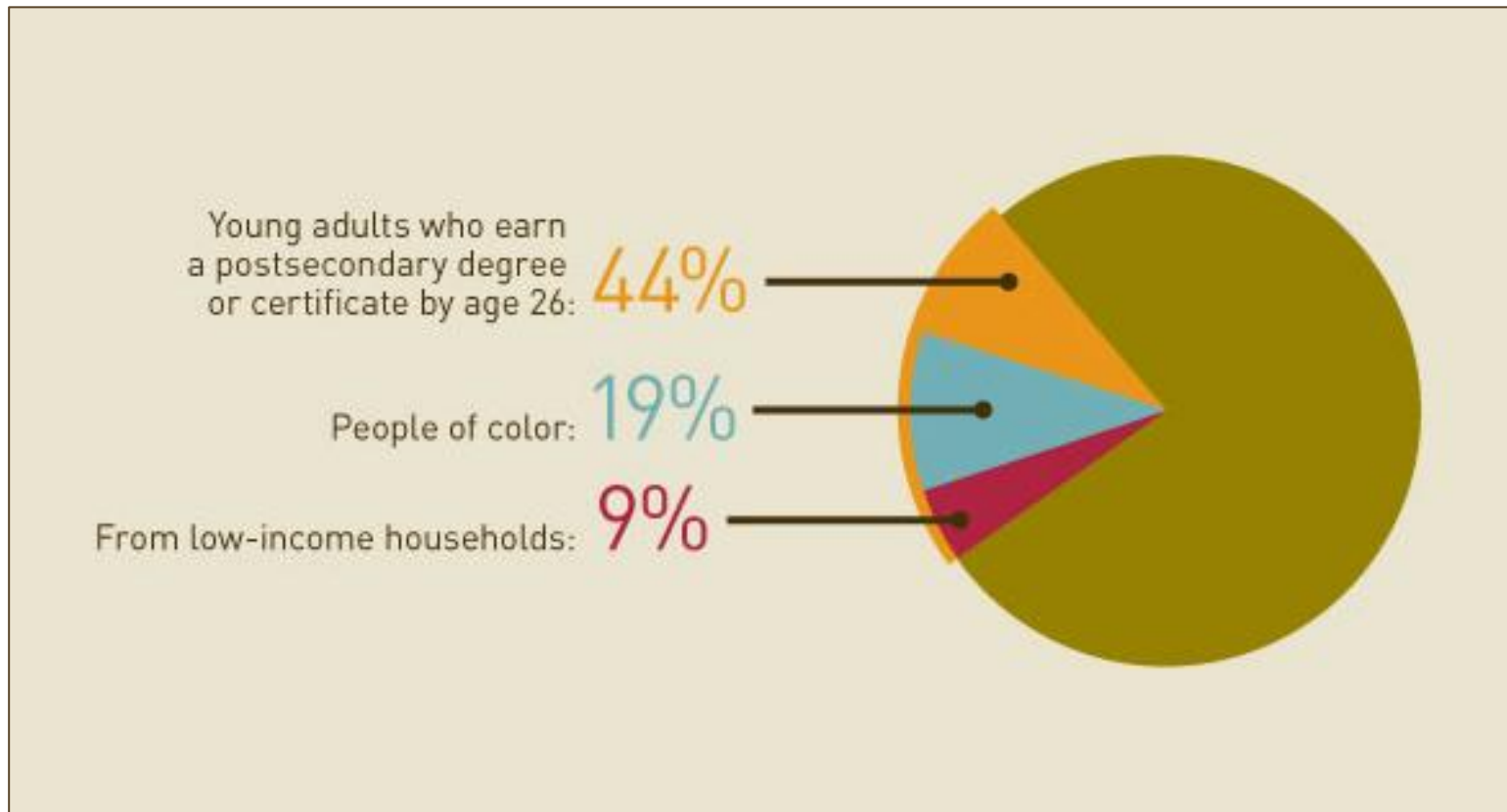


# Education is key to the middle class

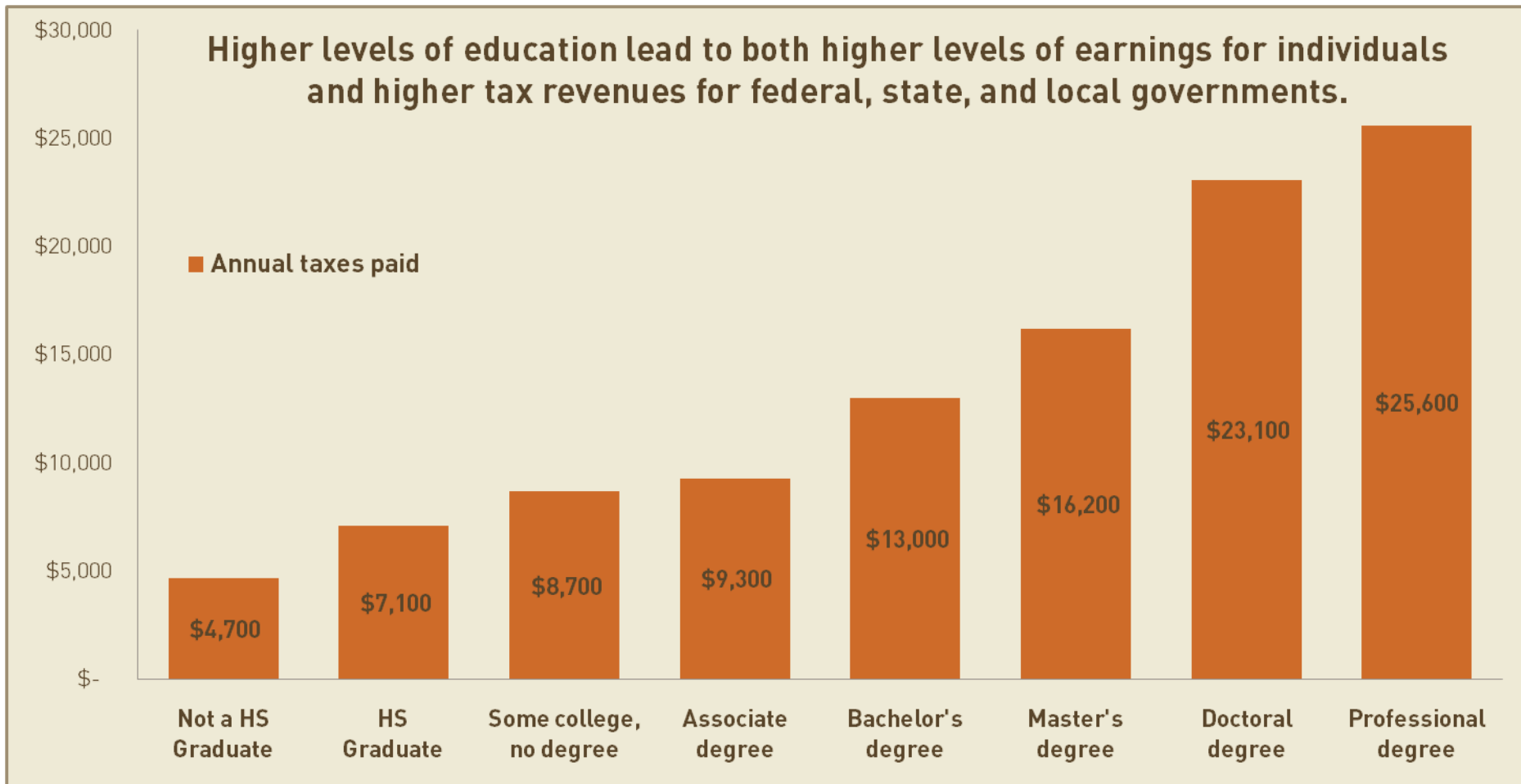
Too many Americans lack the education needed to succeed in the global economy.



**Percentage of adults who have obtained an associate degree or higher**

# Educated citizens are tax-paying citizens

They also strengthen communities and our civic institutions.



Note: Taxes paid include federal income, Social Security, Medicare, state and local income, sales, and property taxes. Source: College Board Education Pays 2010

# Students have changed

75% of students are 'nontraditional' – they meet one of these criteria...

...they  
**WORK**

...they're  
**OLDER**



...they're  
financially on  
**THEIR OWN**

...they're  
**CARE-  
GIVERS**

...they live  
**OFF-  
CAMPUS**