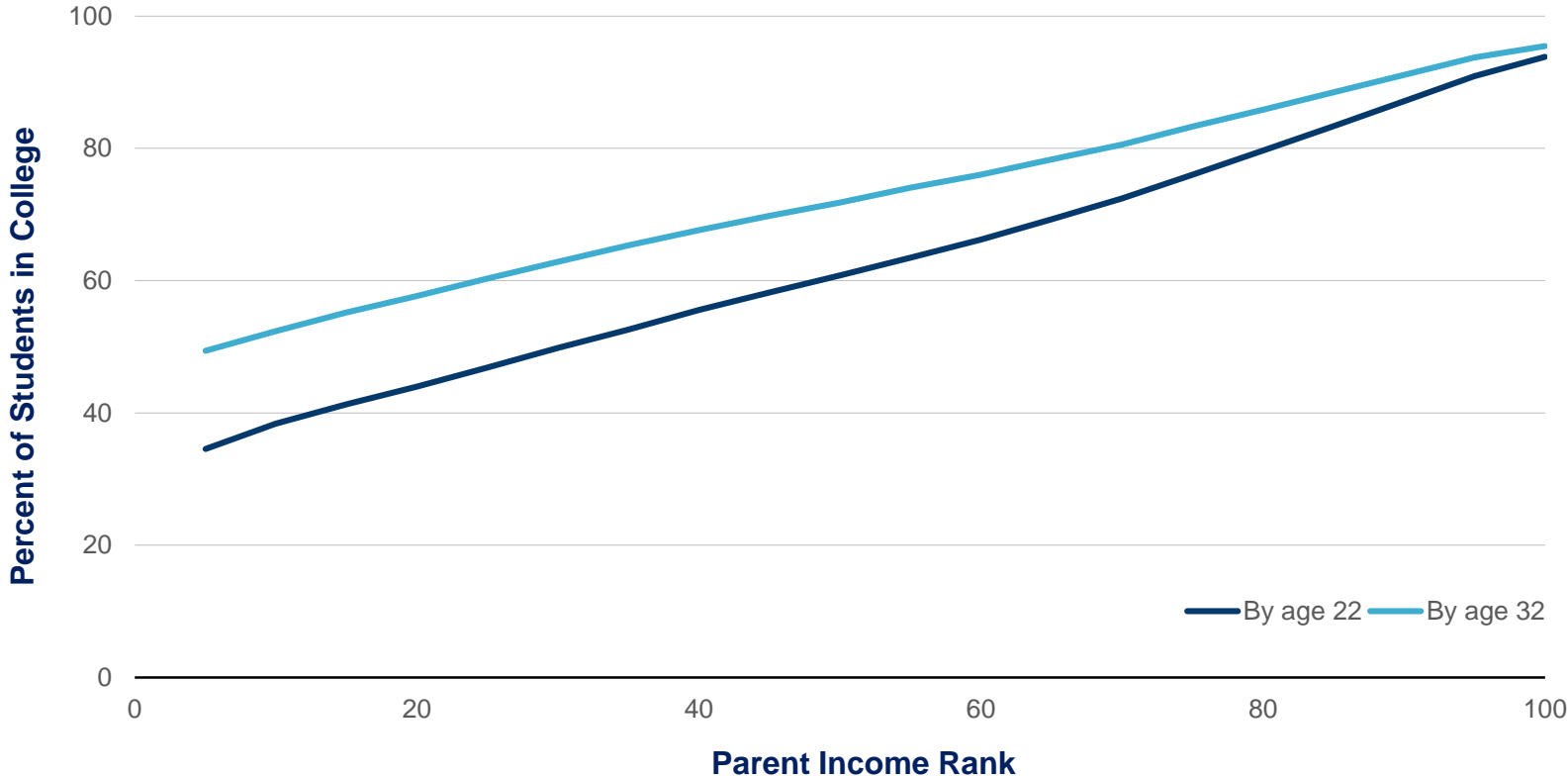
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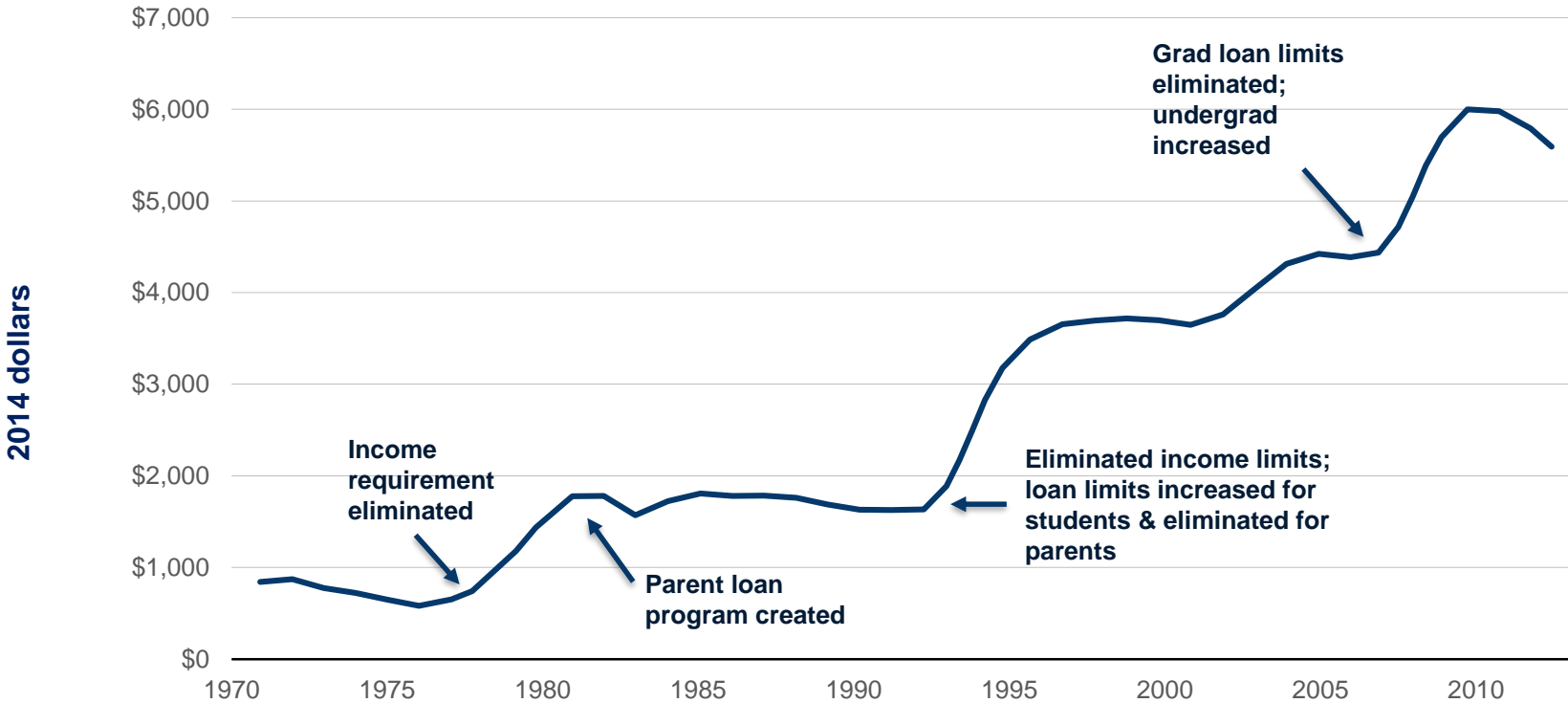
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Federal policy: Make loans cheap and broadly available

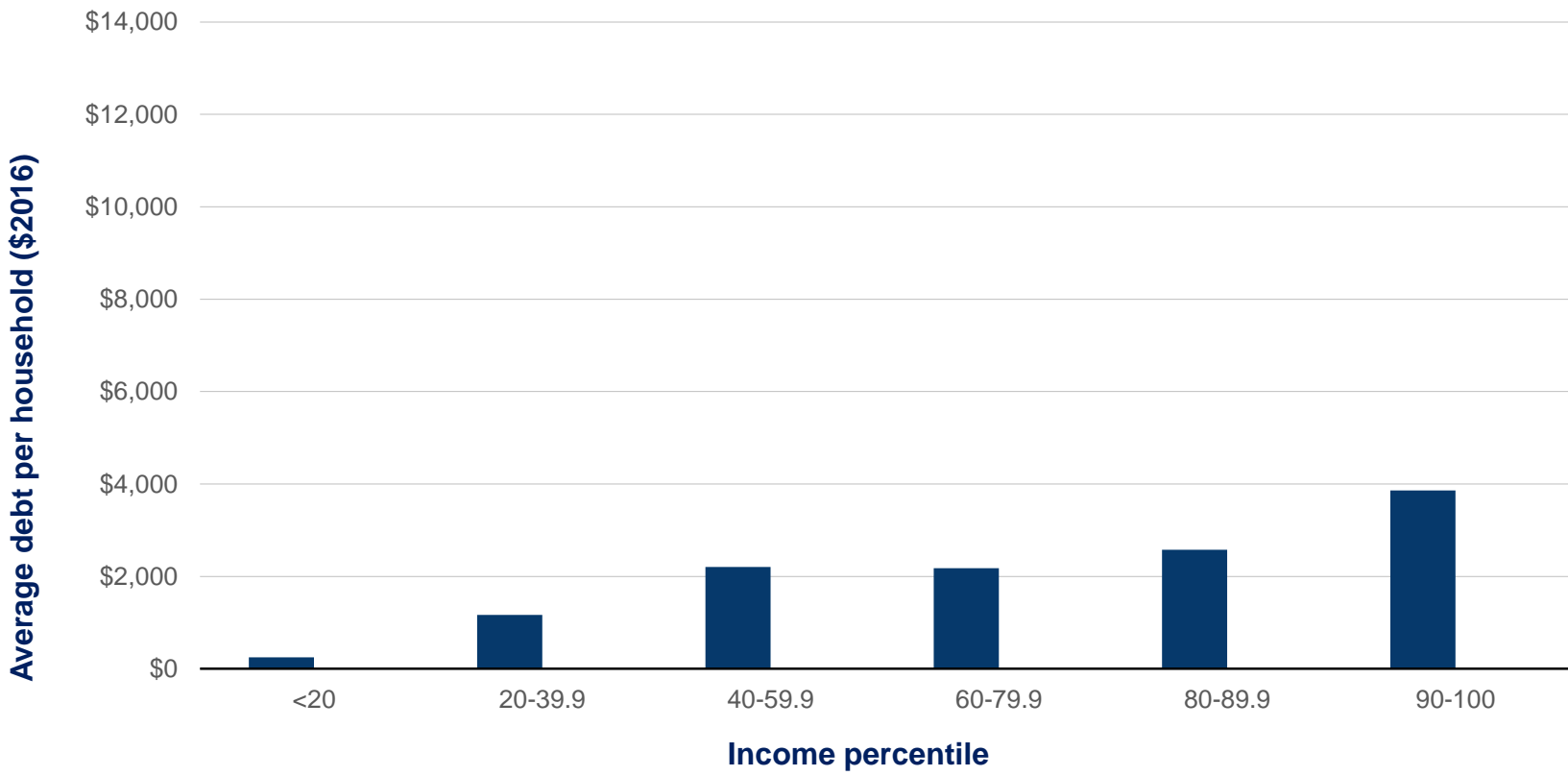
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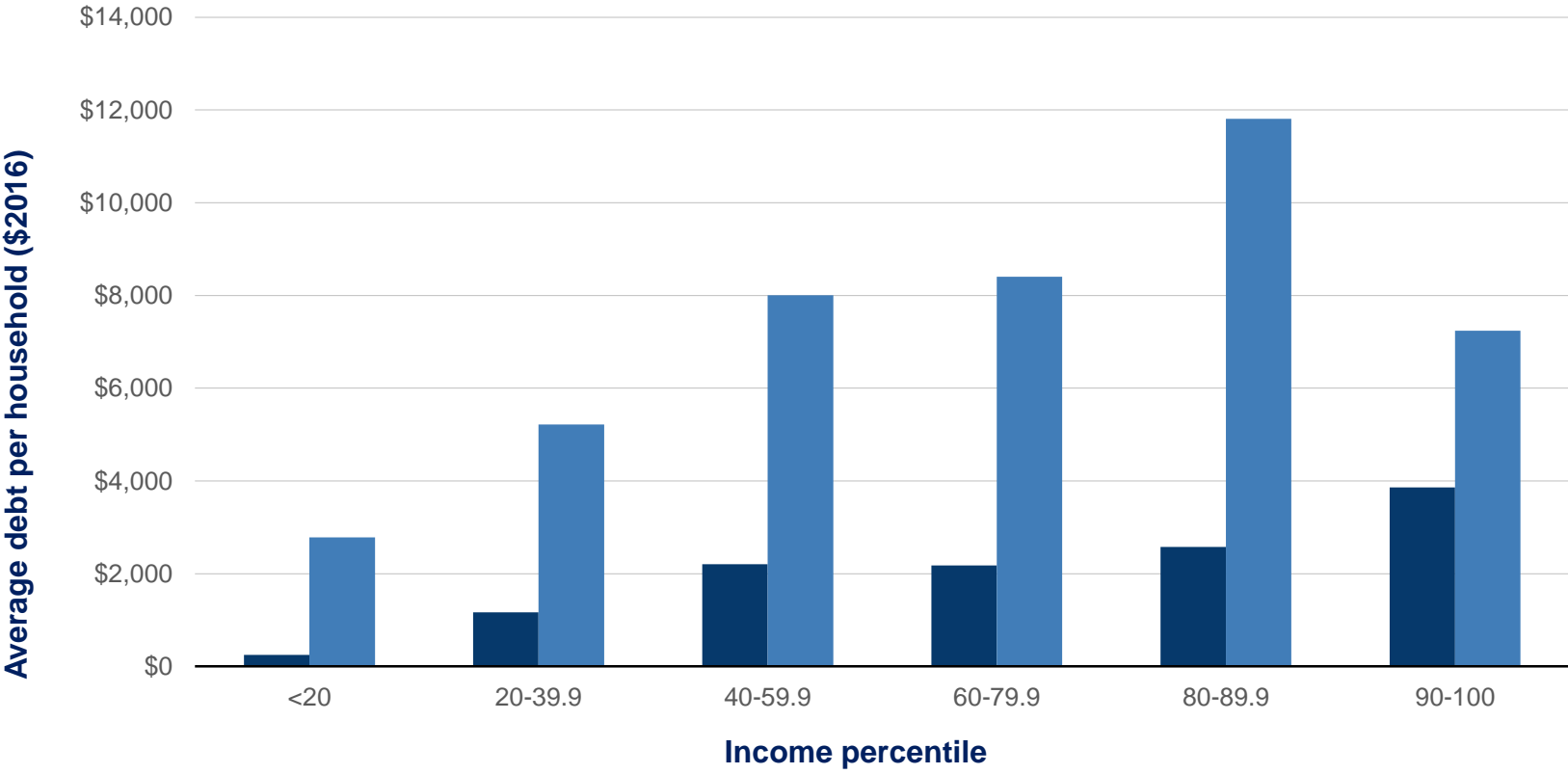
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Source: Survey of Consumer Finances 2001

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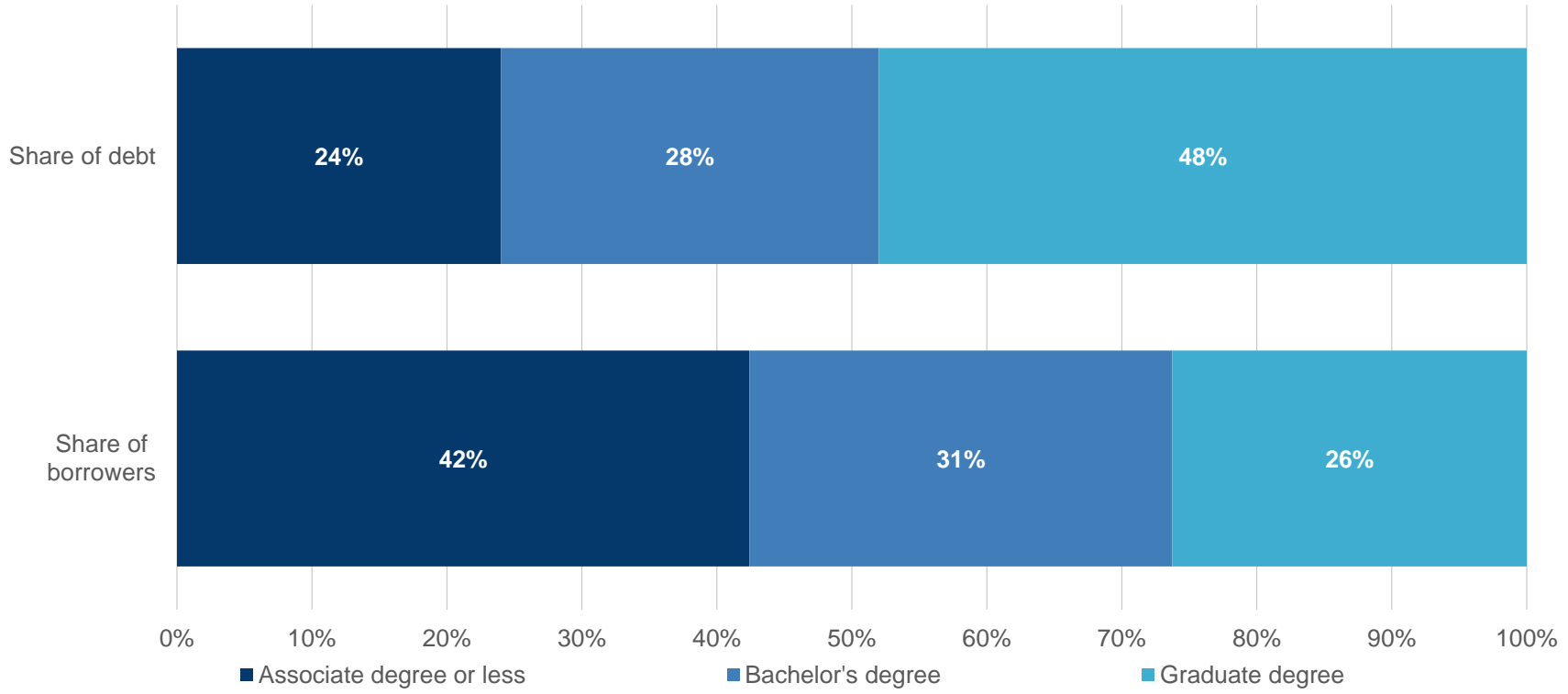


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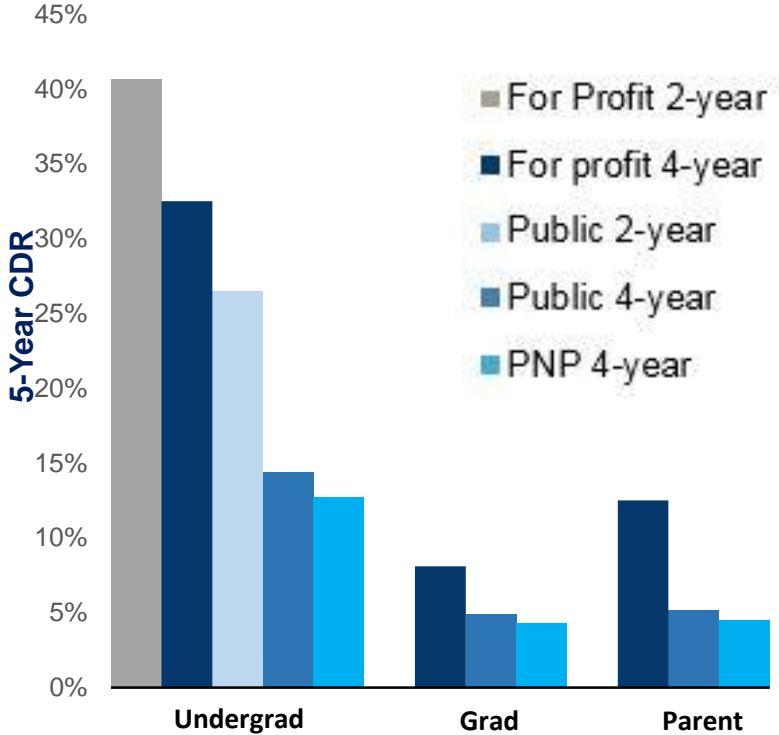
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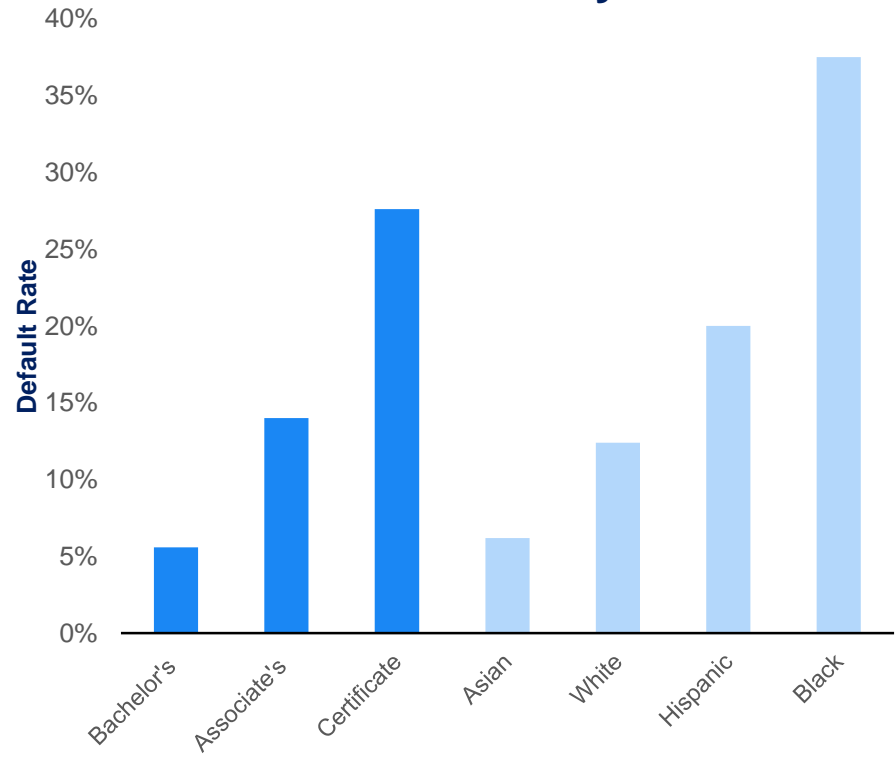
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5-Year Default Rates by Institution Type, 2009 Cohort



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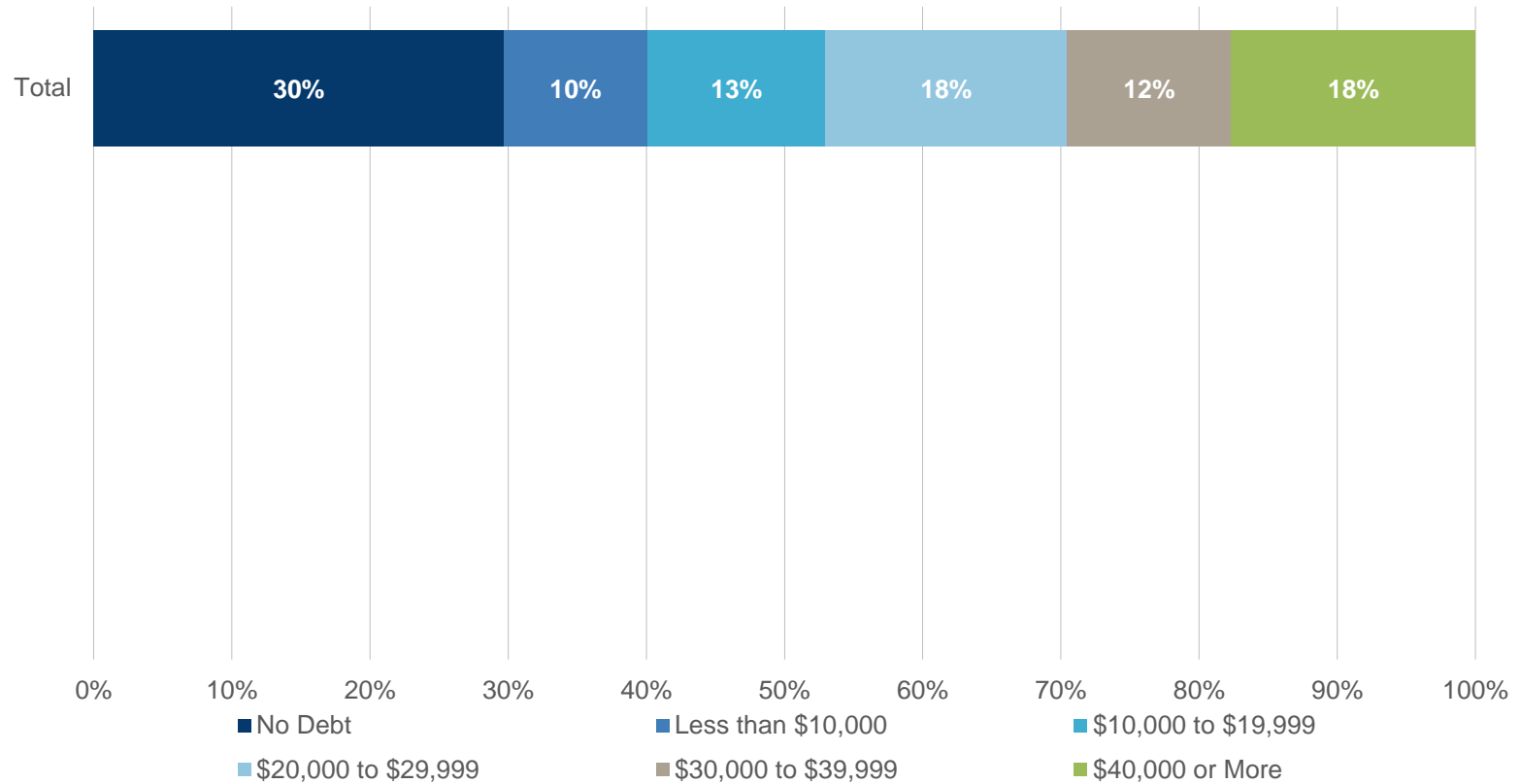
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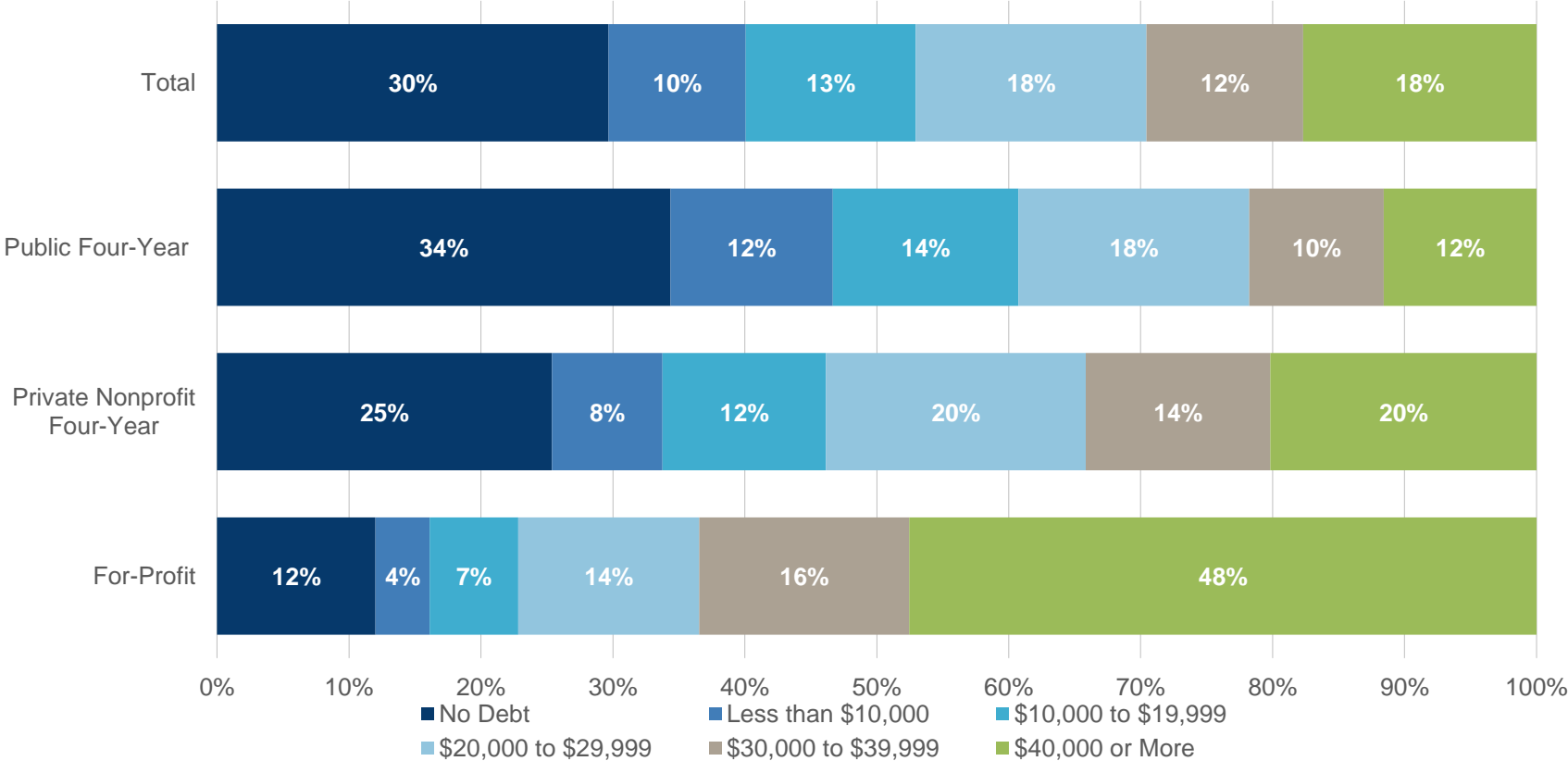
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Income-based plans now offer substantial relief

