

Unemployment rates by education, selected countries, 2008

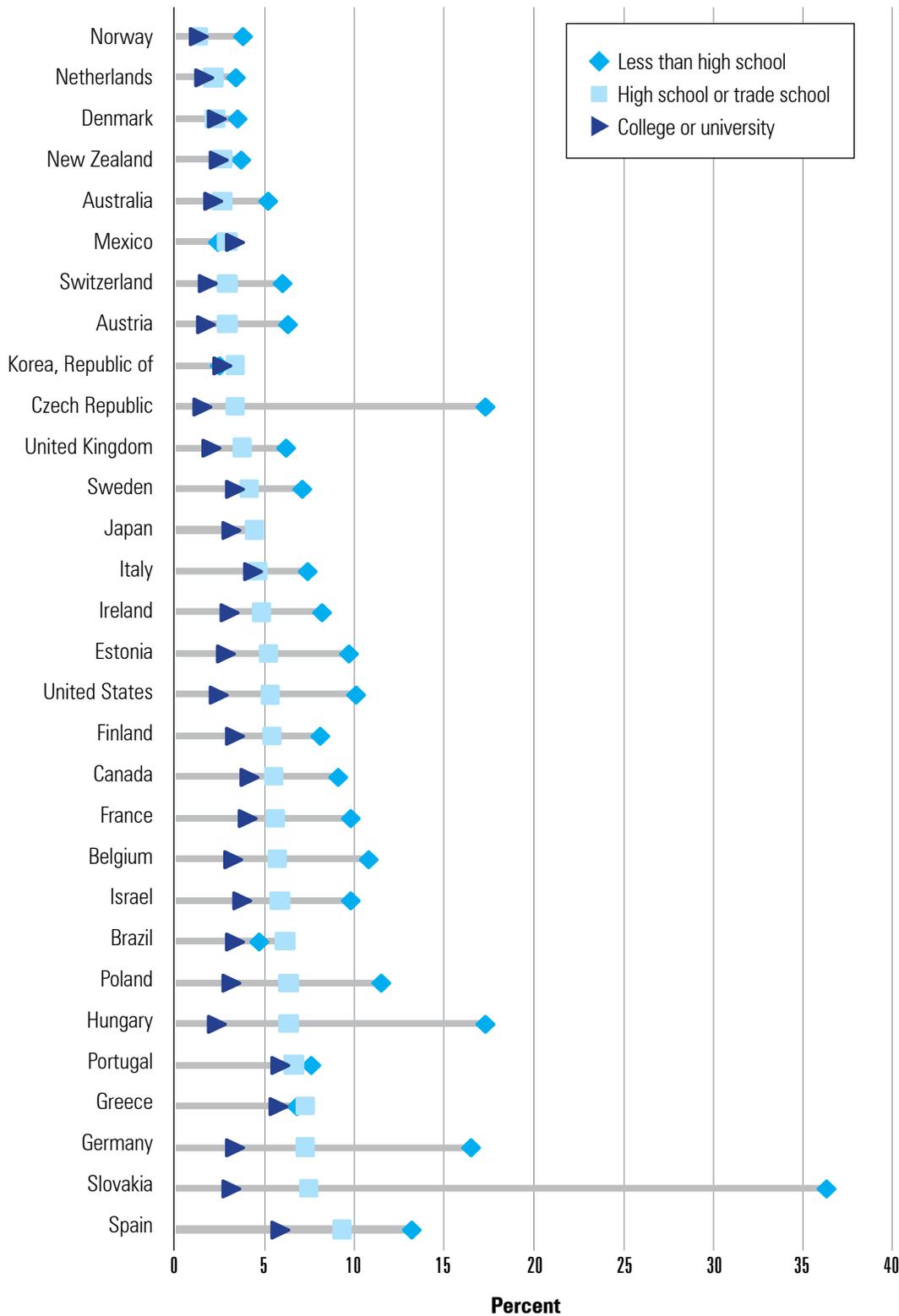


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In 23 out of 30 countries, college graduates had the lowest unemployment rates, followed by high school graduates; high school dropouts had the highest rates.

- College graduates had the highest unemployment rate only in Mexico.
- The unemployment rate gap between high school dropouts and high school graduates was generally larger than the gap between college graduates and high school graduates, reflecting the value of a high school education in seeking employment.

NOTE: Data refer to persons ages 25 to 64. Data for less than high school are not available for Japan.

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