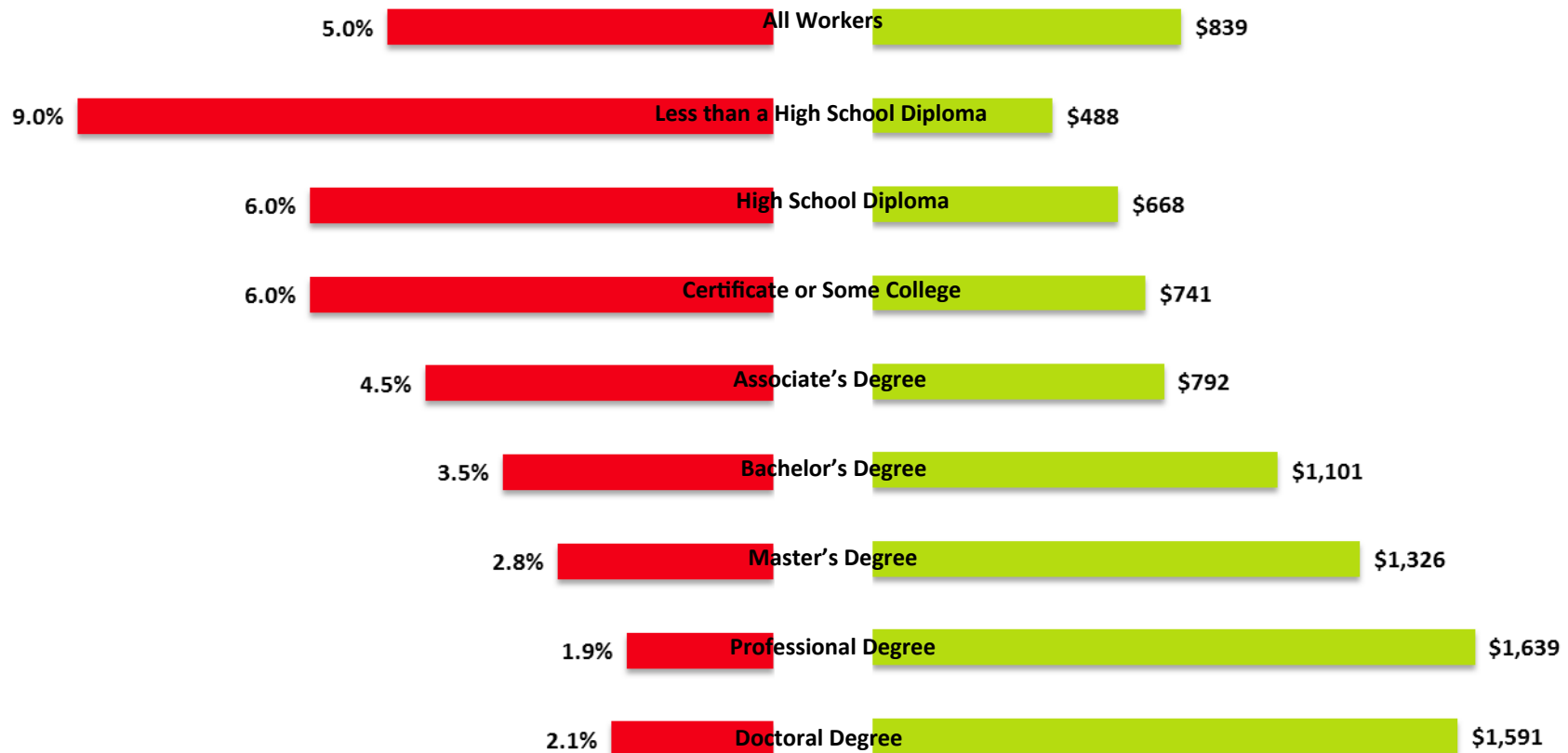


Education Pays

The connection between education and employment is constantly increasing. Employers are seeking highly educated and skilled individuals to fill positions. An individual's chance of obtaining job security increases with his or her education level. A higher level of education also increases the likelihood that the individual secures a job with a high salary. The table below illustrates the connection between educational attainment, unemployment rate and wages.

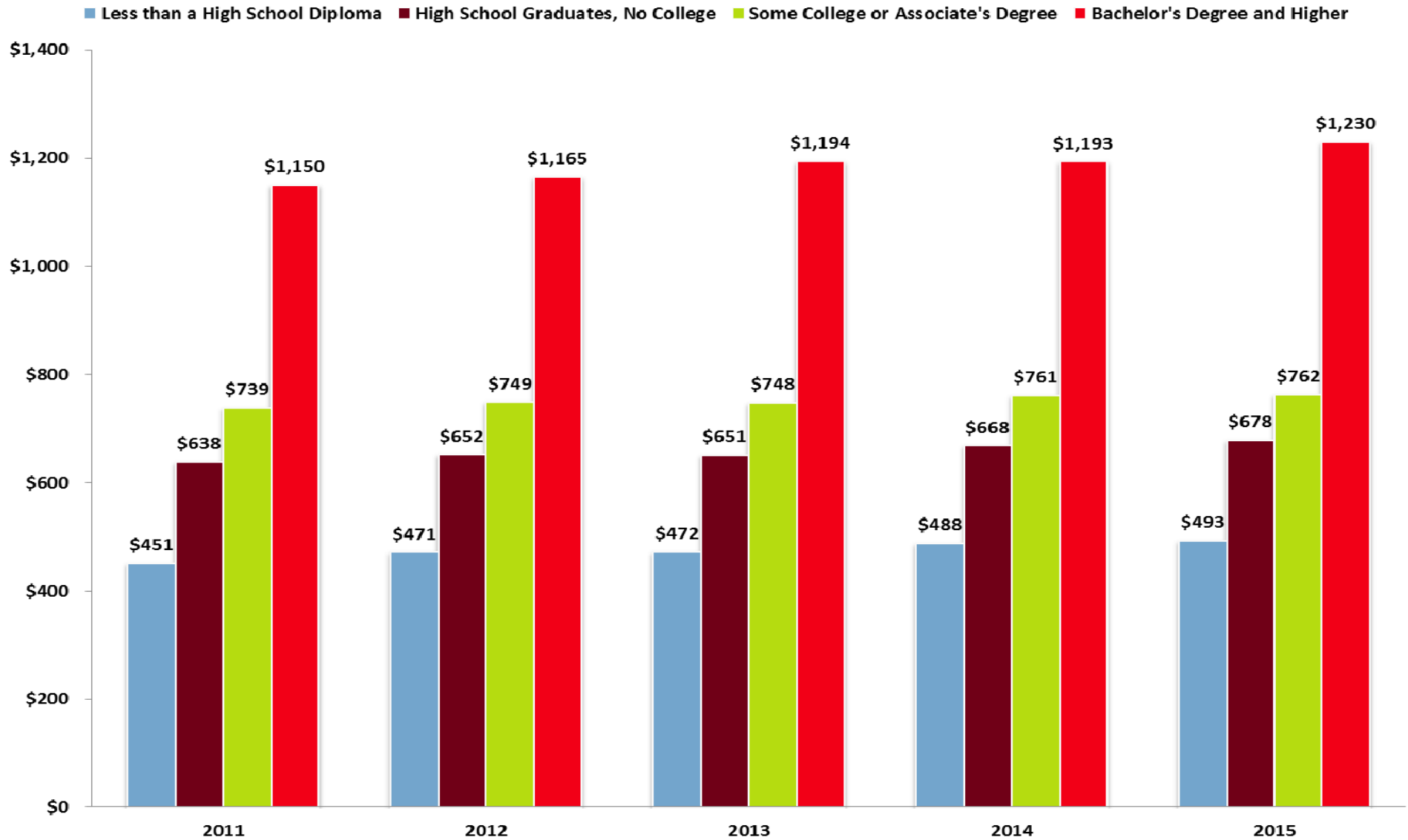


2014 United States Unemployment Rate (%)*

2014 United States Median Weekly Earnings*

*Unemployment and earnings for full-time wage and salary workers, ages 25 and older | Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

Educational attainment is strongly tied to earnings. The chart below displays median weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers age 25 years and older between 2011 and 2015. Individuals in the “bachelor’s degree and higher” category earn almost twice as much per week when compared to those in the “high school graduates, no college” category. This chart also shows that wages are increasing at a much faster rate for individuals who hold a bachelor’s and/or higher degree compared with wages for those who hold less than a bachelor’s degree.



Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics

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