



Immigration and Less-Educated American Workers

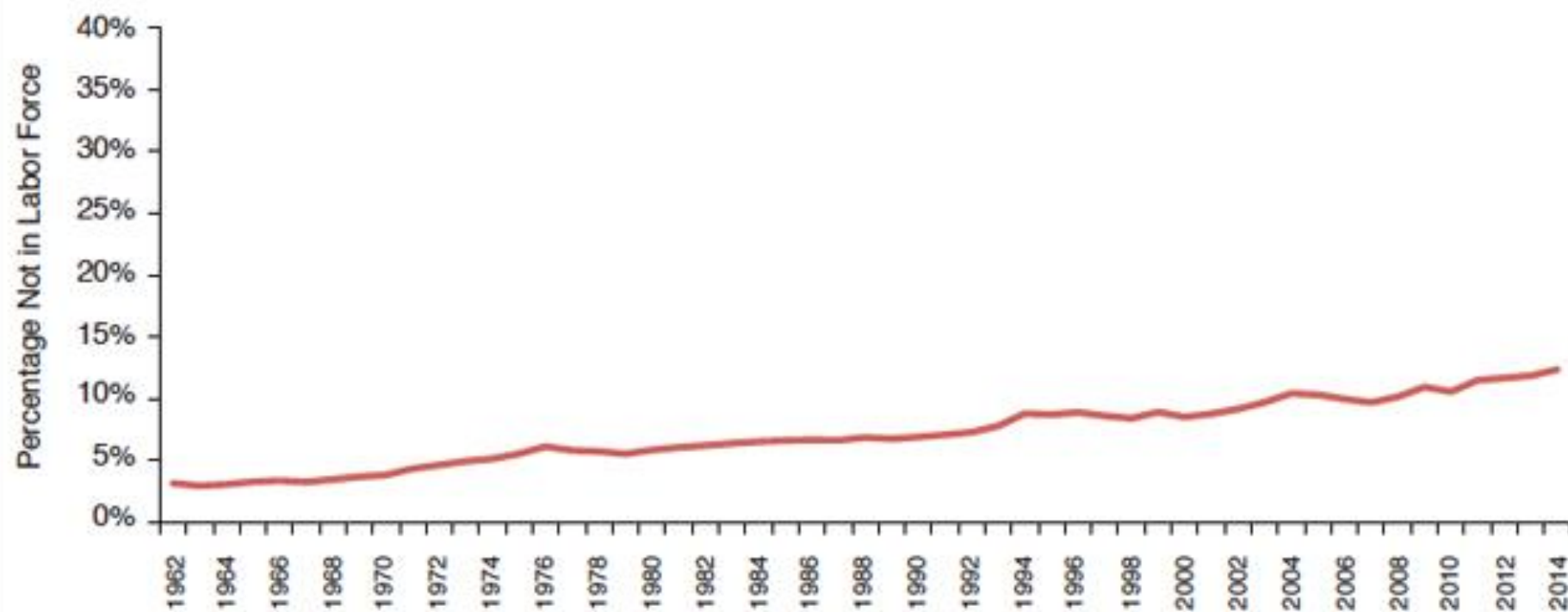
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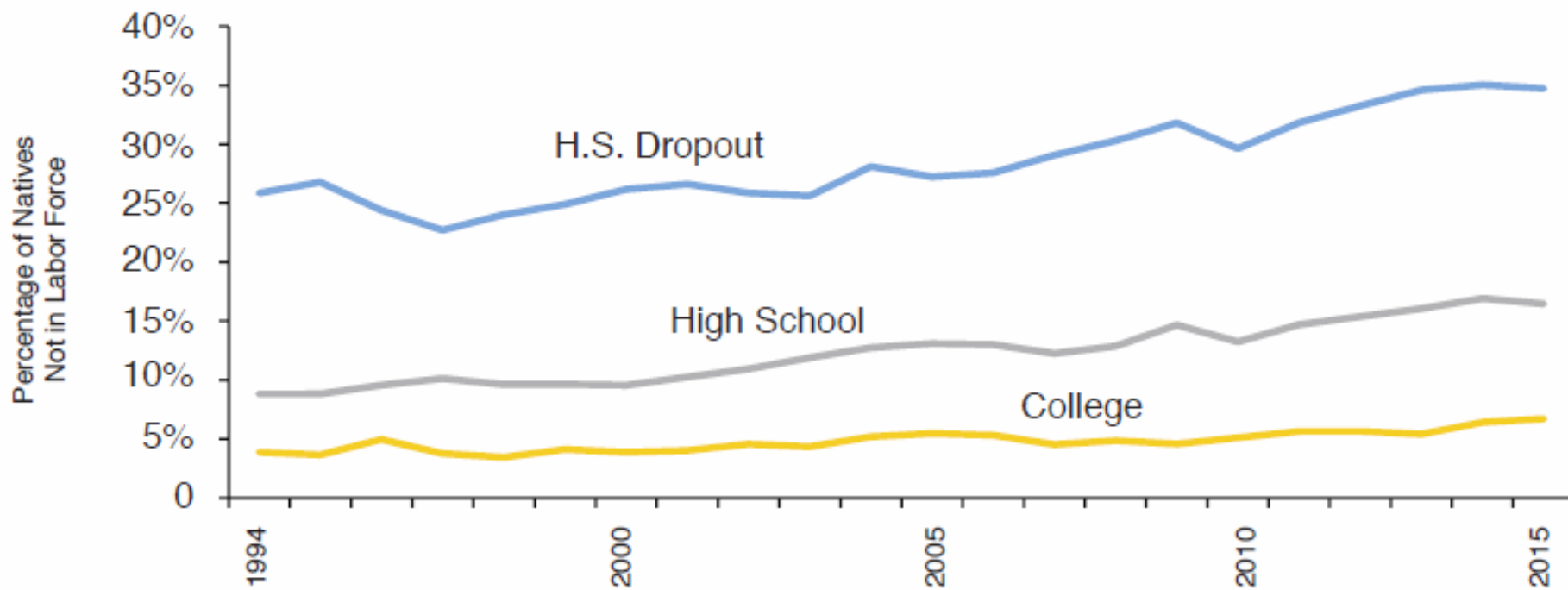
Figure 1. The percentage of prime-age men neither working nor looking for work has risen steadily over the last half century.



Source: March Supplement of the Current Population Survey. "Prime age" is 25 to 54.



For native-born prime-age men, labor-force dropout has been most common among the least skilled.



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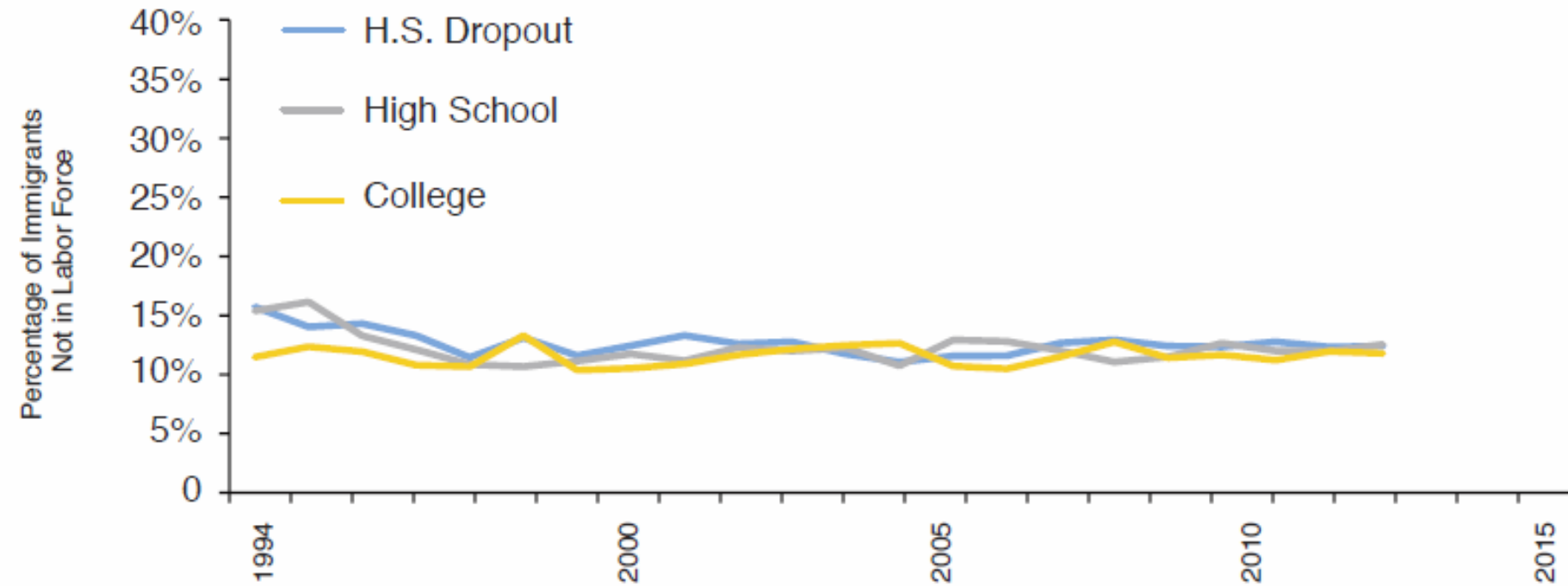
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Prime-age male immigrants of all education levels have stayed in the labor force.



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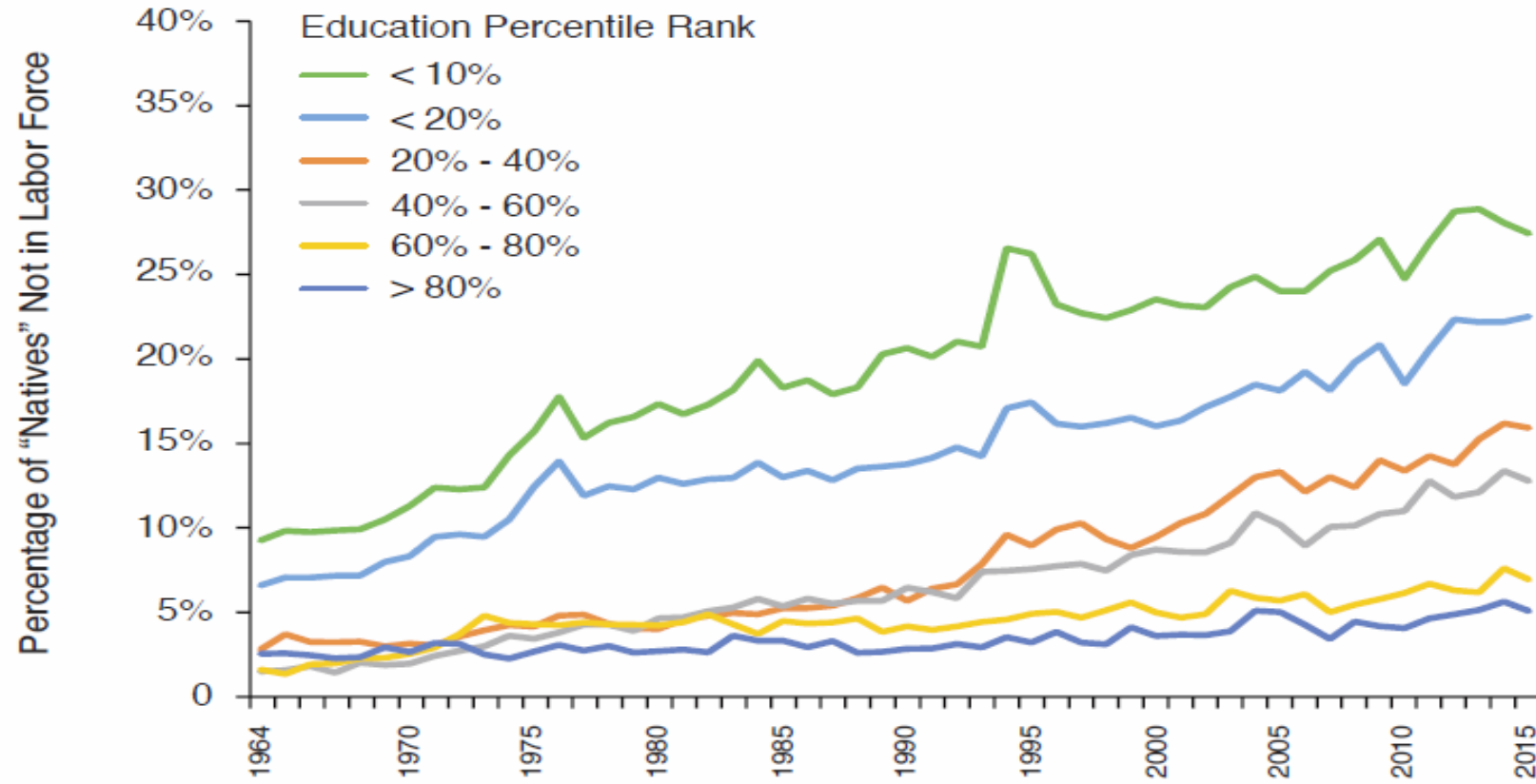
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When prime-age men are divided into consistently-sized skill groups across years, the less-skilled groups show more labor-force dropout over time.



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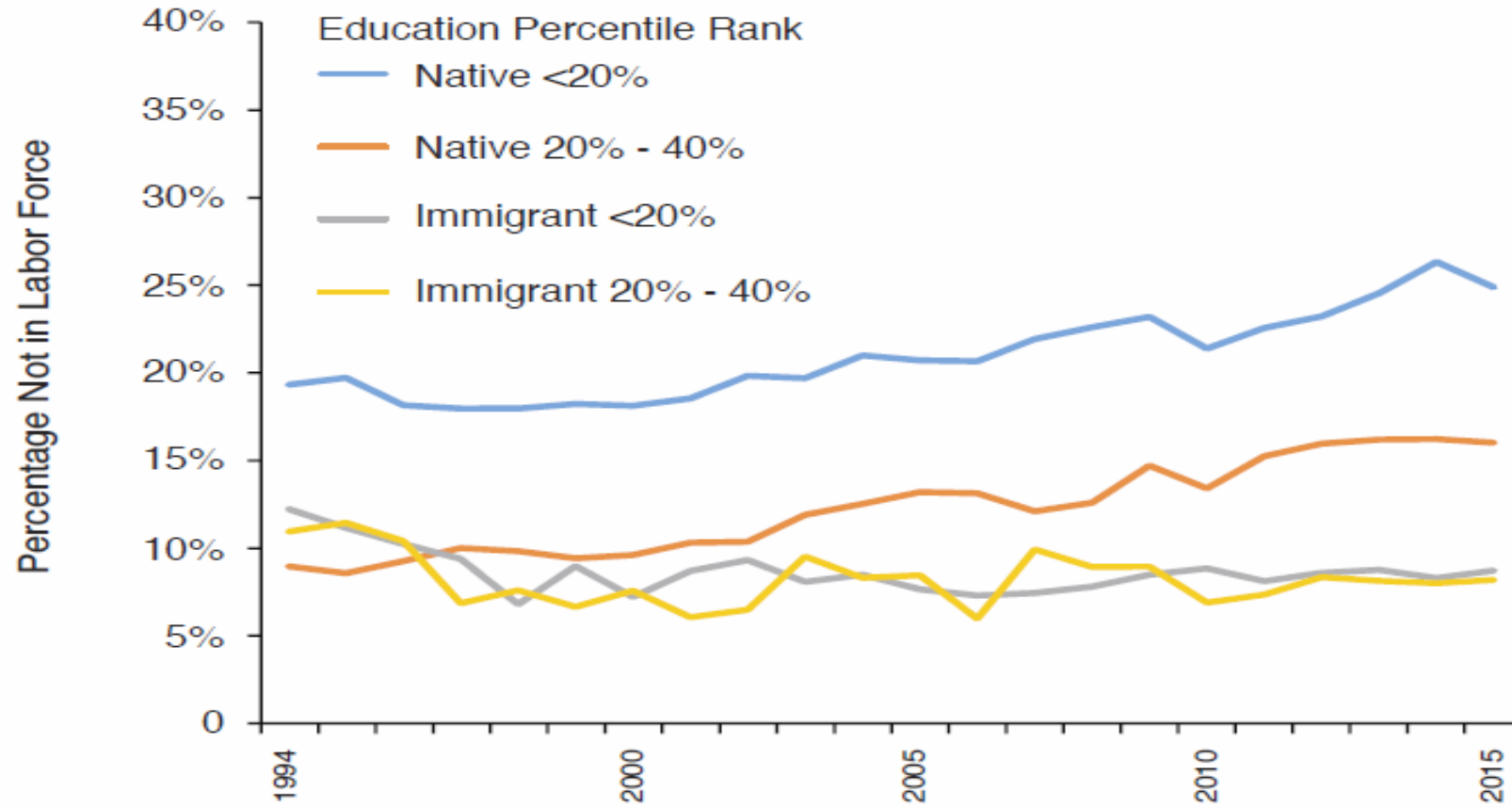
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"Natives" are non-Hispanic whites and blacks.



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In the two lowest skill quintiles, labor-force dropout has increased for natives but not for immigrants.



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March Data are limited to men ages 25 to 54.



Table 1. Average Time Worked Per Year by Prime-Age Men, 2003-2015

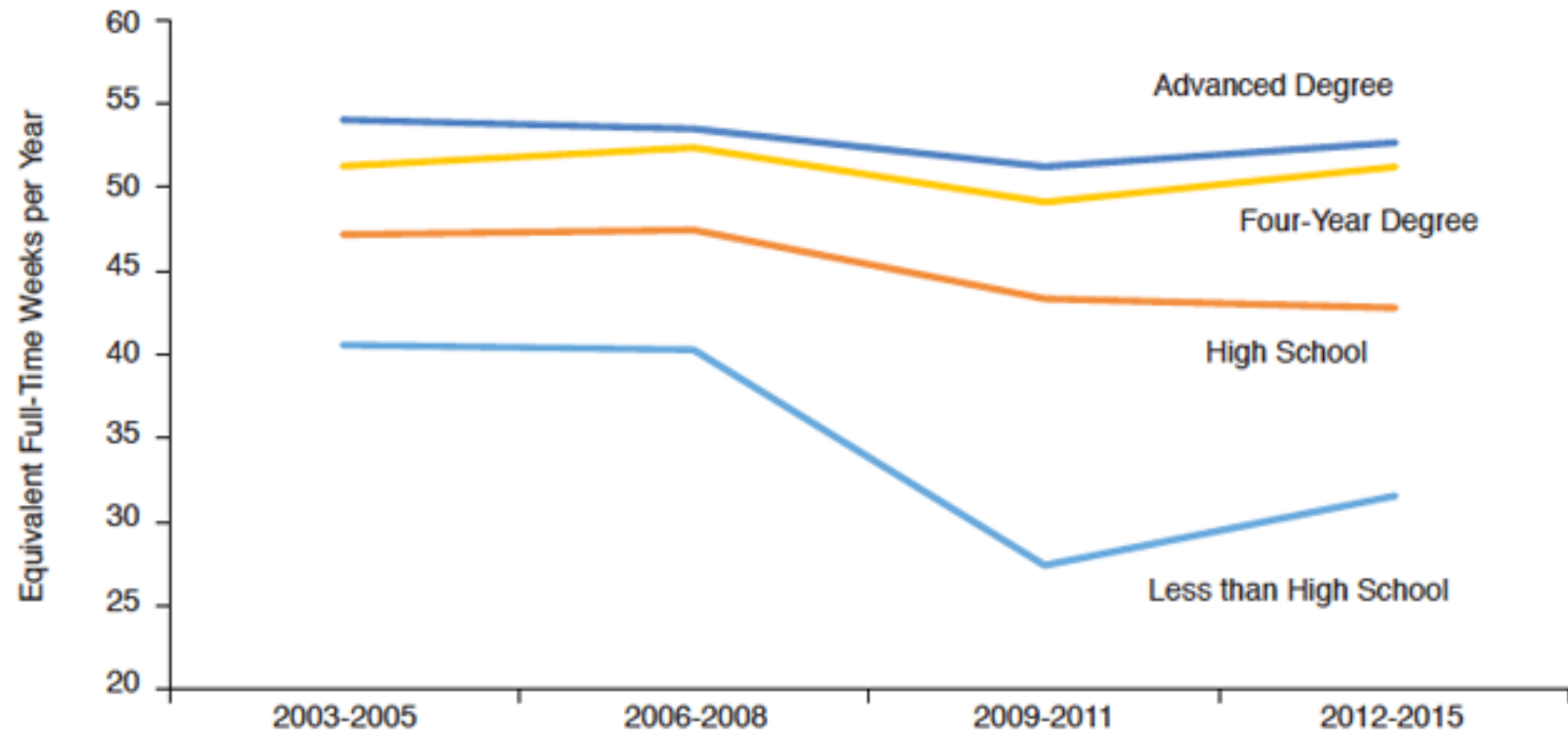
Education	Natives		Immigrants	
	Equivalent Full-Time Weeks per Year	90% C.I. \pm	Equivalent Full-Time Weeks per Year	90% C.I. \pm
All	47.1	0.5	49.7	1.0
Less than H.S.	34.8	2.2	48.9	1.7
High School	45.1	1.1	49.4	2.3
Some College	46.9	0.9	47.4	2.9
Four-Year Degree	51.0	0.9	50.8	2.1
Advanced Degree	52.8	1.2	52.7	2.4

Source: American Time Use Survey.

“Equivalent full-time weeks” are average hours worked per year divided by 40. “Prime age” is 25 to 54. For sample sizes, see Table A1. C.I. = confidence interval.



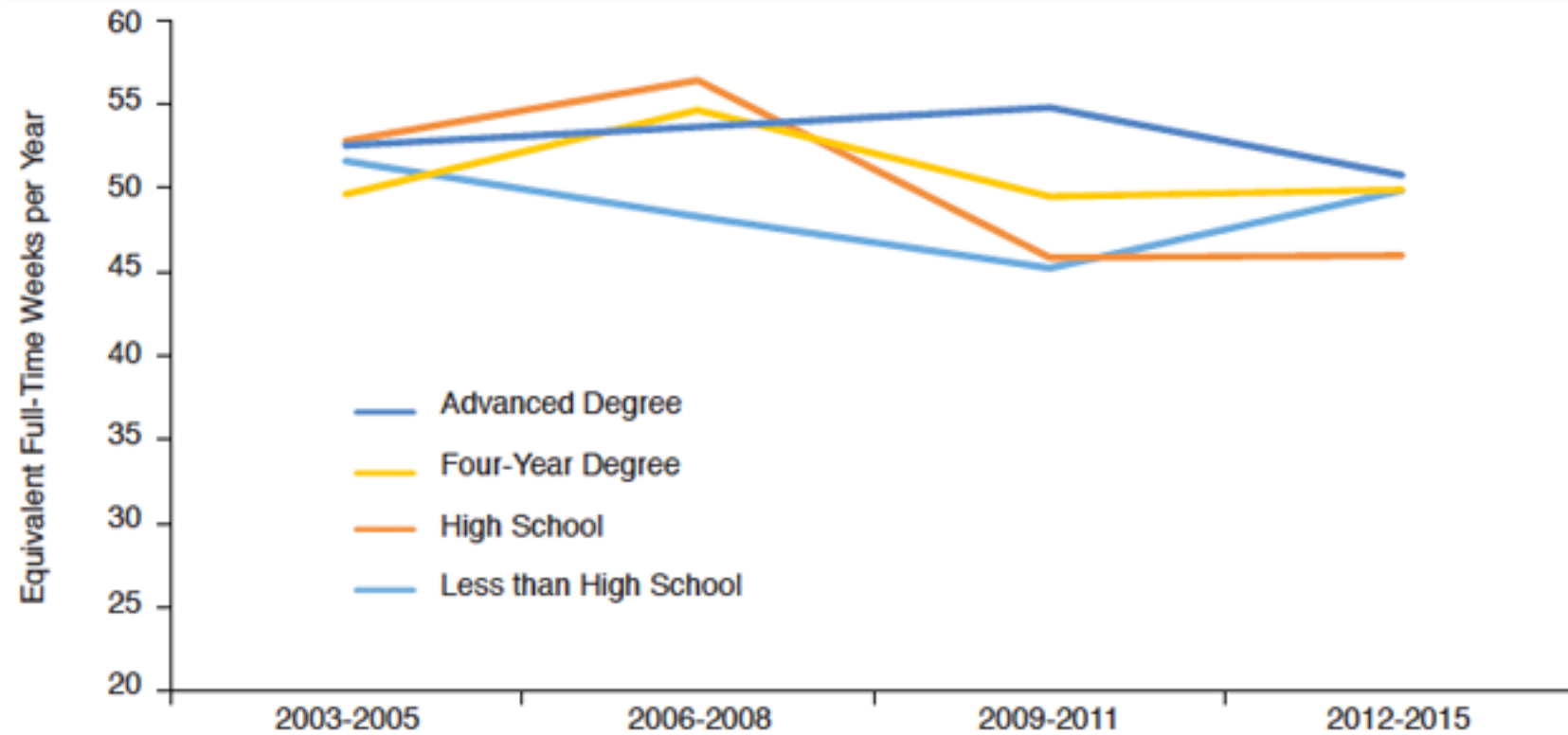
Figure 3. Work time by lower-skilled native men has declined significantly since 2003...



Source: American Time Use Survey. Data are limited to "prime age" of 25 to 54. The category "some college" has been omitted for readability. "Equivalent full-time weeks" are average hours worked per year divided by 40. For more information, see Table A3 and Table A4.



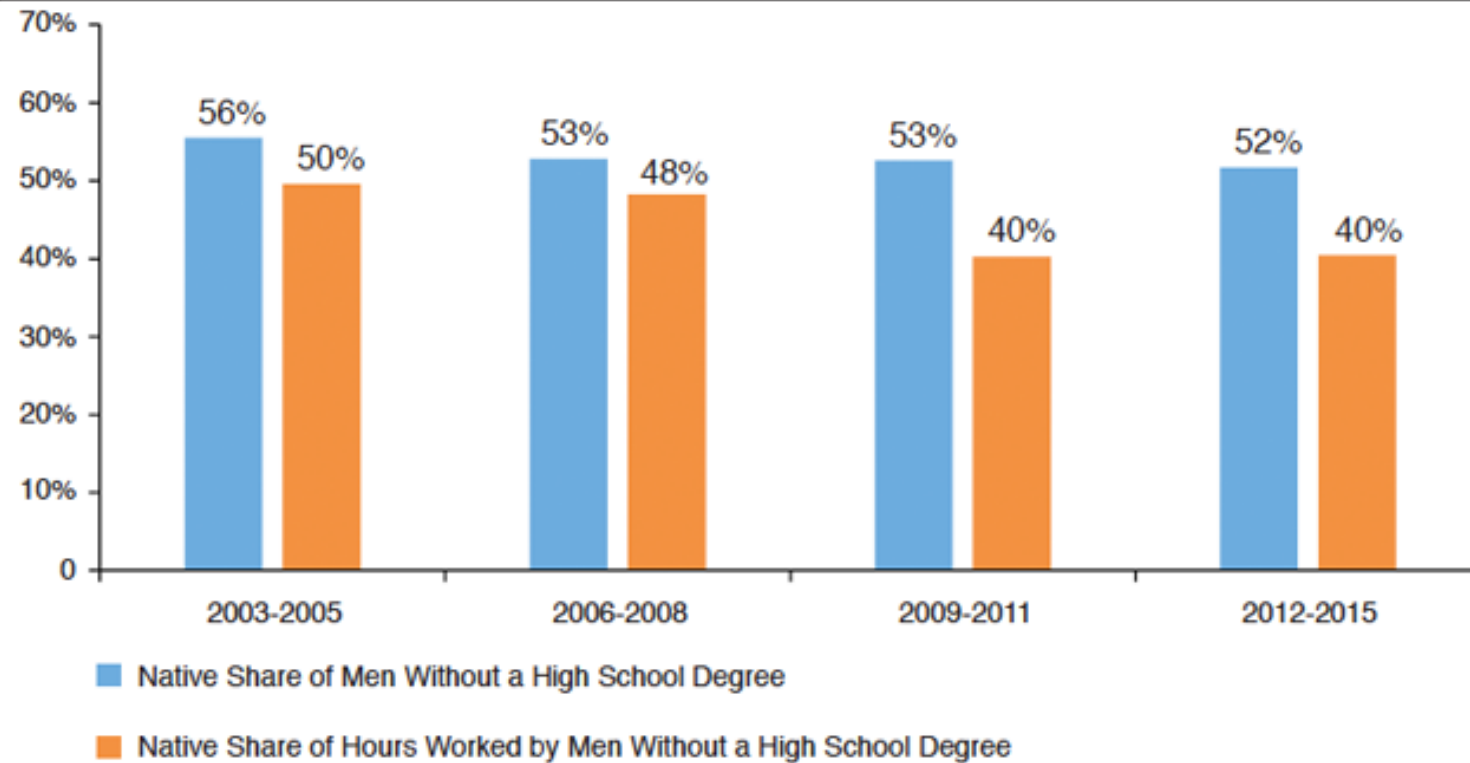
Figure 4. ...while work time by immigrant men has remained high.



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Figure 5. Natives are slightly more than half of the nation's high school dropouts, but their share of the labor performed by all dropouts has declined to 40 percent.



Source: Current Population Survey (for population share) and American Time Use Survey (for labor share).
Data are limited to "prime age" of 25 to 54.