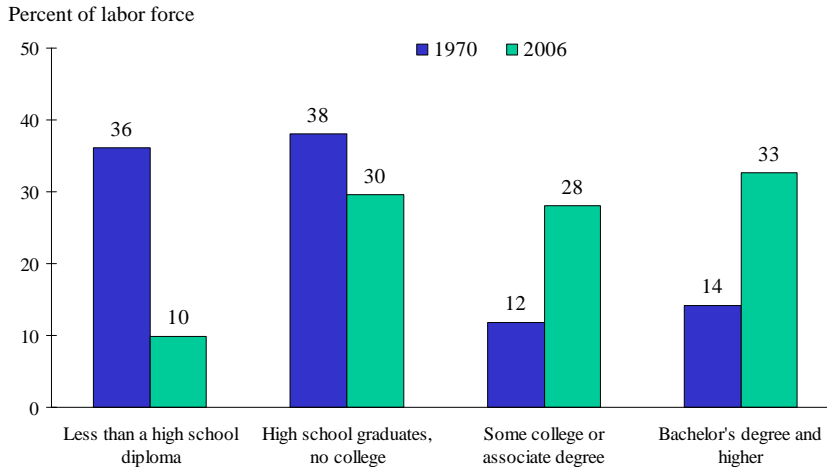


## Chart 2-1. The educational attainment of the labor force has improved over time

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NOTE: Data are from the March 1970 and March 2006 Current Population Survey and are for persons 25 to 64 years old.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- Education is an important determinant of labor market outcomes. The more education a person has, the more likely he or she is to be in the labor force and the less likely he or she is to be unemployed.
- The proportion of persons 25 to 64 years old with some college (or an associate degree) more than doubled between 1970 and 2006. The share with a bachelor's degree and higher also more than doubled over the period. In contrast, the share of the labor force with less than a high school diploma declined markedly.