

Unequal Family Income and Unequal Opportunity for Higher Education

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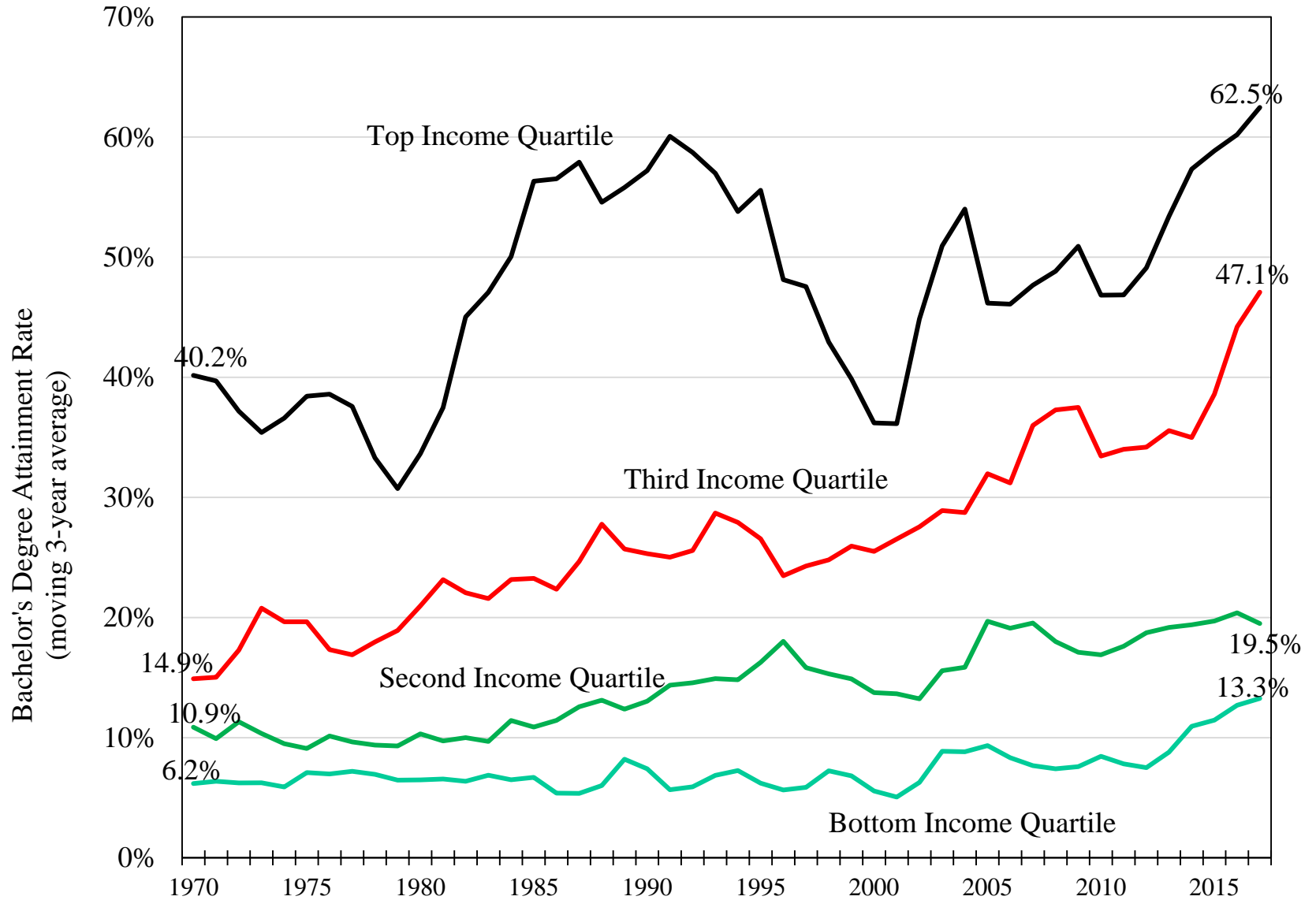
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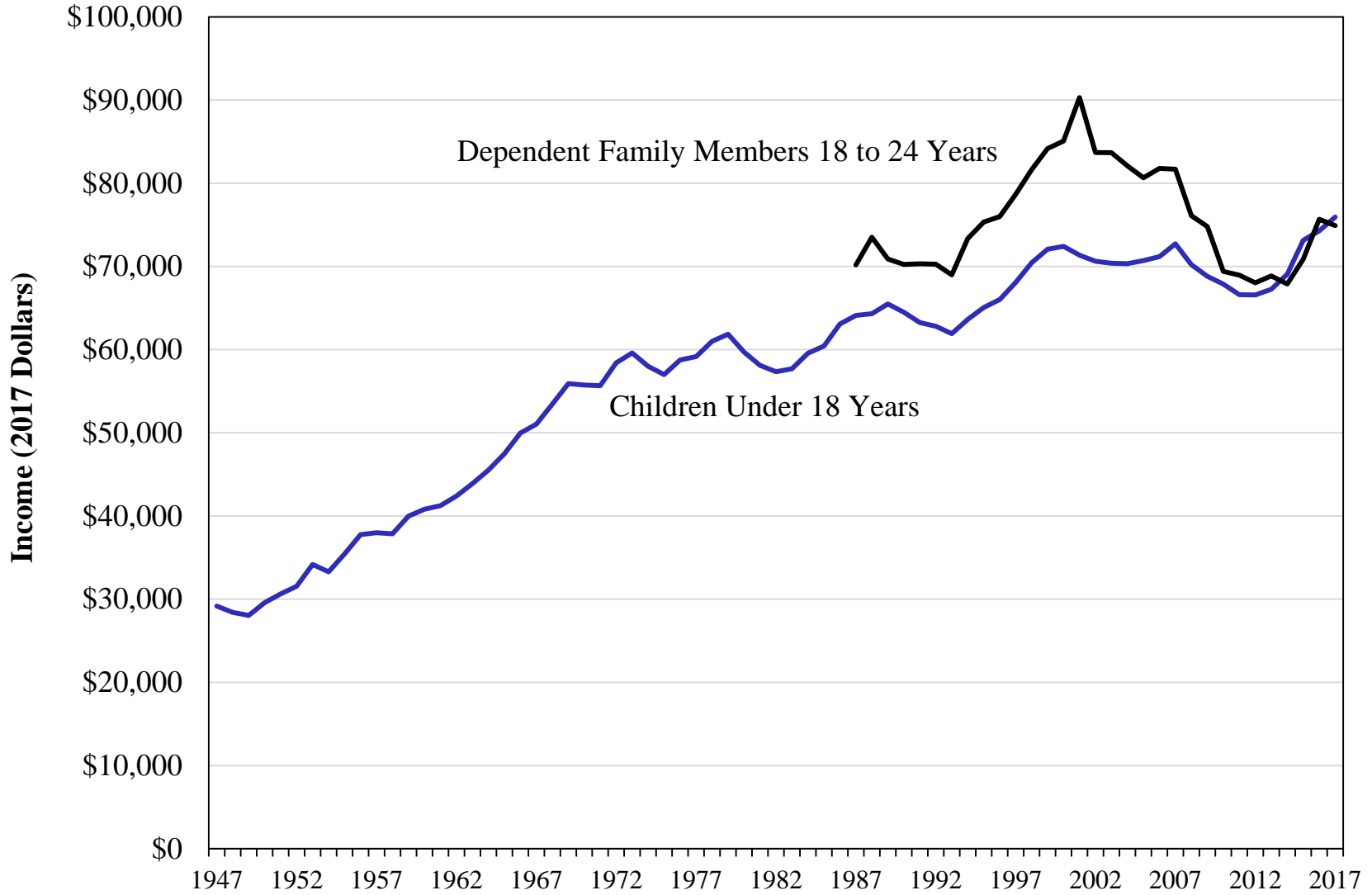
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Estimated Baccalaureate Degree Attainment by Age 24 by Family Income Quartile 1970 to 2017

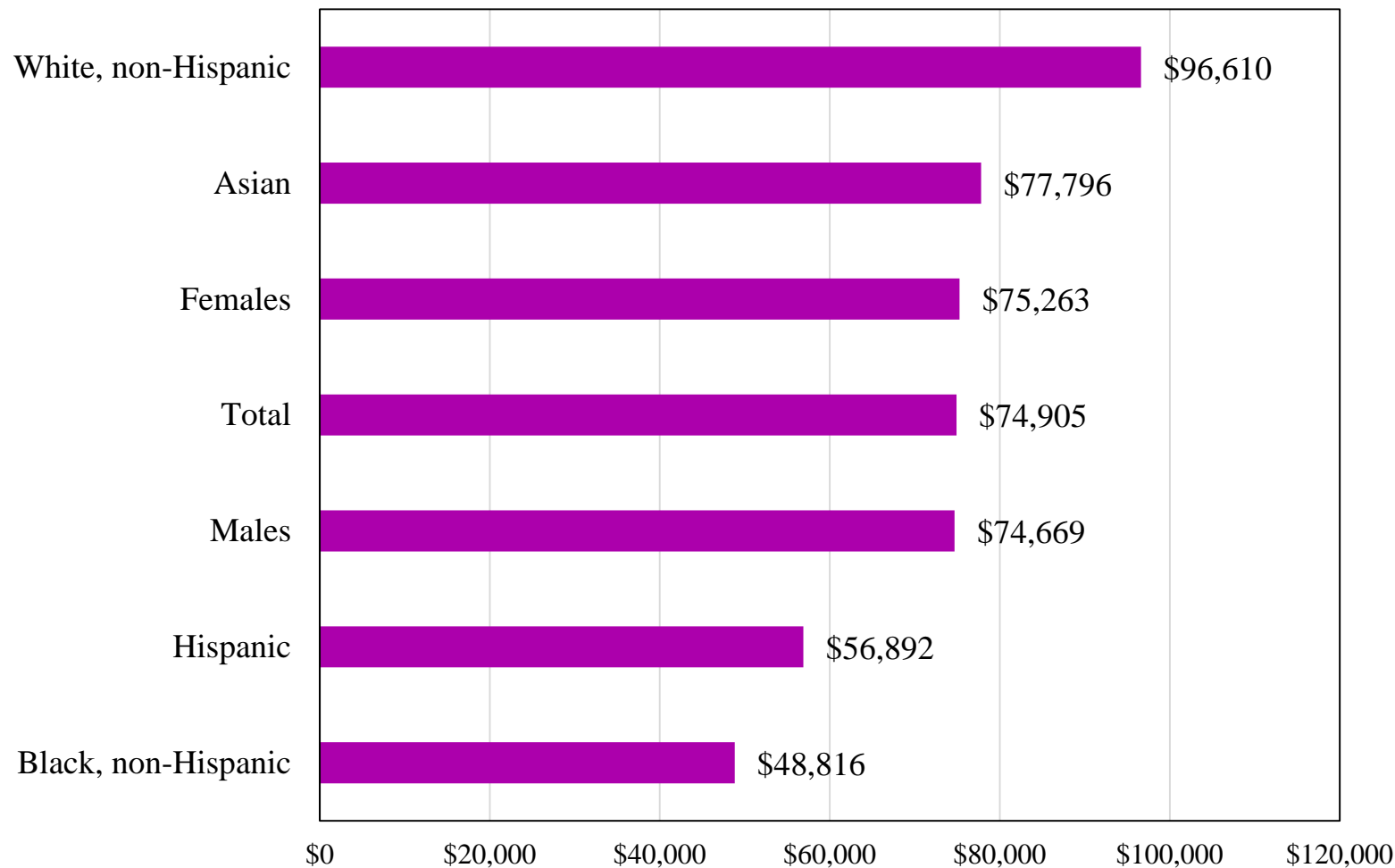


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Median Family Income for Families with Children 1947 to 2017

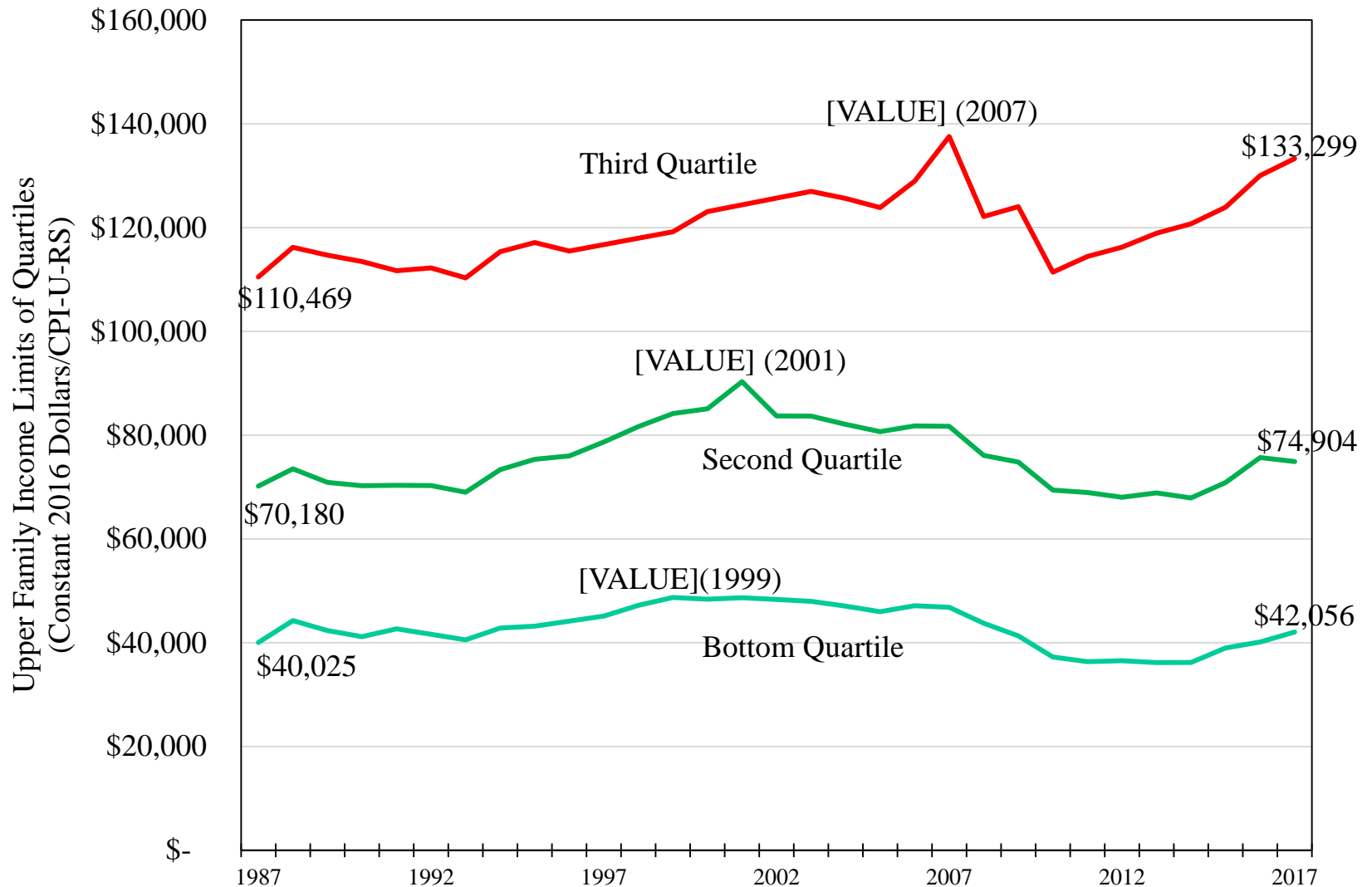


Median Family Income for Families with Children 18 to 24 Years, 2017



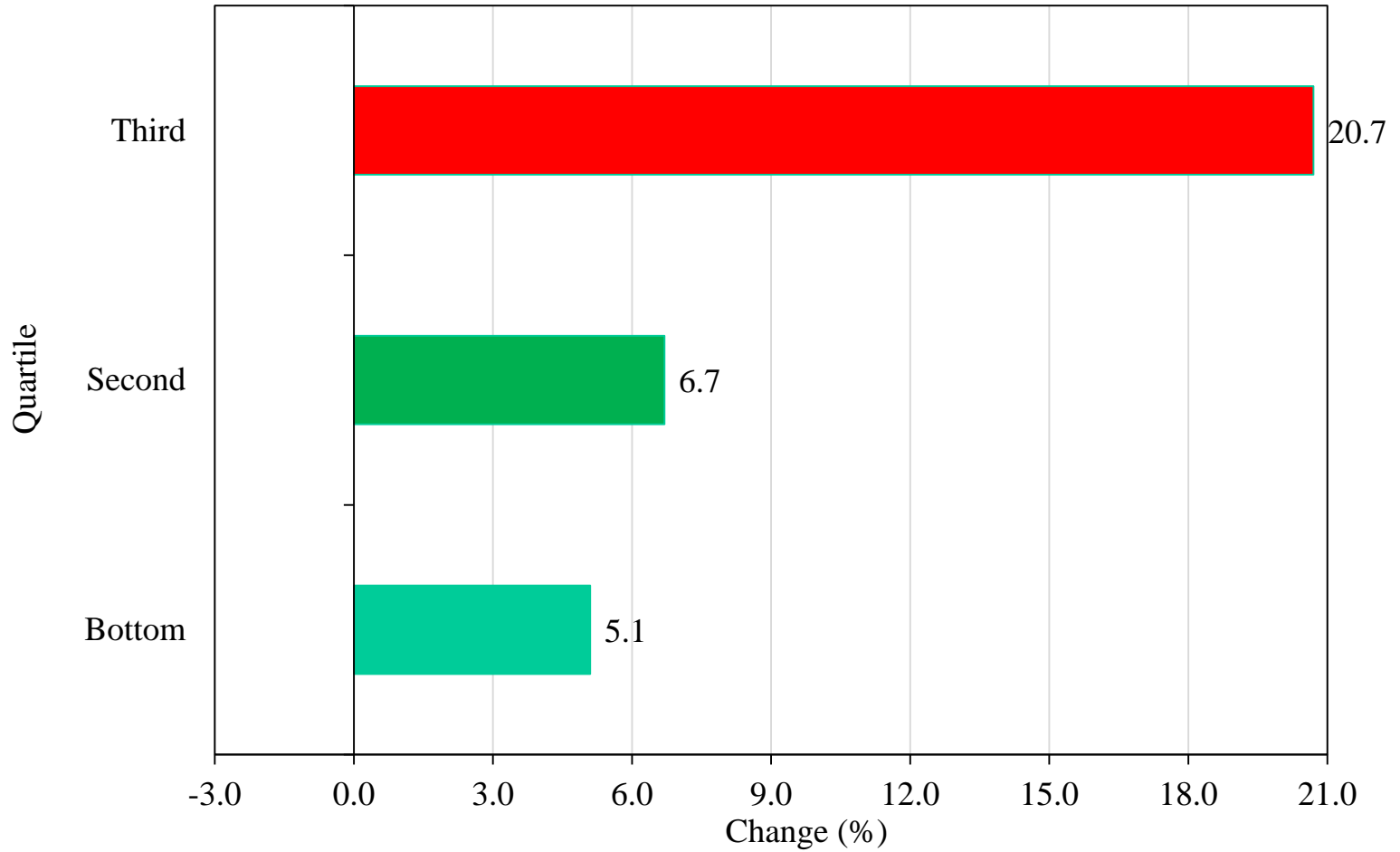
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Upper Family Income Limits for First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles 1987 to 2017



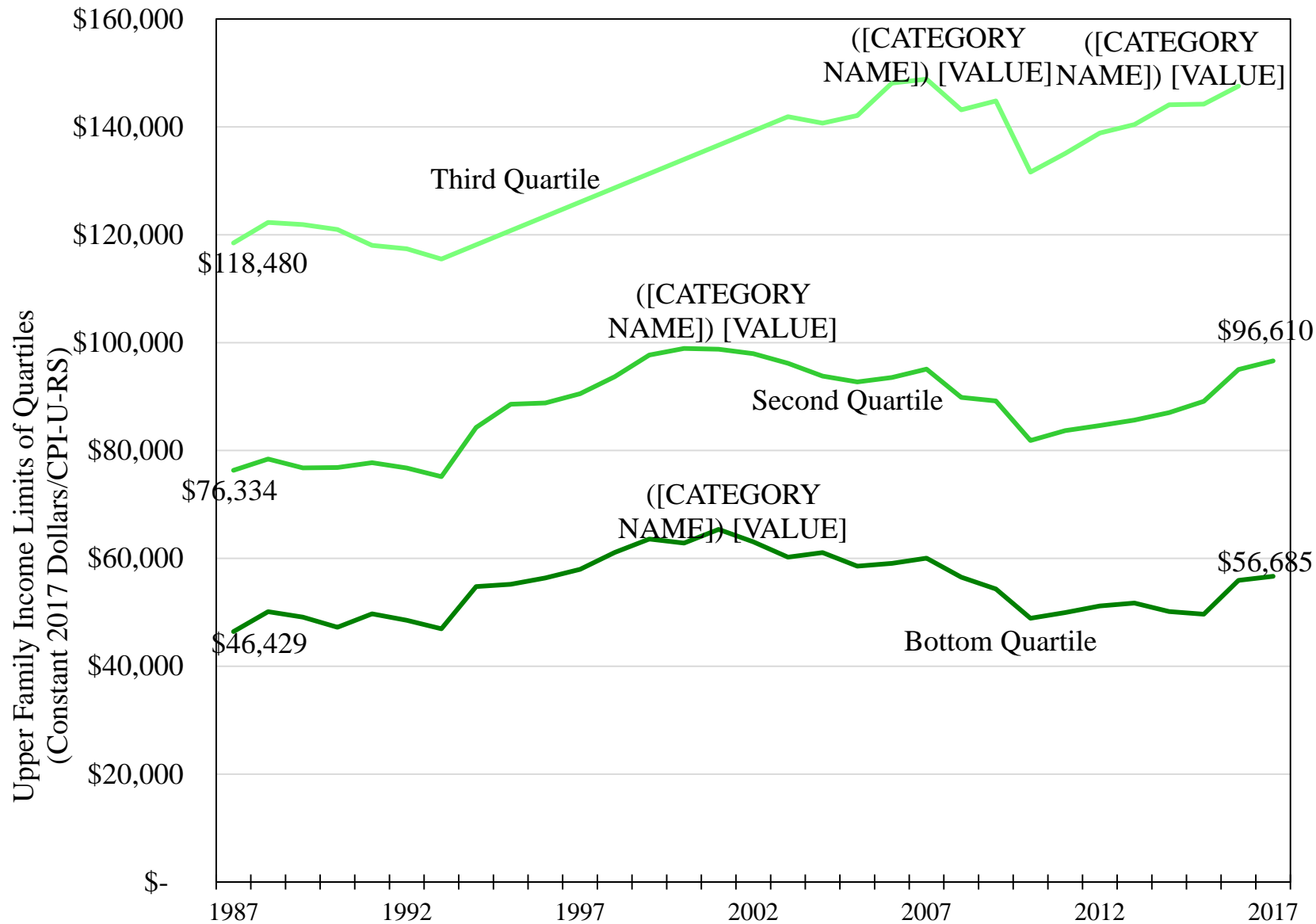
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**Change in Upper Limits for
First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles
Between 1987 and 2017**



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Upper Family Income Limits for White, non-Hispanics for First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles 1987 to 2017

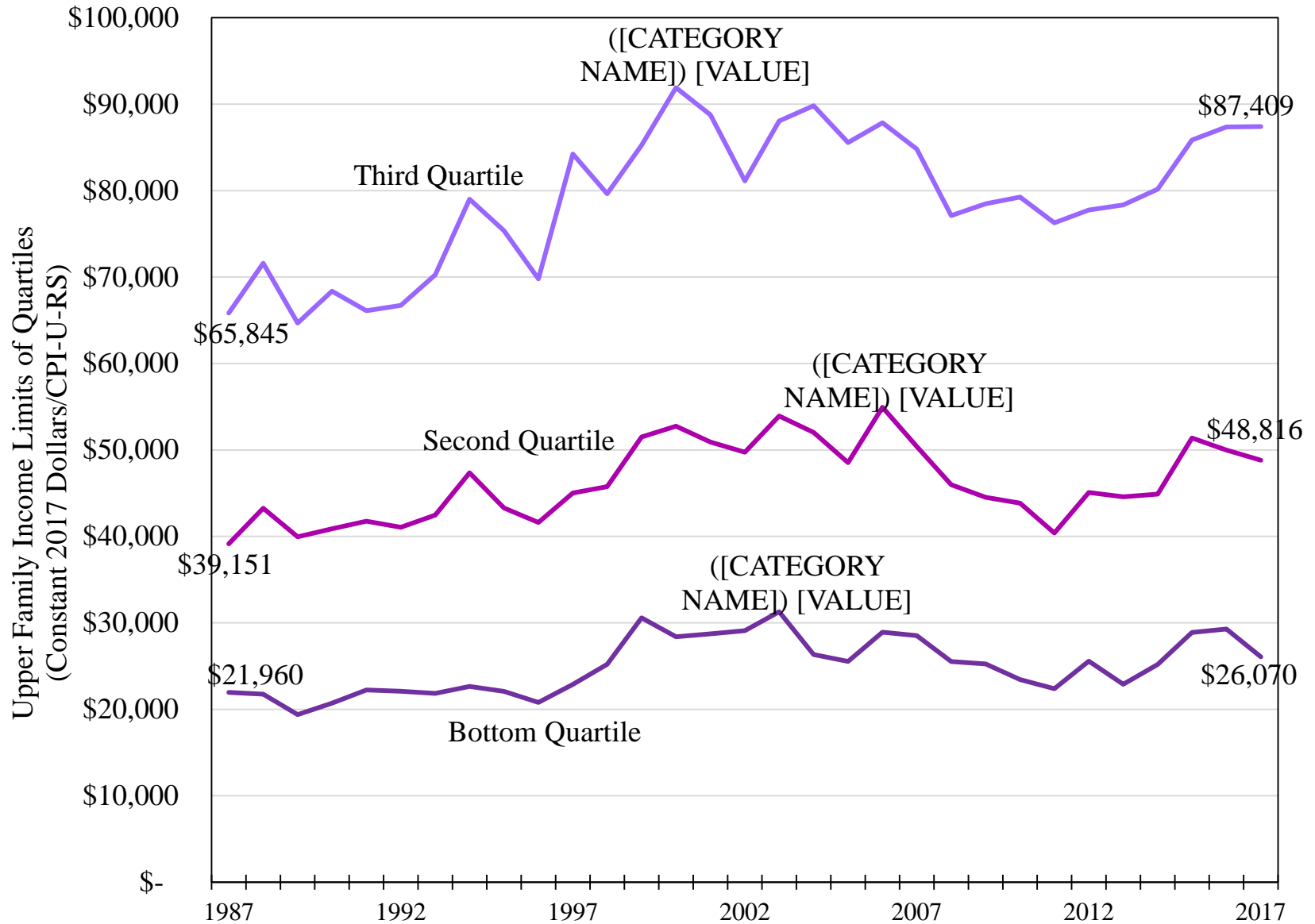


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Upper Family Income Limits for Black, non-Hispanics for First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles 1987 to 2017

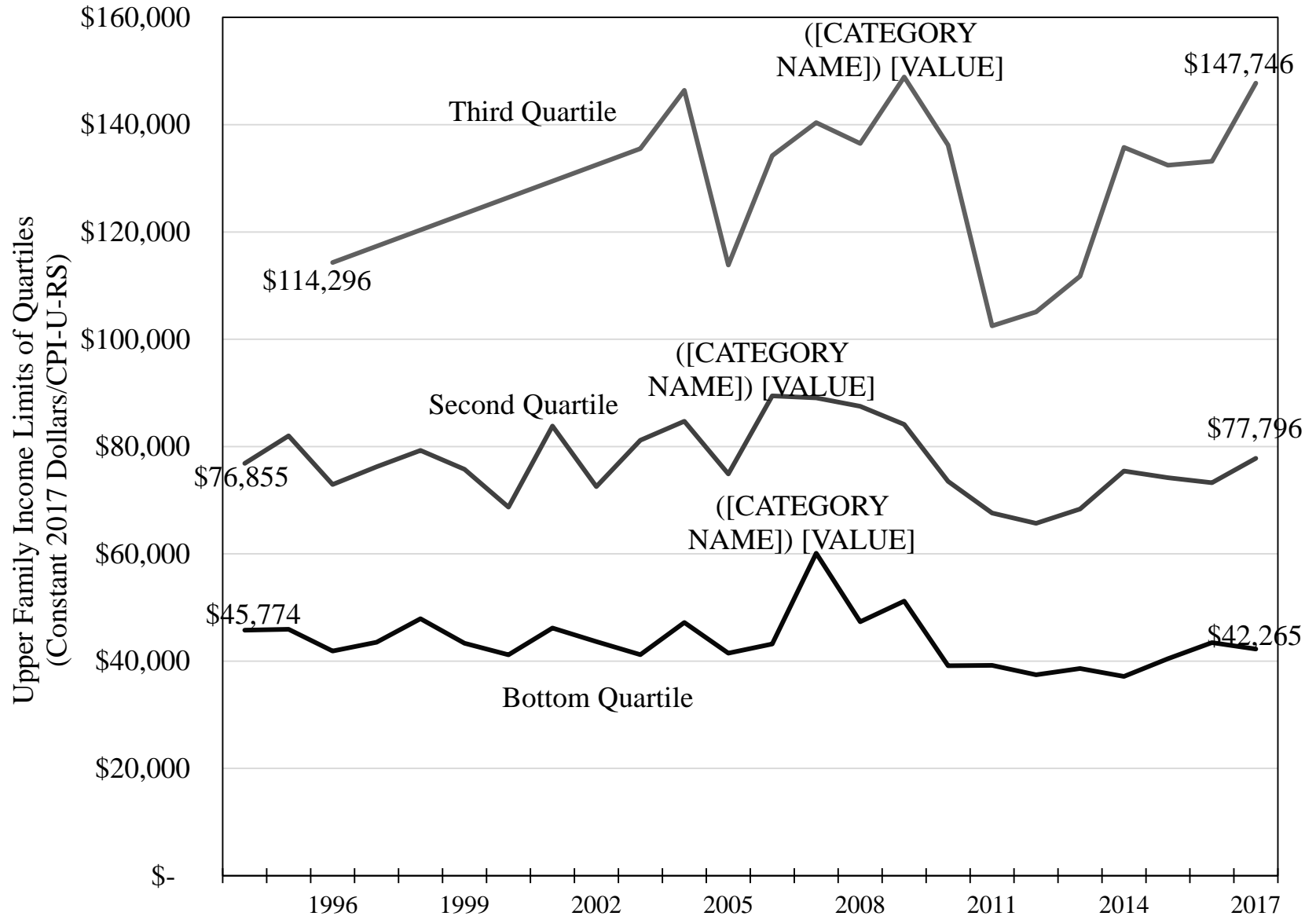


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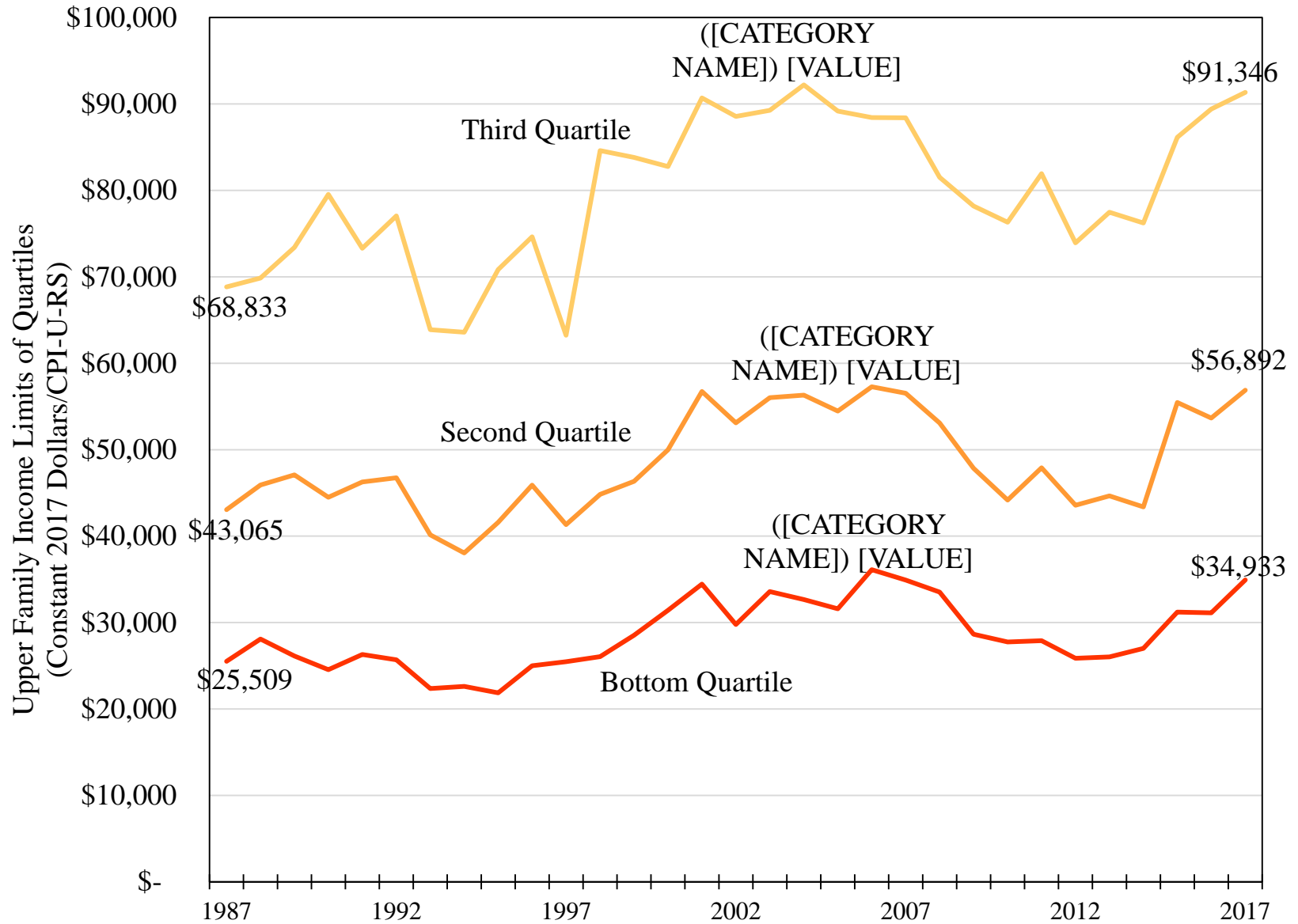
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Upper Family Income Limits for Asians for First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles 1994 to 2017



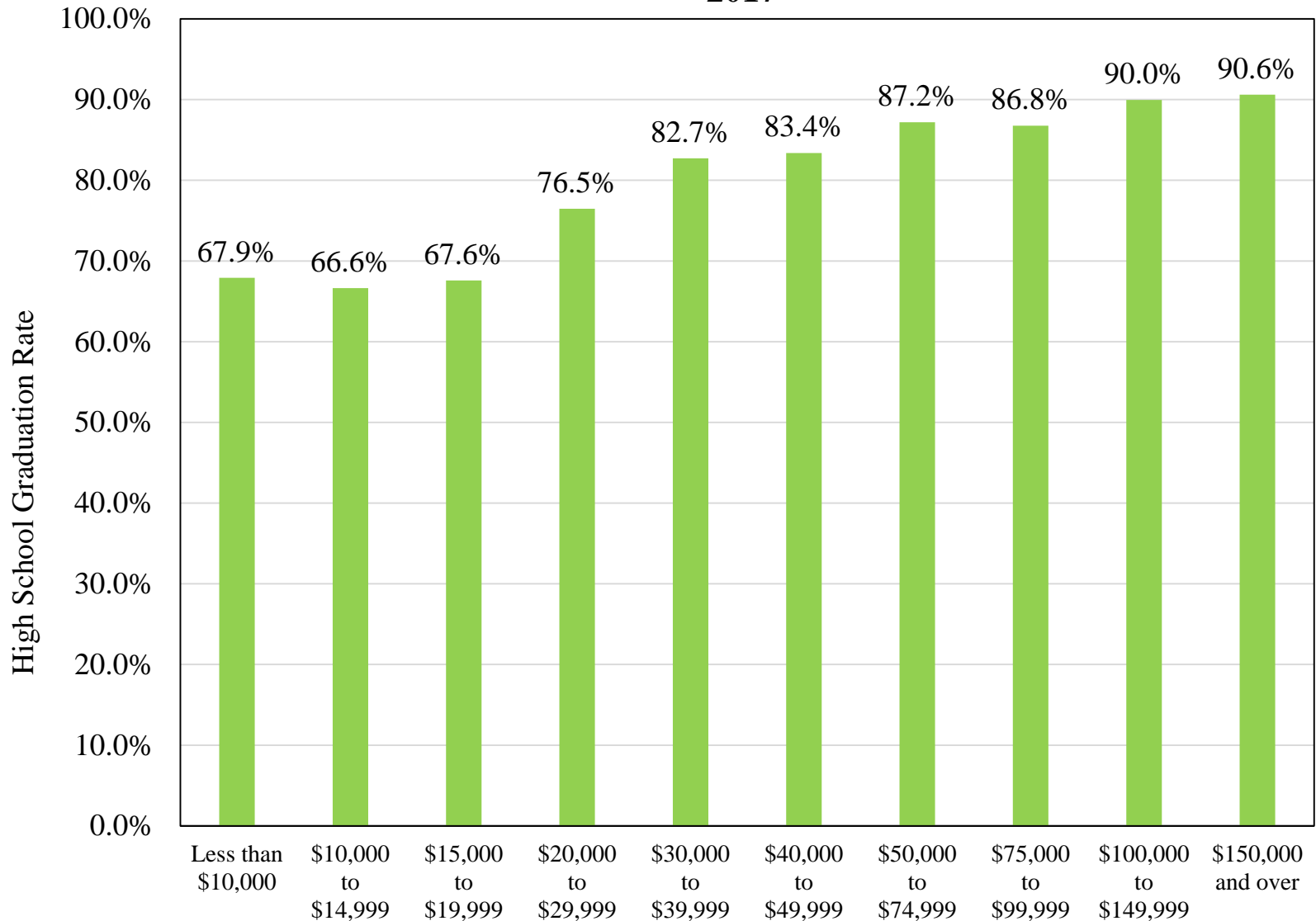
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Upper Family Income Limits for Hispanics for First, Second and Third Family Income Quartiles 1987 to 2017



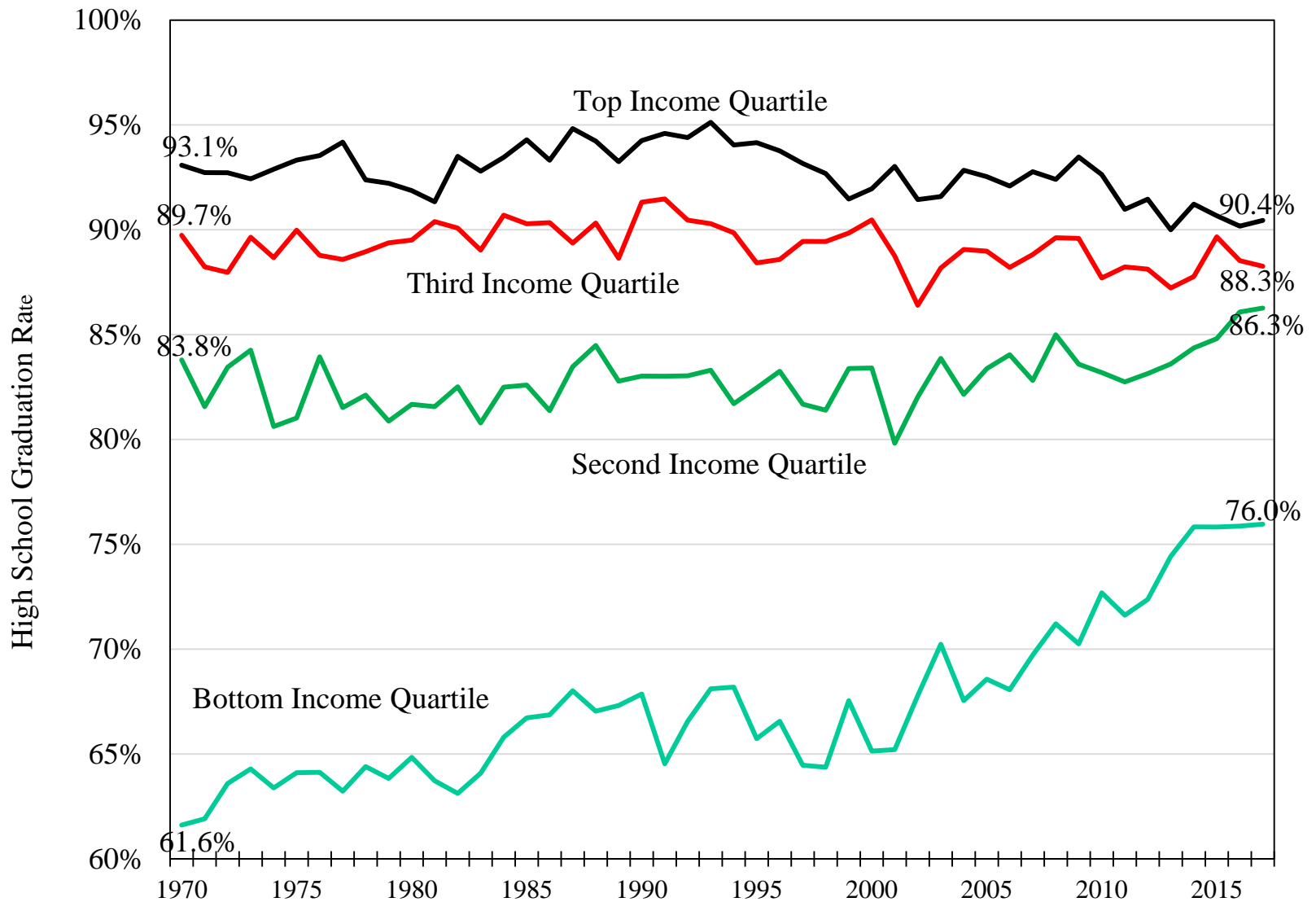
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High School Graduation Rates by Family Income Intervals for Dependent 18 to 24 Year Olds 2017



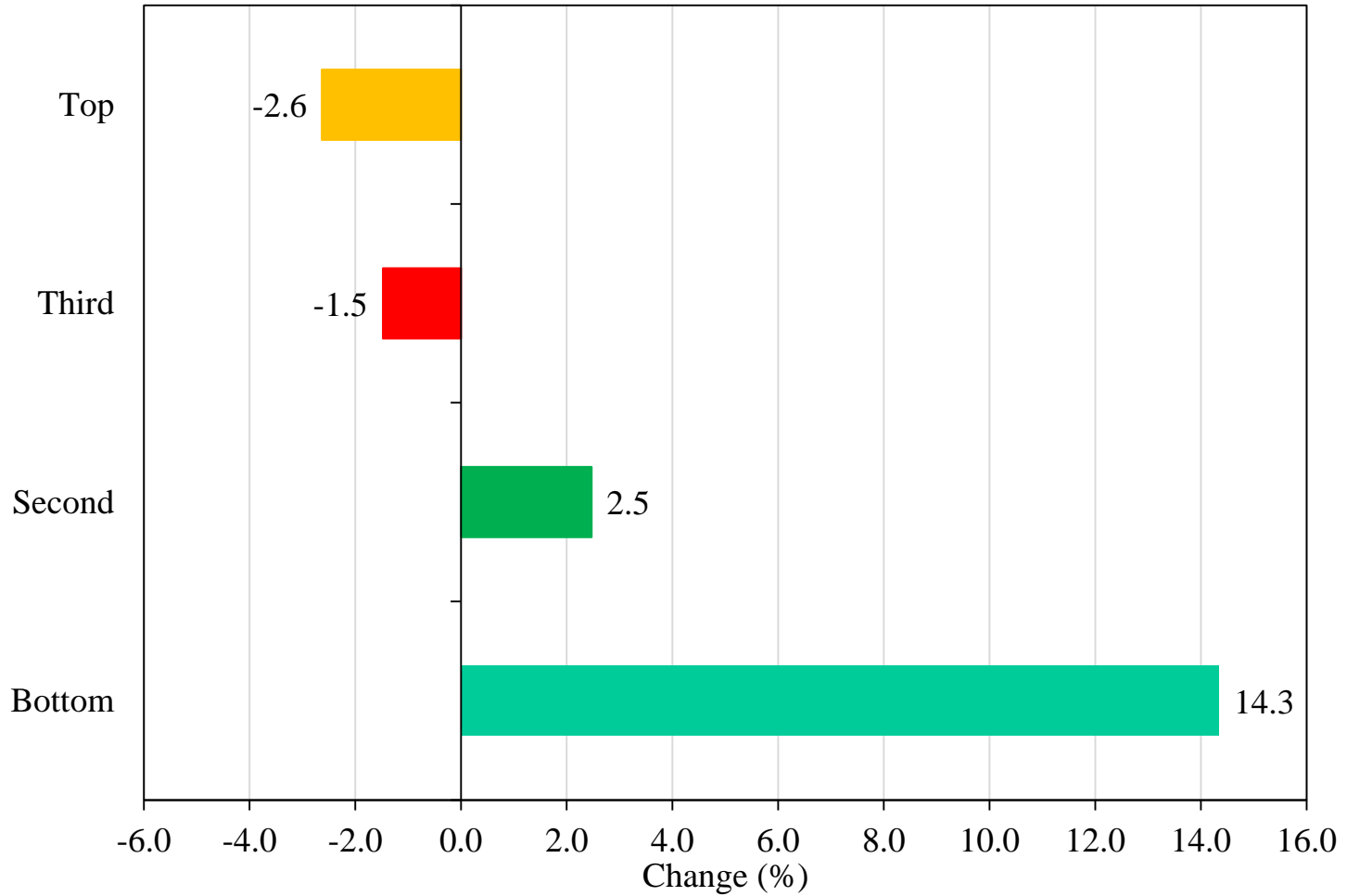
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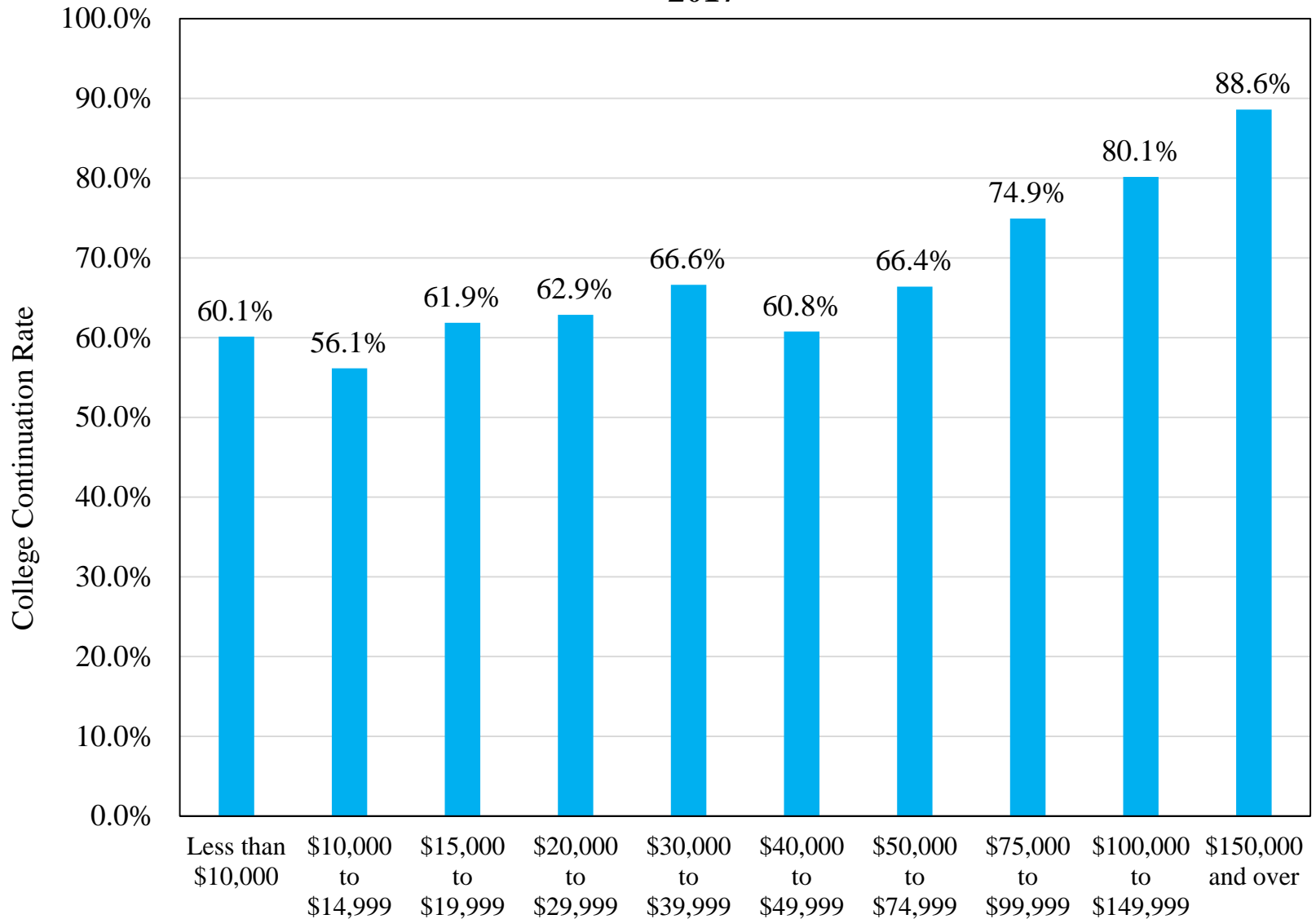
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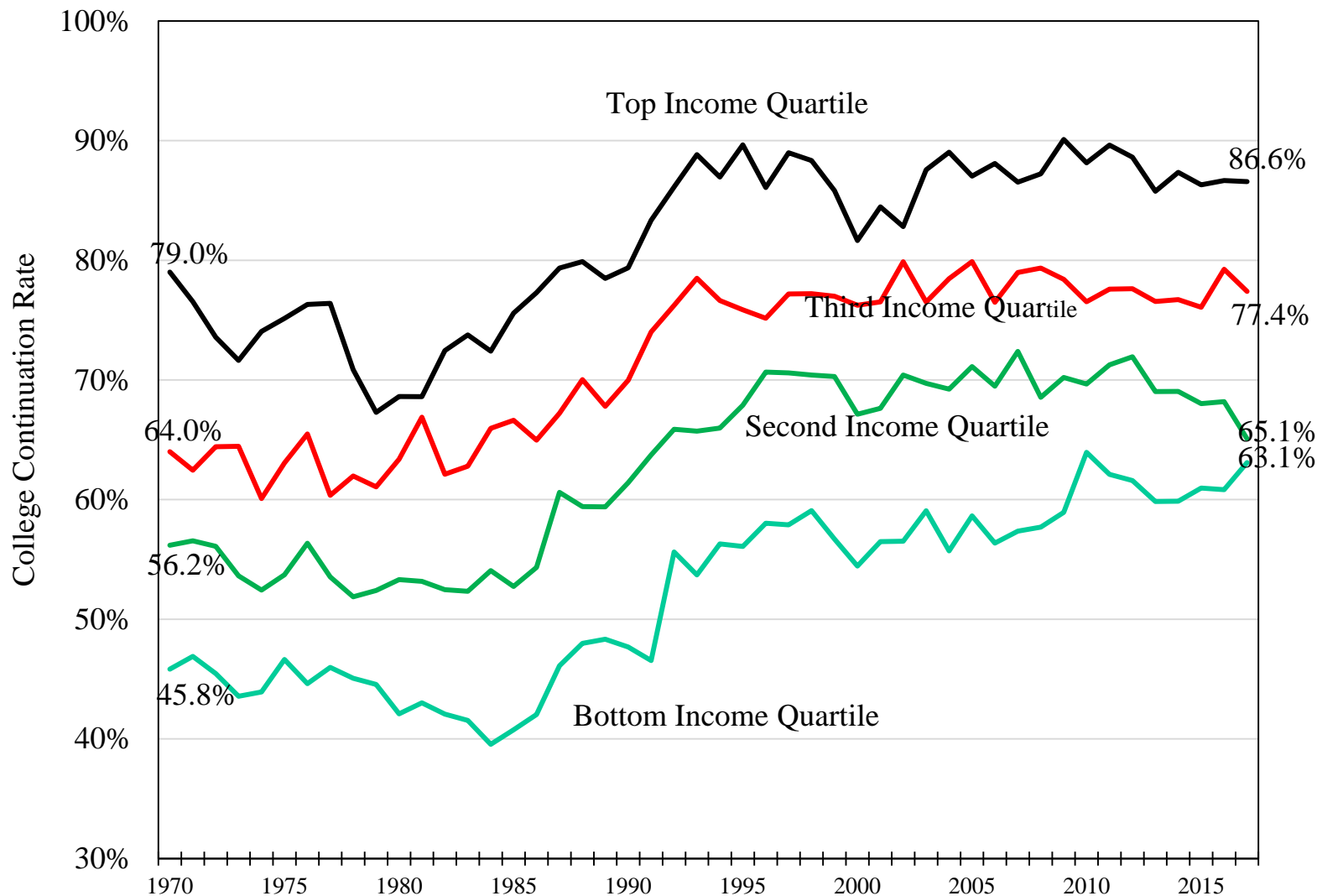
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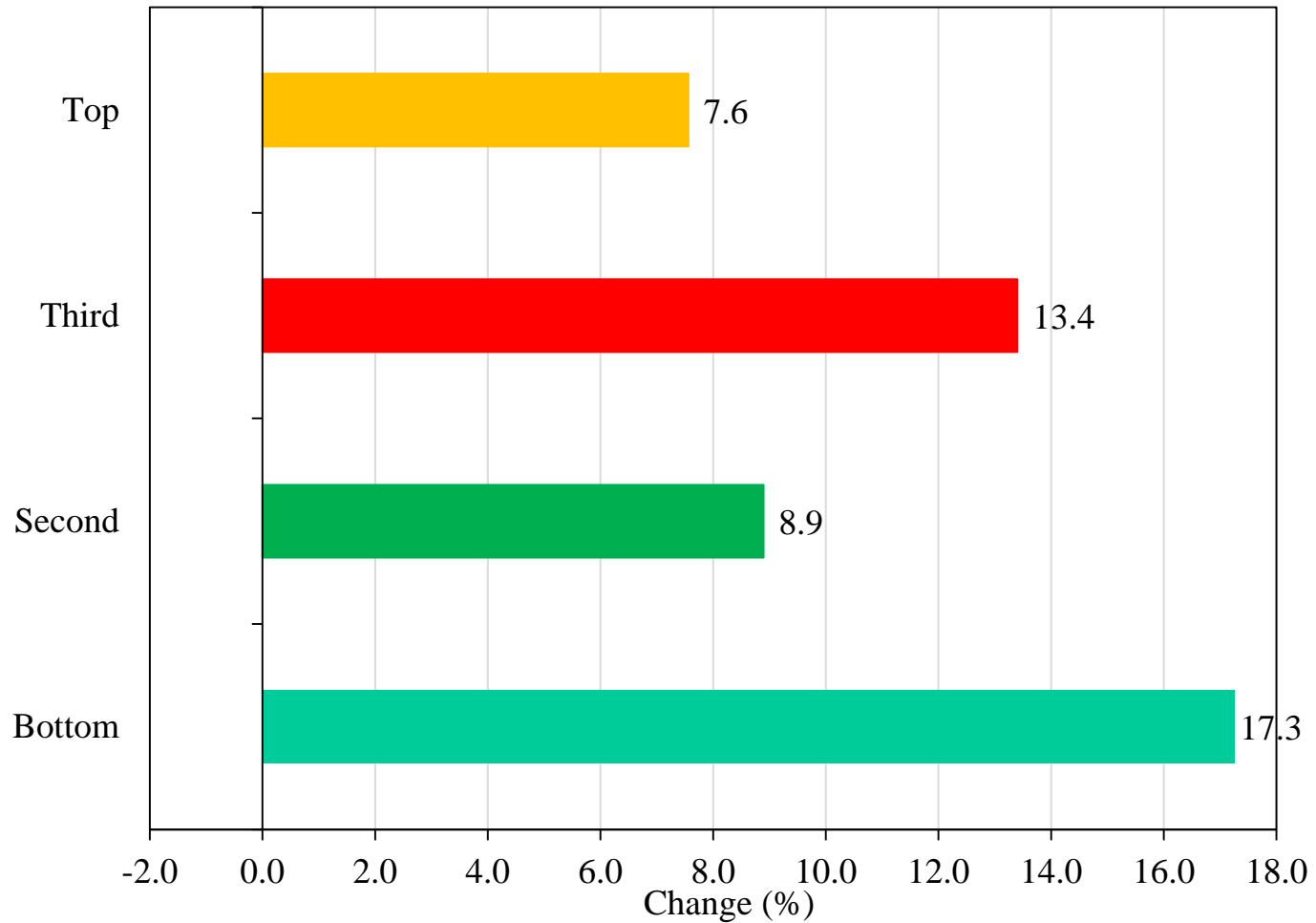
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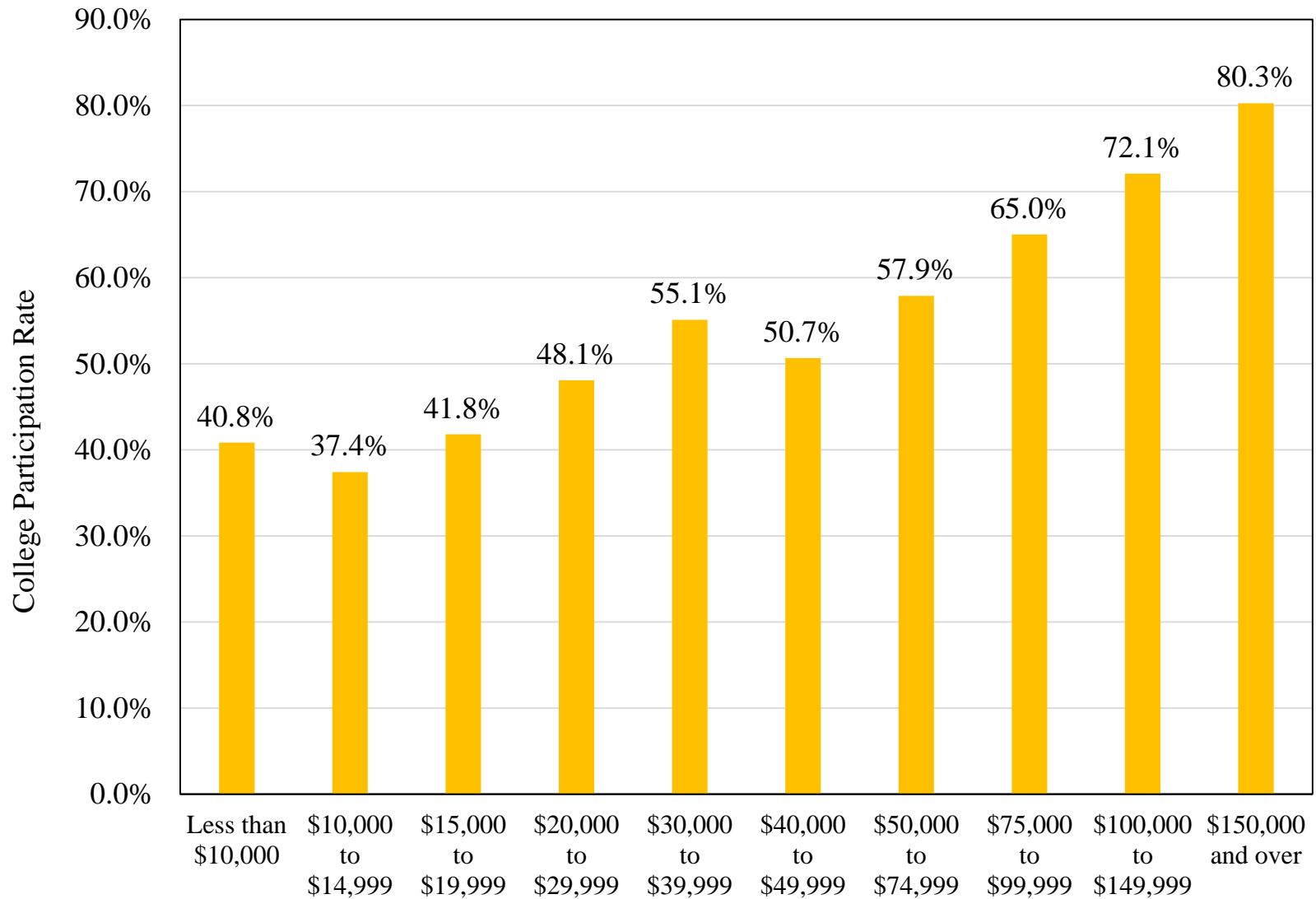
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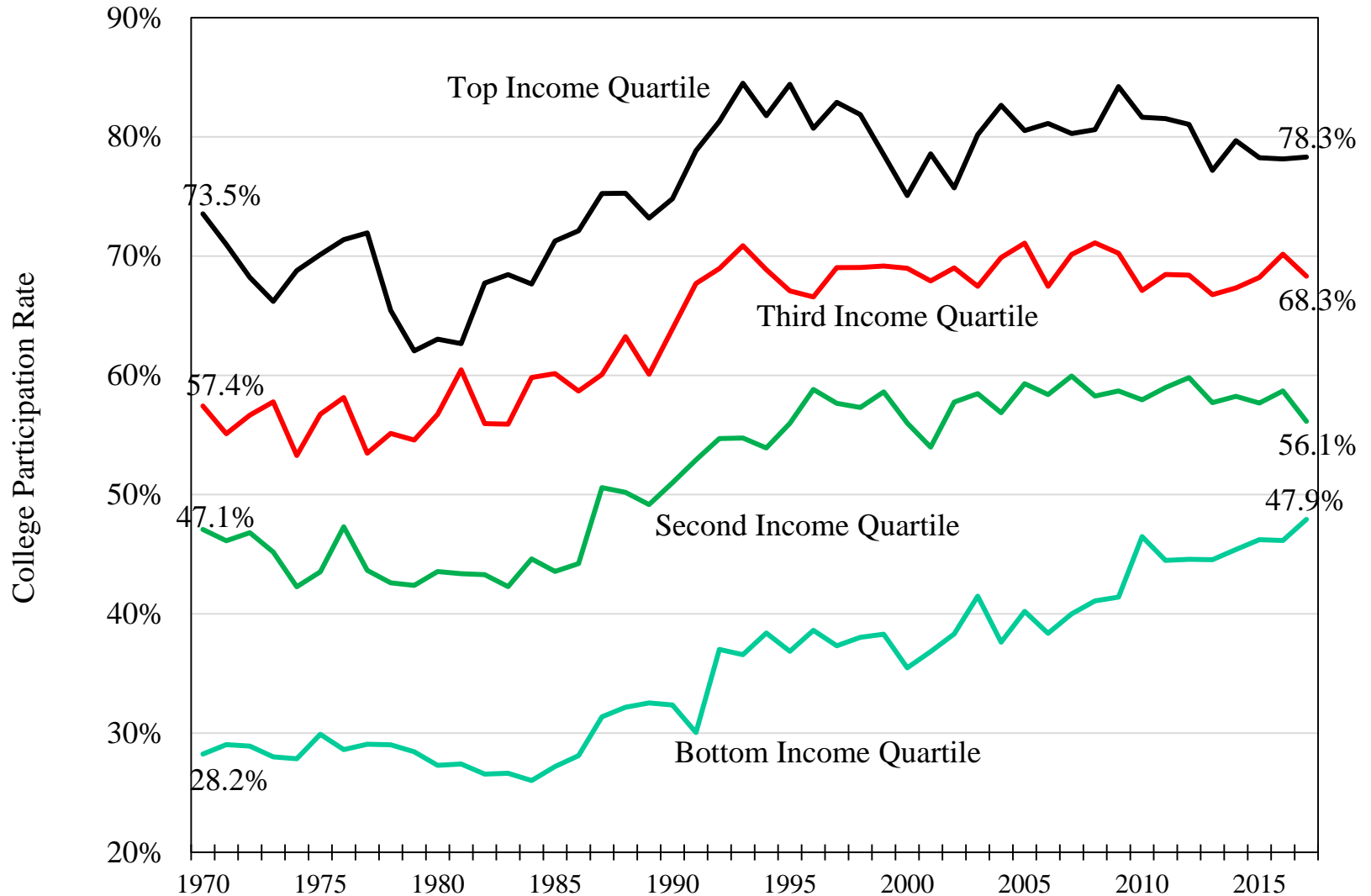
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College Participation Rates by Family Income Intervals for Dependent 18 to 24 Year Olds 2017



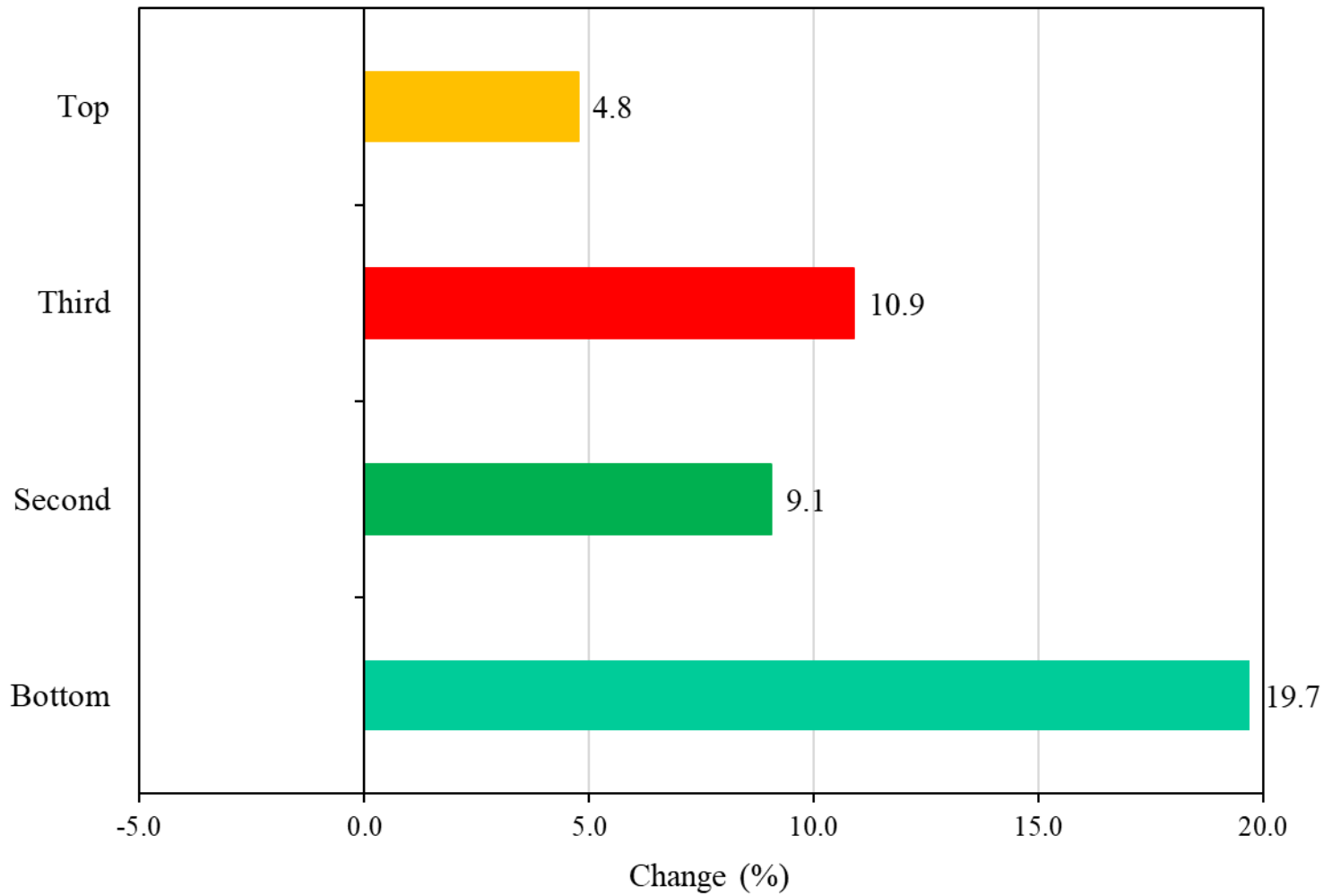
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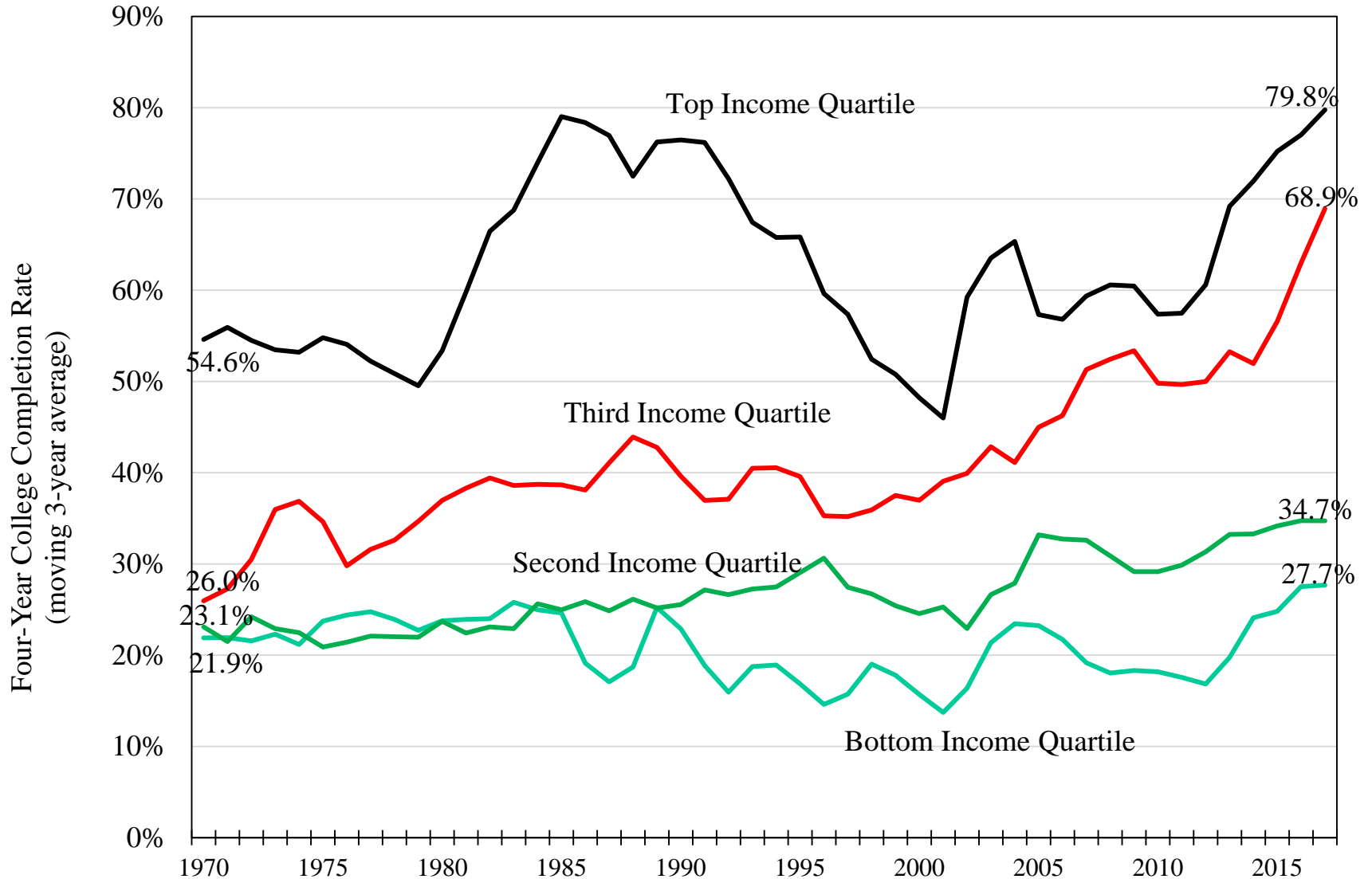
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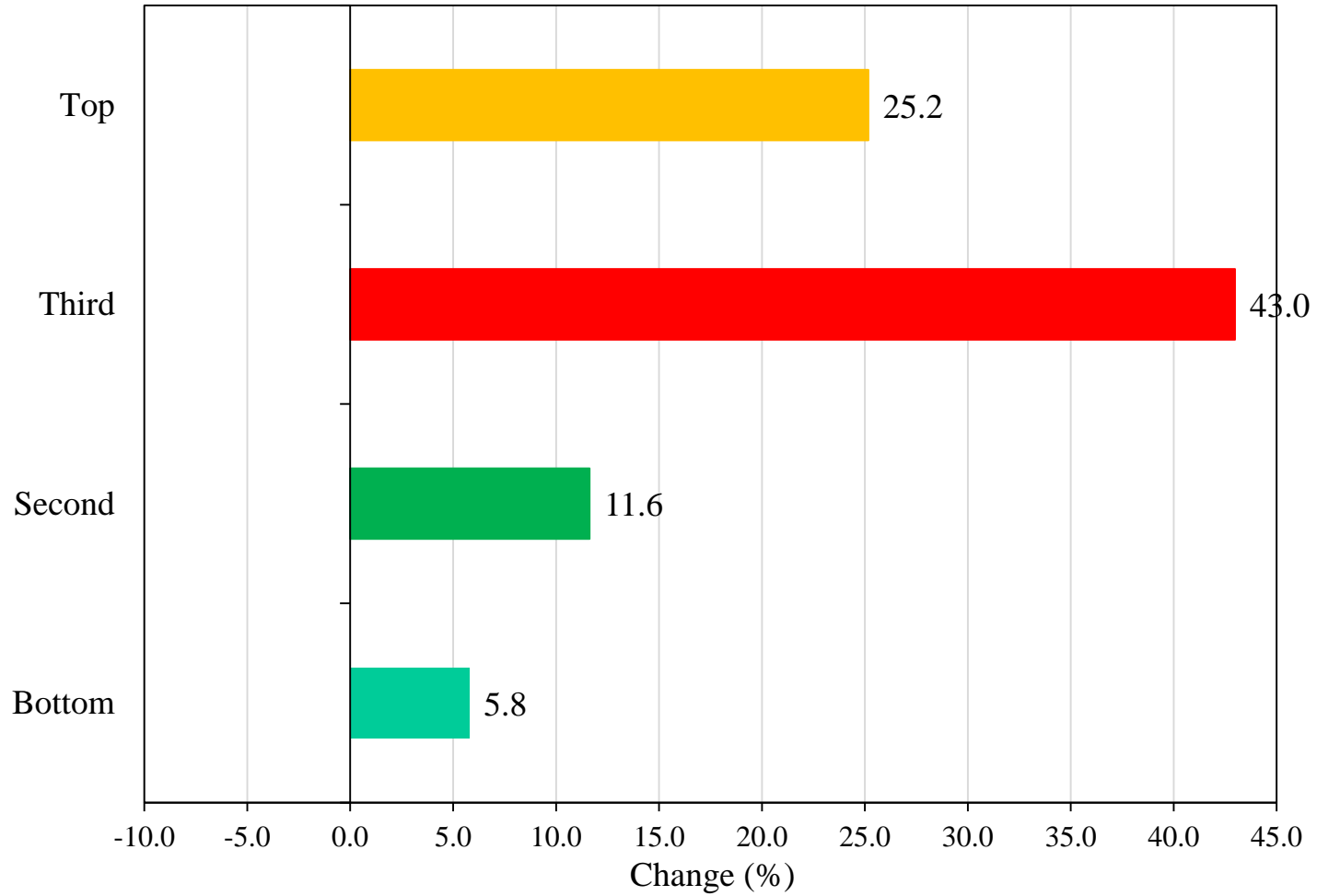
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Estimated Bachelor's Degree Completion Rates by Age 24 by Family Income Quartiles for Dependent College Students Who Began College, 1970 to 2017



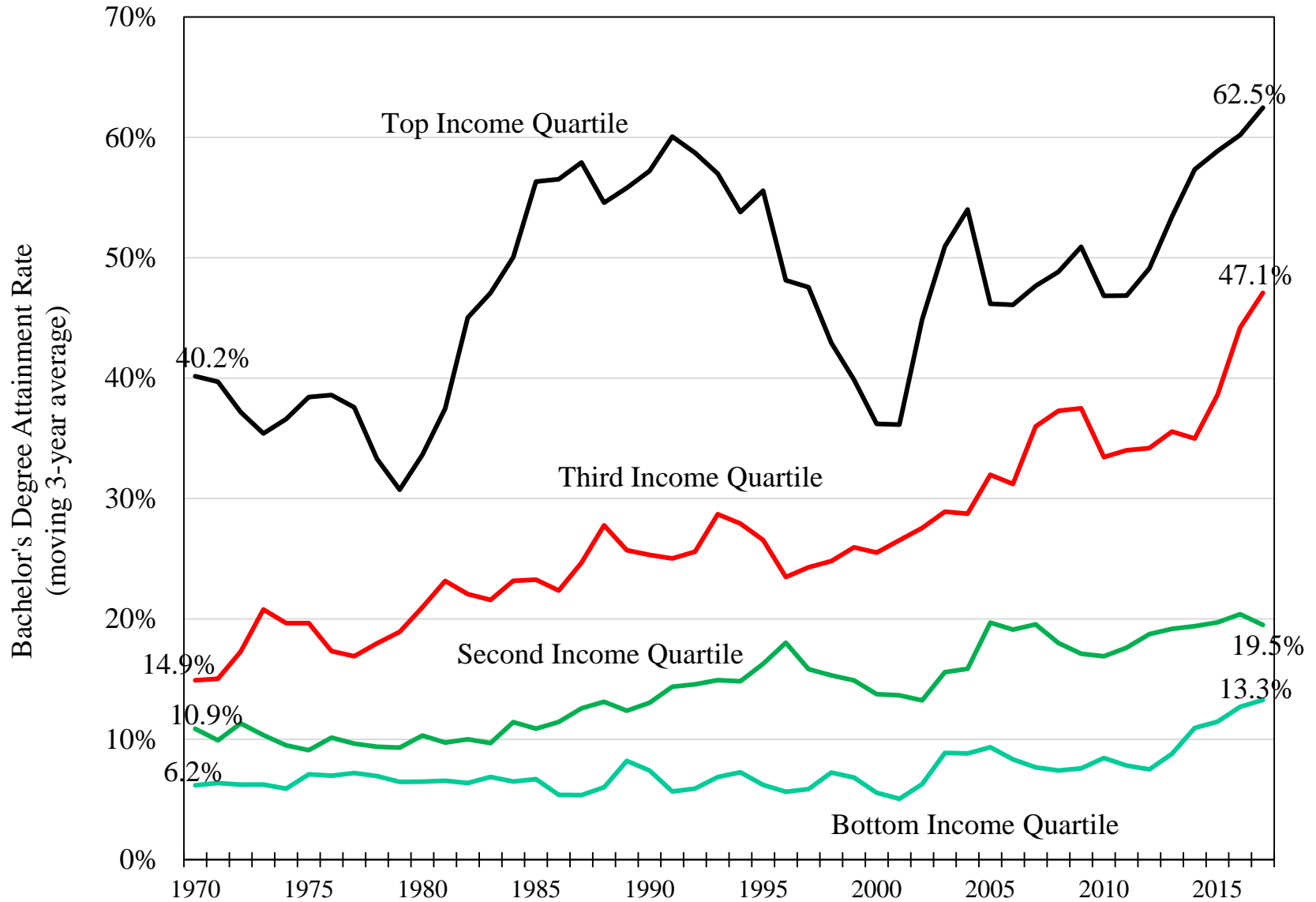
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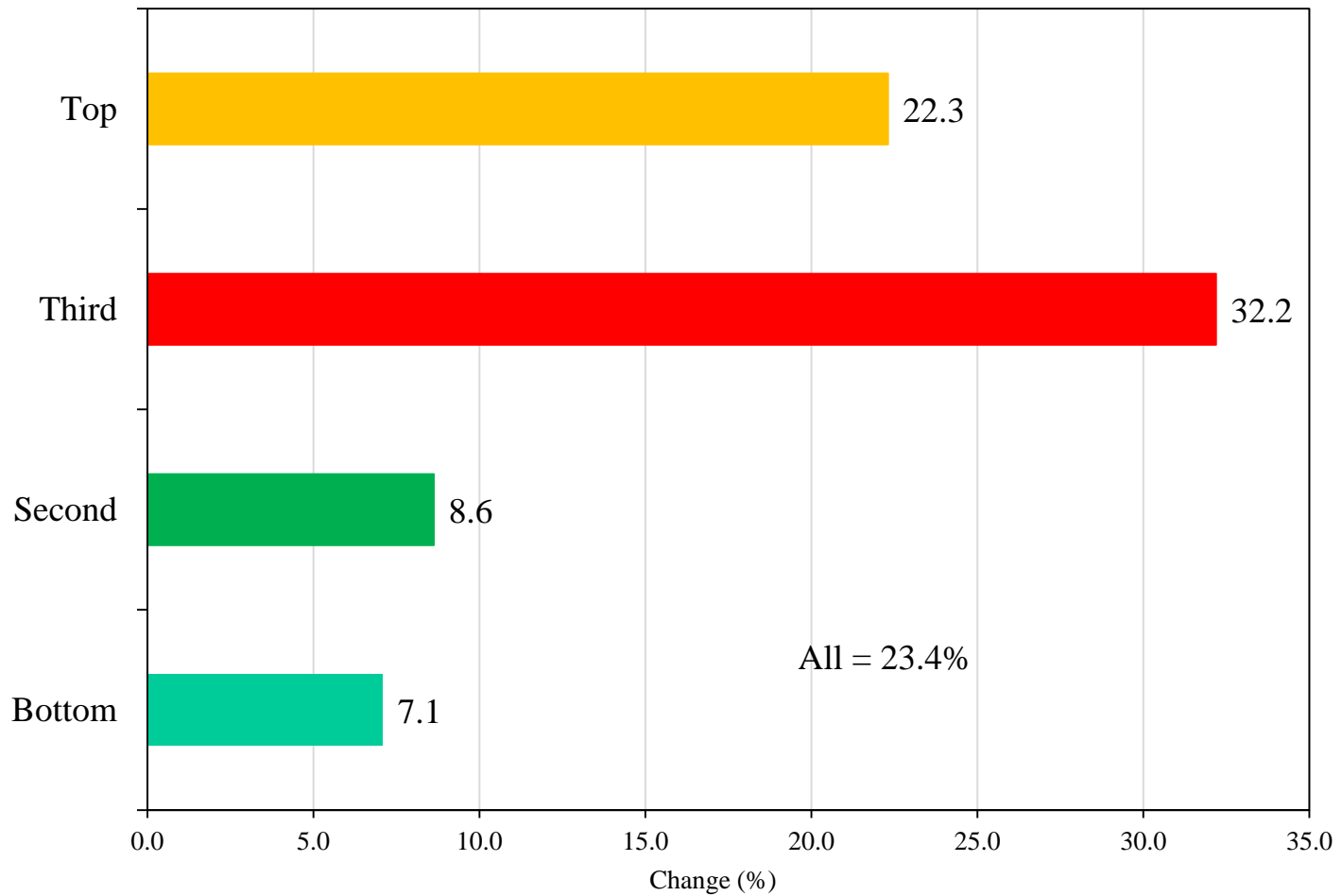
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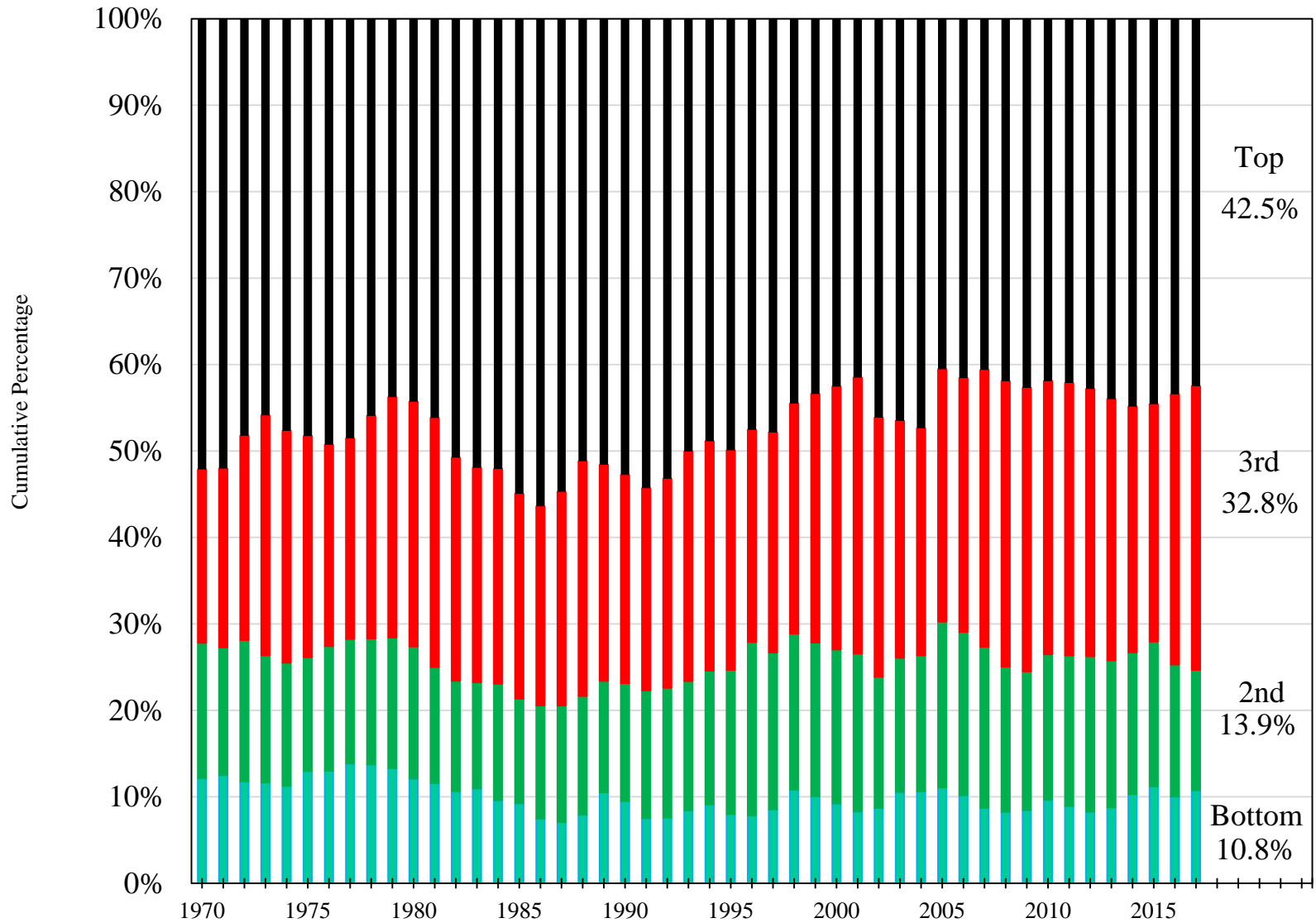
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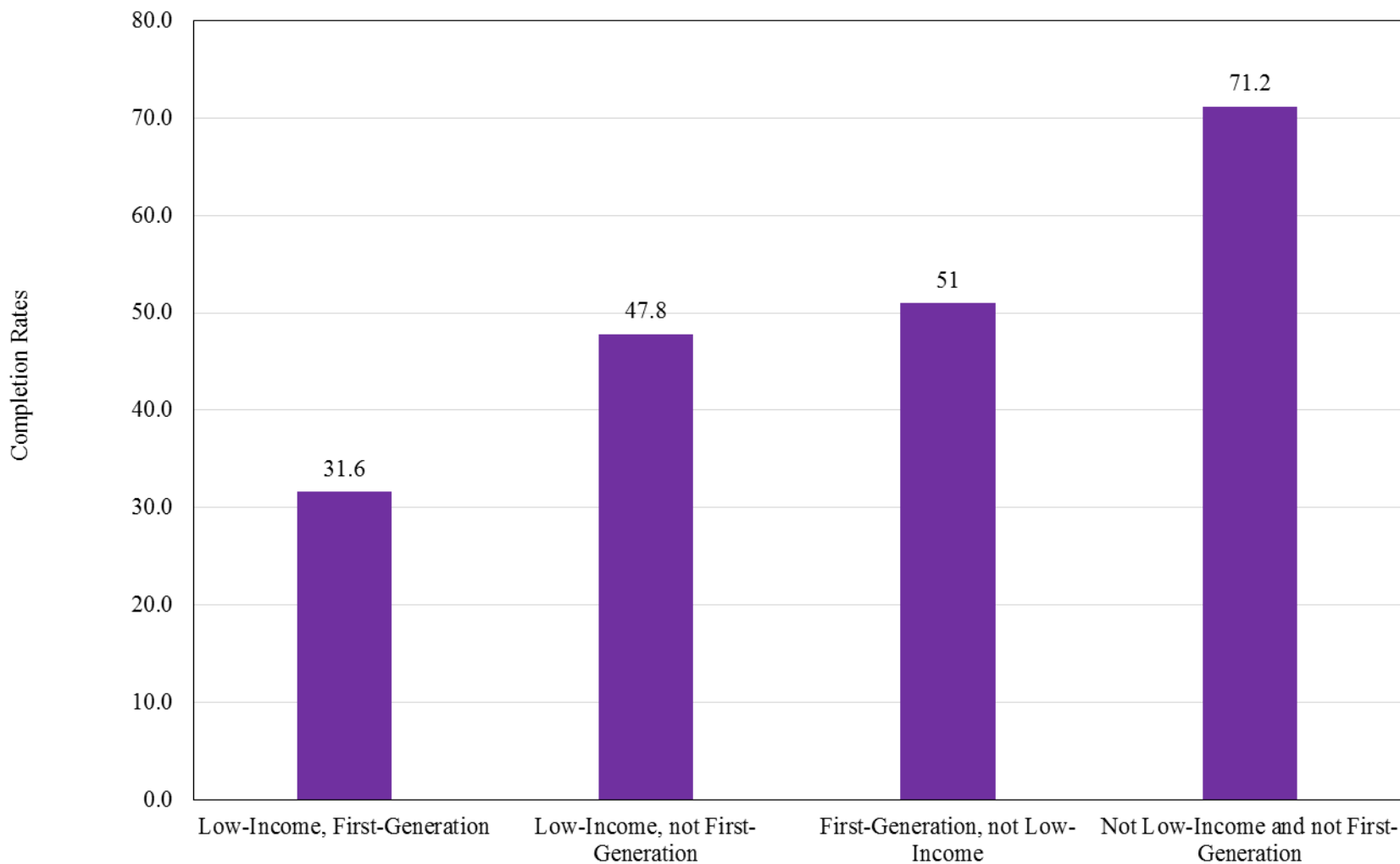
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Distribution of Bachelor's Degrees Awarded by Age 24 by Family Income Quartiles 1970 to 2017

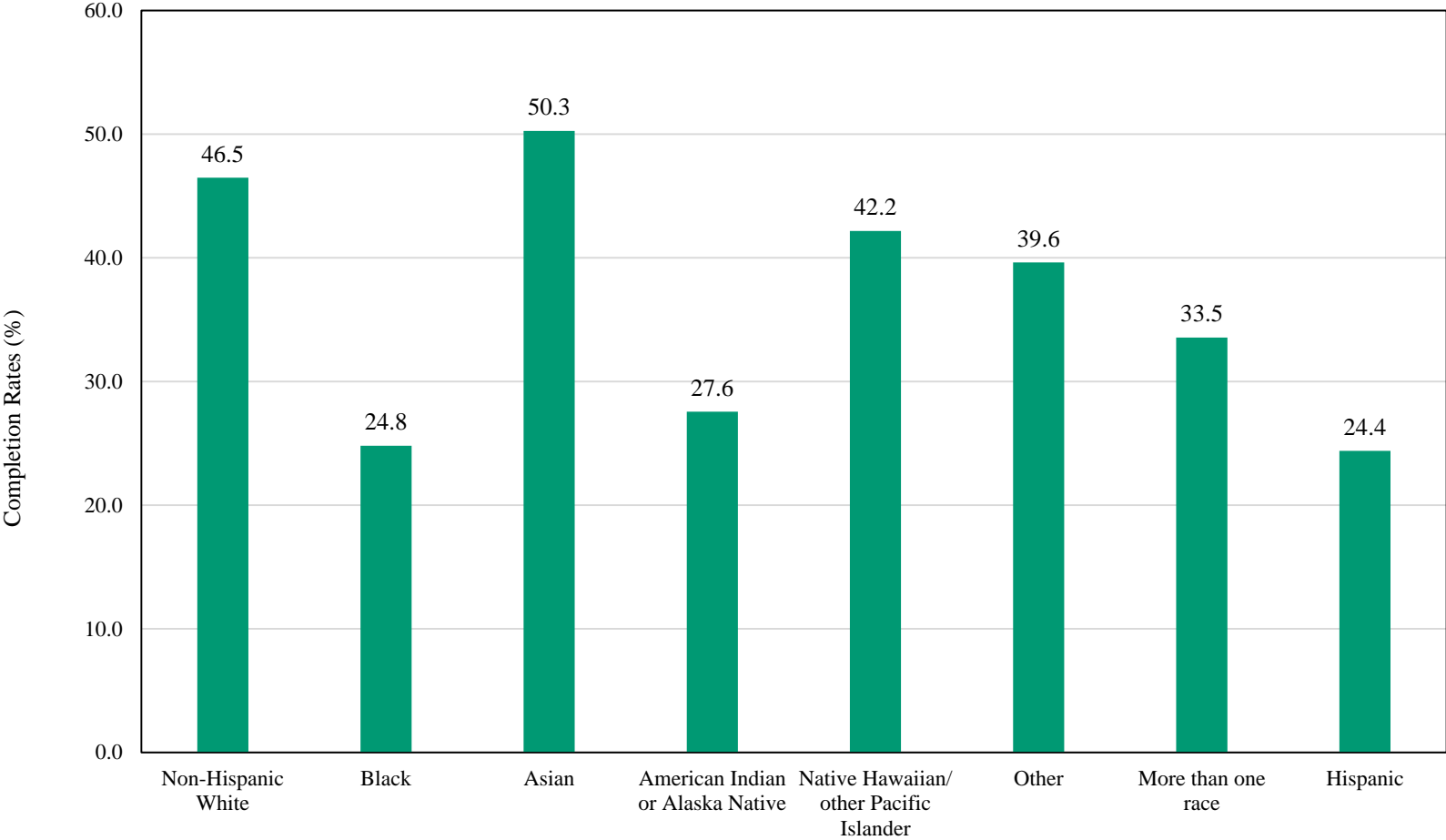


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**6-Year Bachelor's Degree Completion Rates for
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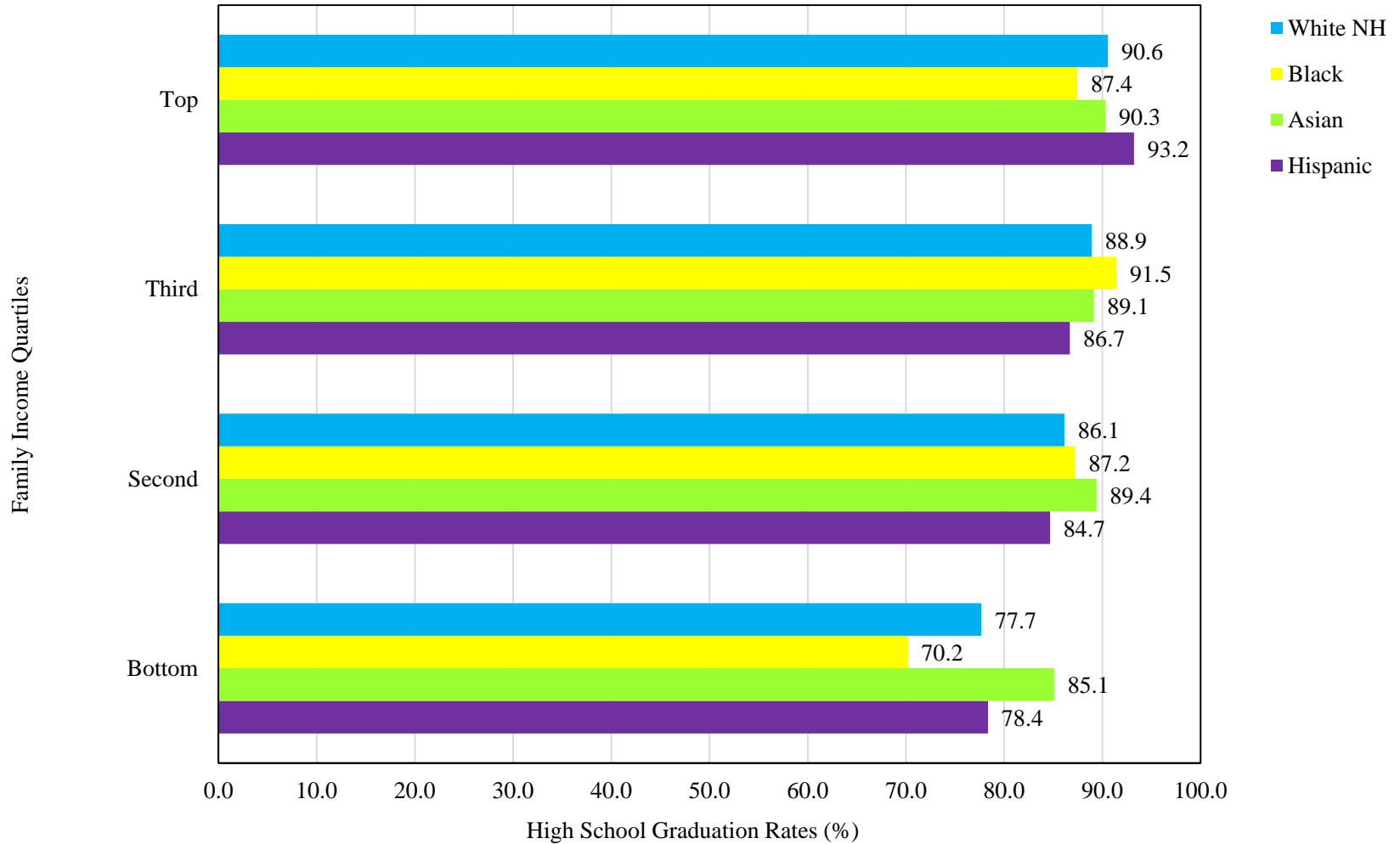


**6-Year Bachelor's Degree Completion Rates for
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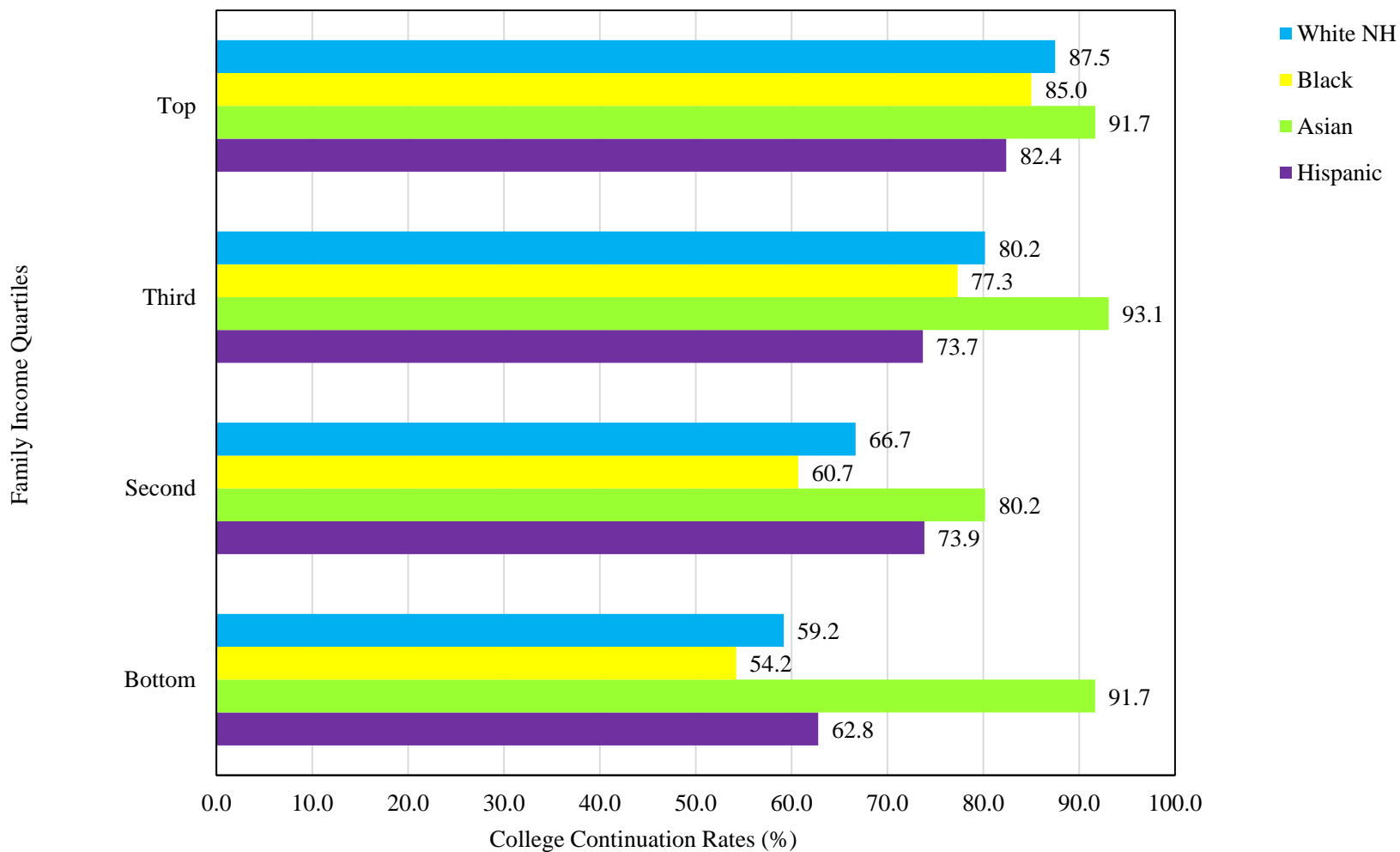
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High School Graduation Rates for Dependent 18 to 24 Year Olds by Family Income Quartiles and Race/Ethnicity 2016



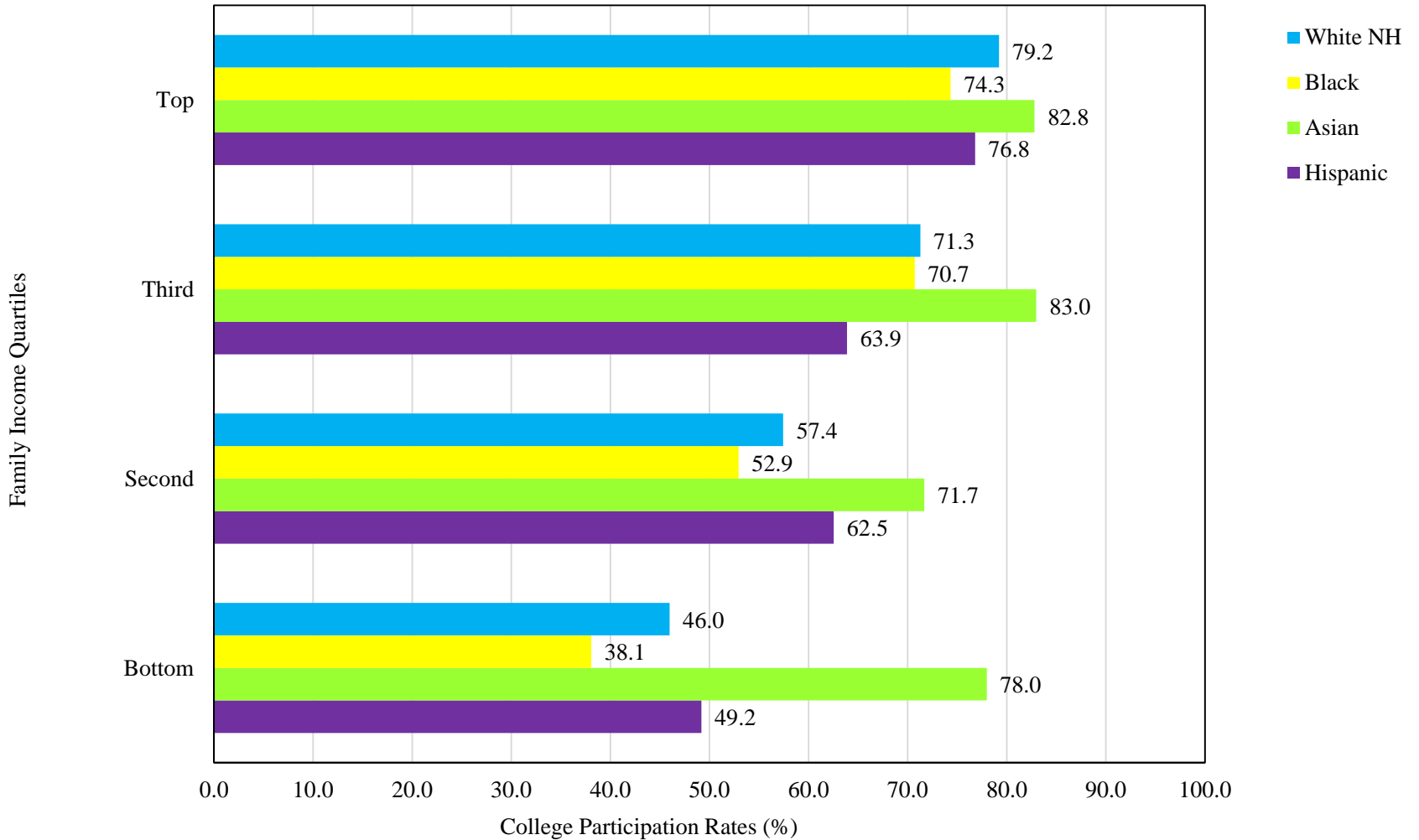
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College Continuation Rates for Dependent 18 to 24 Year Old High School Graduates by Family Income Quartiles and Race/Ethnicity 2016



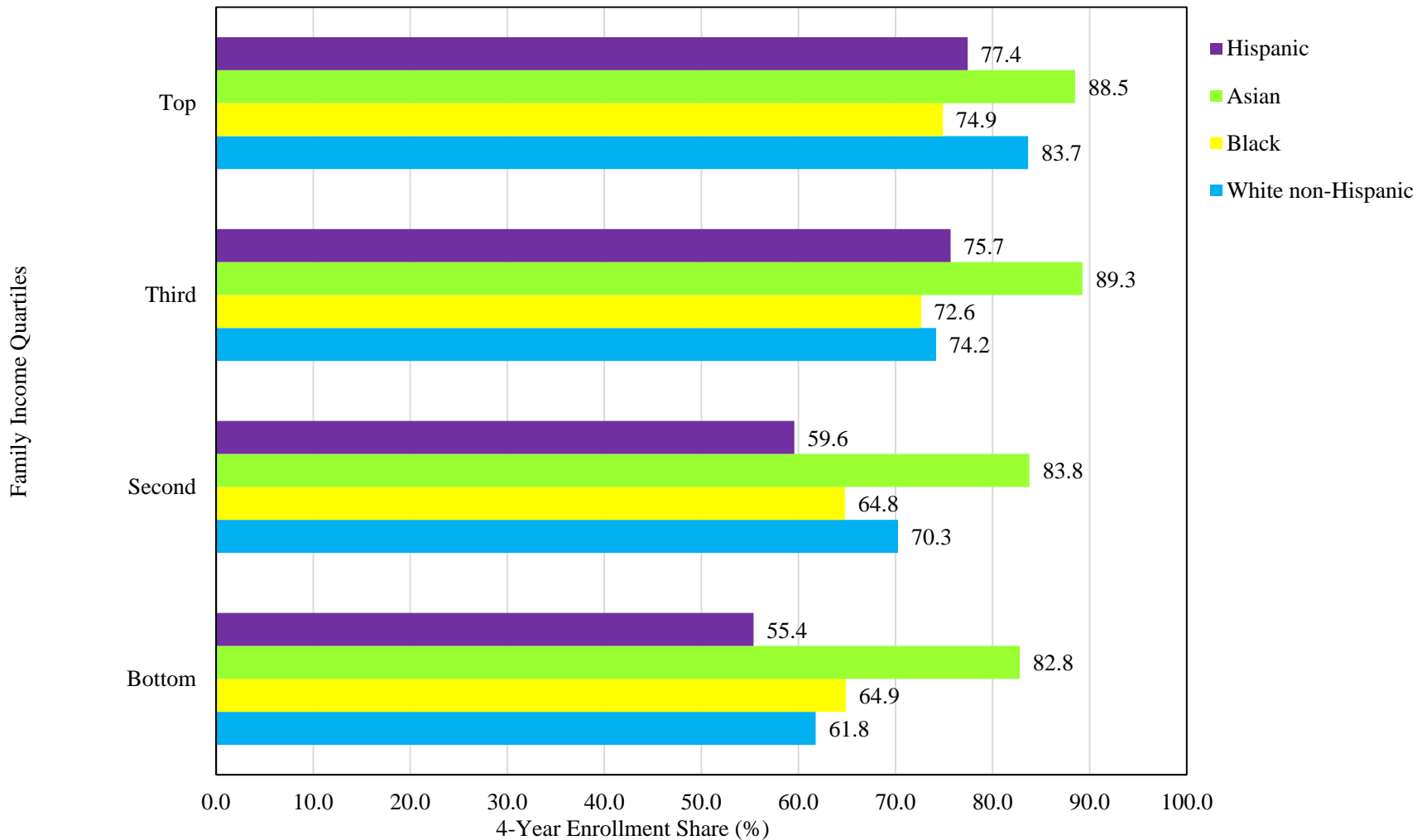
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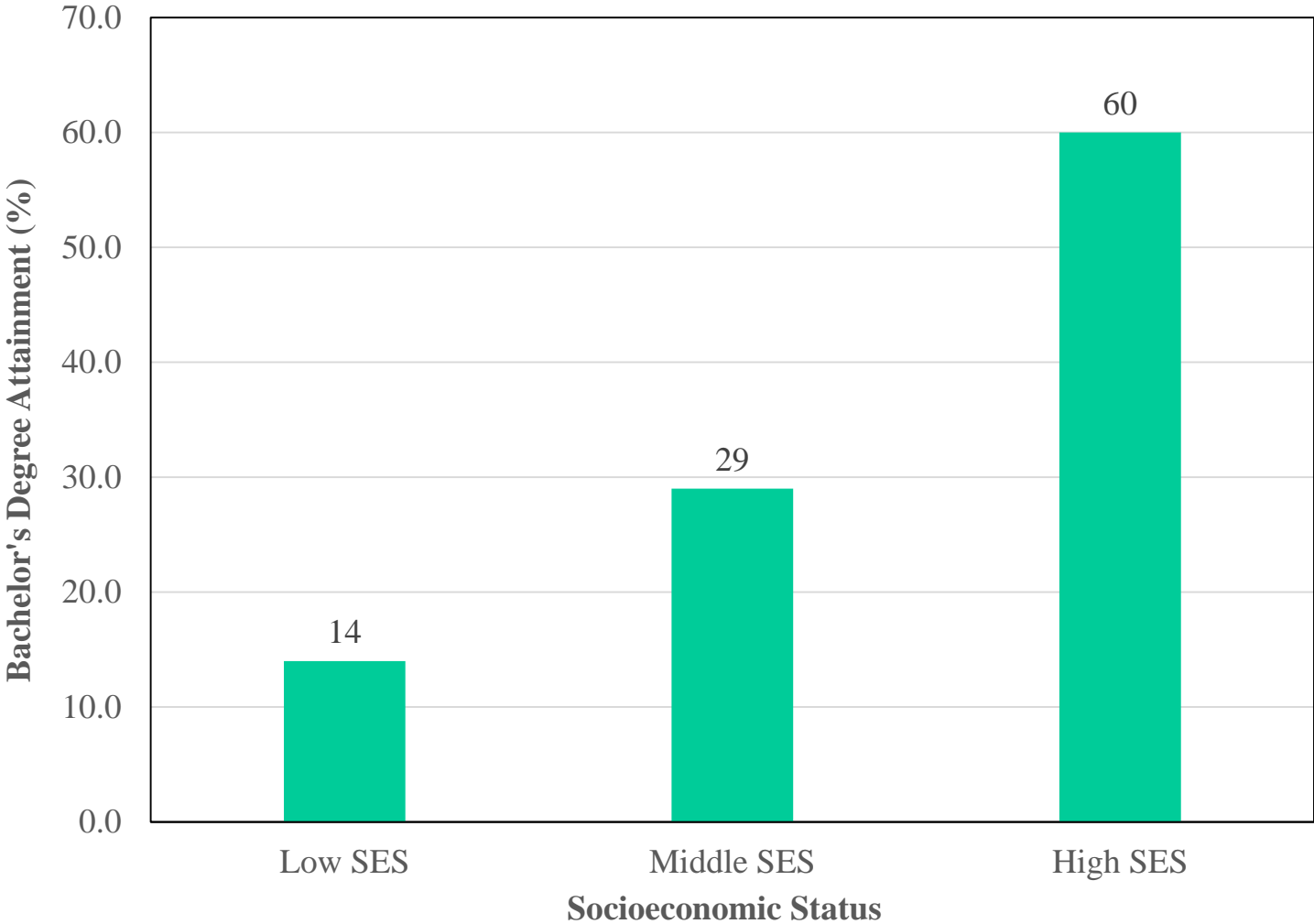
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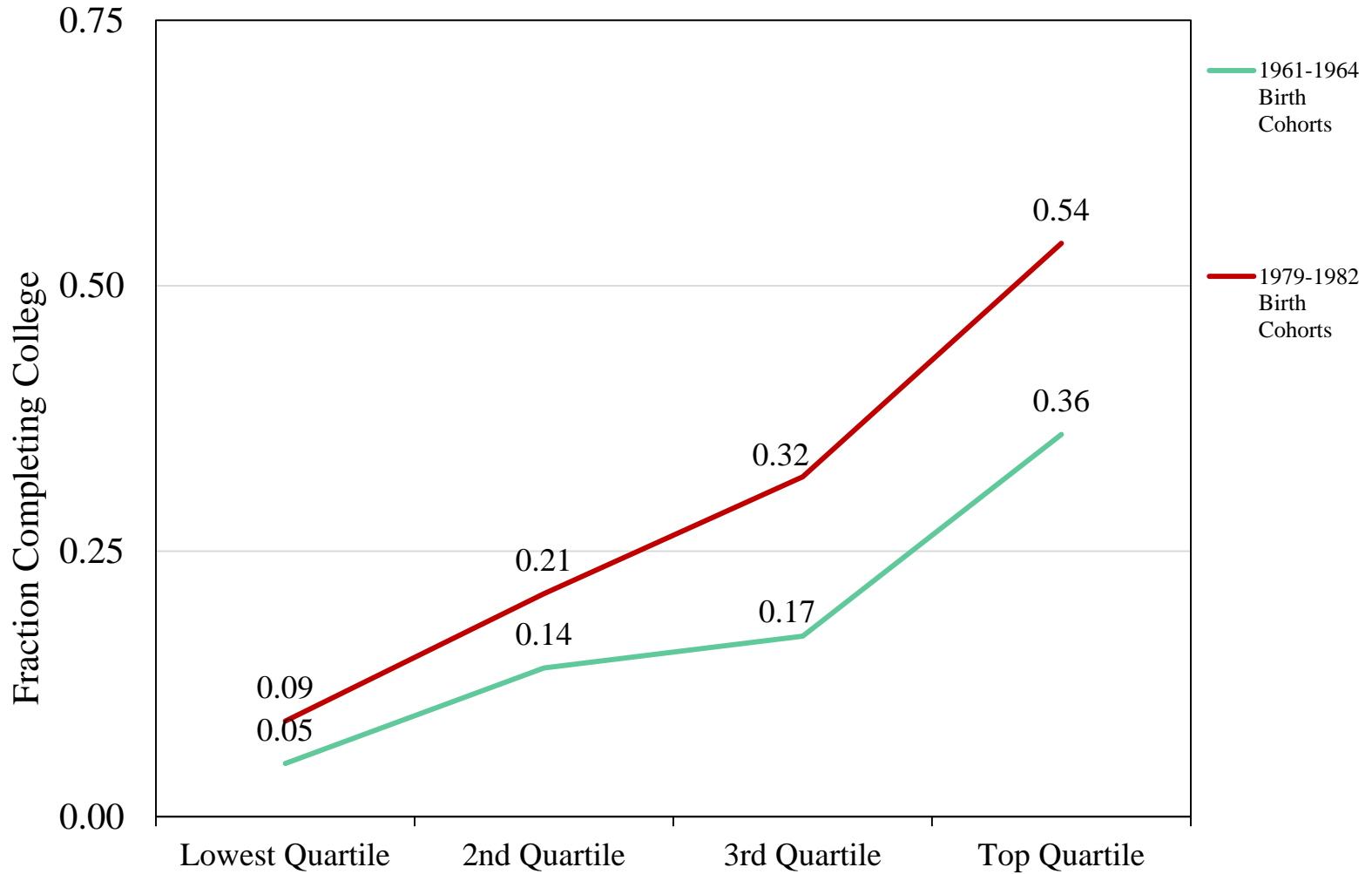
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Bachelor's Degree or Higher by Socioeconomic Status of Spring 2002 High School Sophomores by 2012



Source: US Department of Ed/NCES

Fraction of Students Completing College by Income Quartile and Year of Birth



Source: Author's calculation based on data from the National Longitudinal Survey of Youth, 1979 and 1997 (US Bureau of Labor Statistics, 2010a, 2010b).

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