

WORKING HARD, LEFT BEHIND

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Education as a pathway from poverty to
prosperity for working Californians

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There are **4 million**
working families
in California



are considered low-income

WORST IN THE NATION

California has the **highest**
number of working low-income
families in the US.

- Nearly half are without a high school diploma or GED.
- 60% have no postsecondary education.

More than 3.2 million
children, or **40 percent**
of all children under the
age of 18 in California, **are**
in working low-income
families.

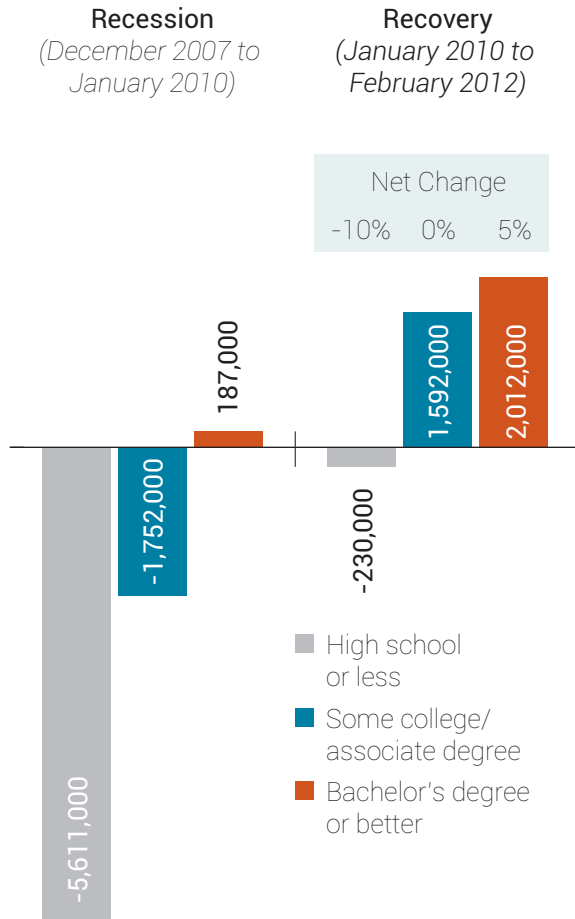


Of the 1.87 million
low-income
families in the
state, 73% are a
part of the labor
force.



THE PATHWAY TO PROSPERITY

Even during the recovery, those without a college education continued to lose jobs



Source: Carnevale, Anthony P., Tamara Jayasundera, and Ban Cheah. Georgetown Center on Education and Workforce. (2012). *The College Advantage: Weathering the Economic Storm*. Washington, D.C.

California is on track to face a **shortage of 2.3 million college graduates** needed to meet the state's productivity demands in 2025.

The Road Ahead: Higher education, California's promise, and our future economy, California Competes



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