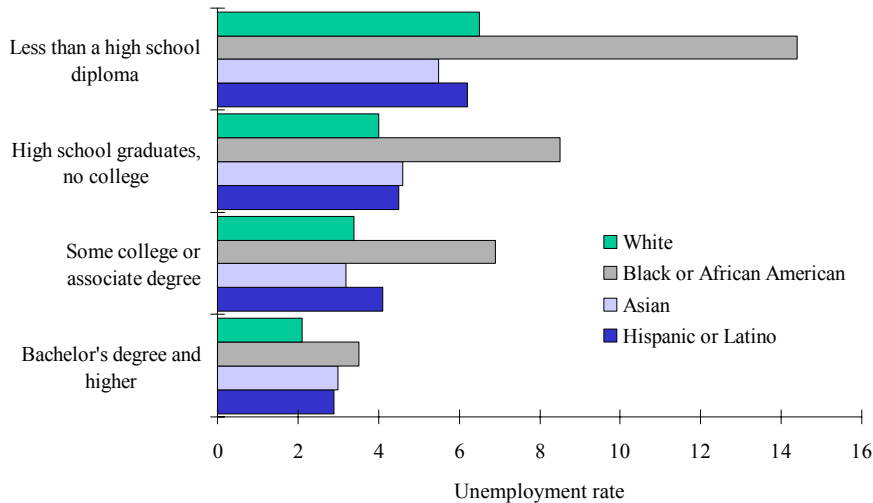


**Chart 2-3. The higher the education level, the lower the unemployment rate**

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NOTE: Data are for persons age 25 and over.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- Regardless of race or Hispanic ethnicity, unemployment rates generally decline with higher levels of education.
- In 2005, among persons 25 years and over, the unemployment rate of blacks with a college degree (3.5 percent) was about 11 percentage points lower than the rate for blacks who were high school dropouts.
- The unemployment rate for white college graduates (2.1 percent) was about 4 points below that of white high school dropouts.
- The unemployment rate for Hispanic college graduates (2.9 percent) was about 3 points below that of Hispanic high school dropouts.