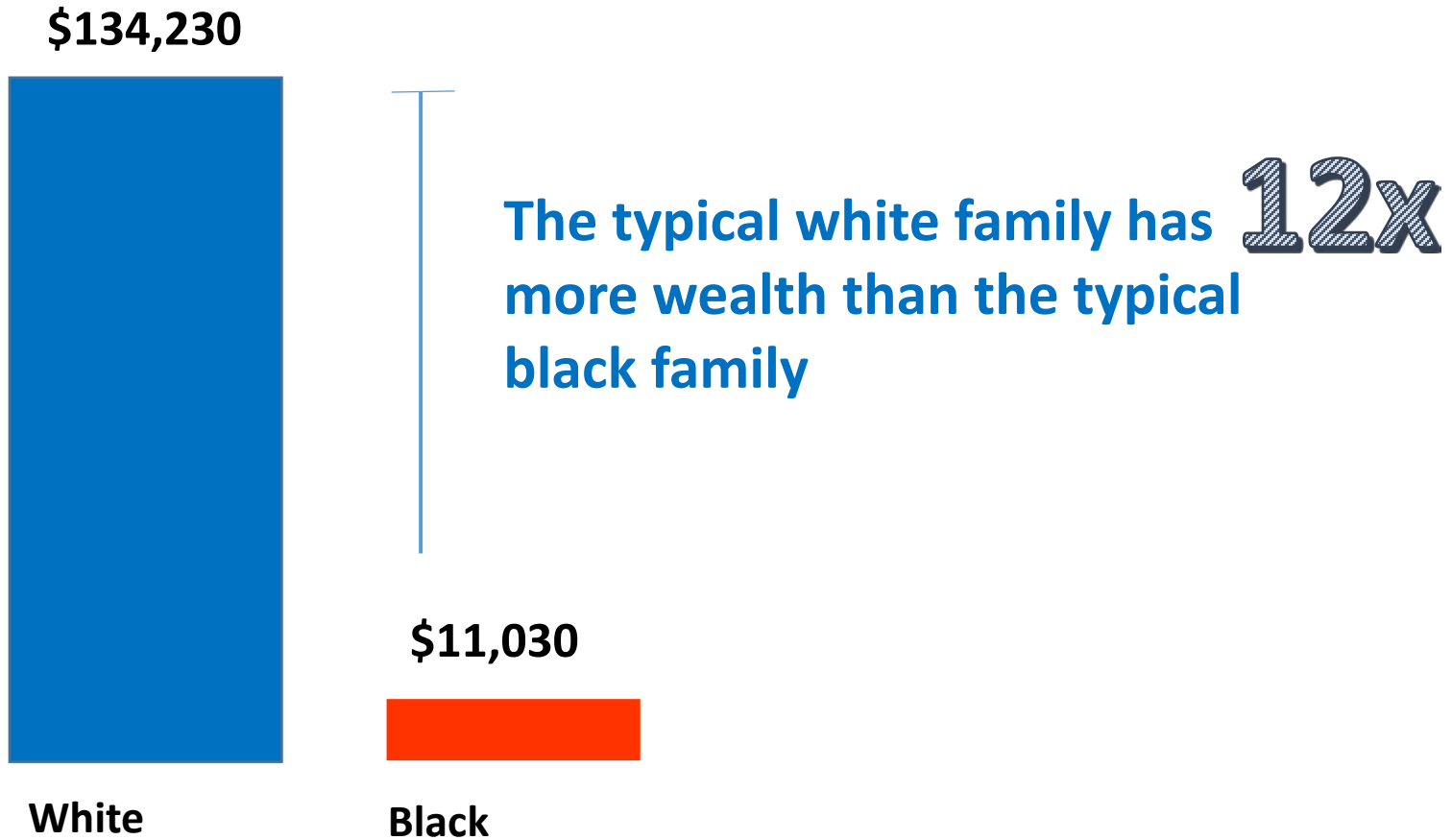


# BEHIND THE CURTAIN: THE CREATION OF WEALTH





Source: Survey of Consumer Finance, 2013

WHITE

COLORED

**Racial wealth disparities are today's version of yesterday's segregation and policy decisions**



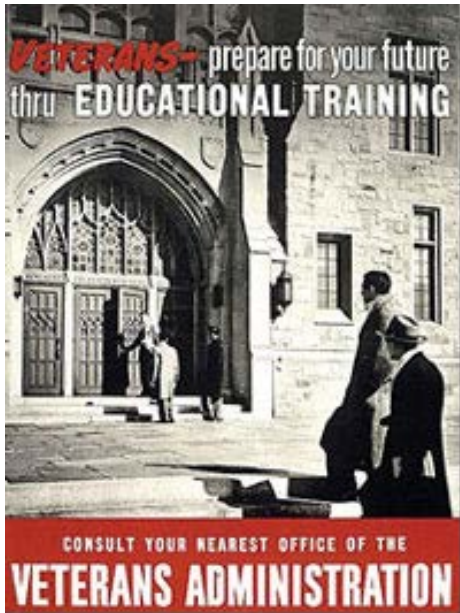


**We have never  
truly built a  
black middle  
class in terms of  
wealth**

# The Social Security Act excluded Domestic and Agriculture Workers



# The GI Bill was the single greatest instrument for widening racial inequities in postwar America



The largest federal public benefits program in history, and a low-cost route to wealth creation

- Paid college tuition
- Low interest home mortgages

**but...**

Discrimination in college admission and housing markets prevented most soldiers of color from using the benefits, and thus prevented an accumulation and transfer of wealth to future generations.

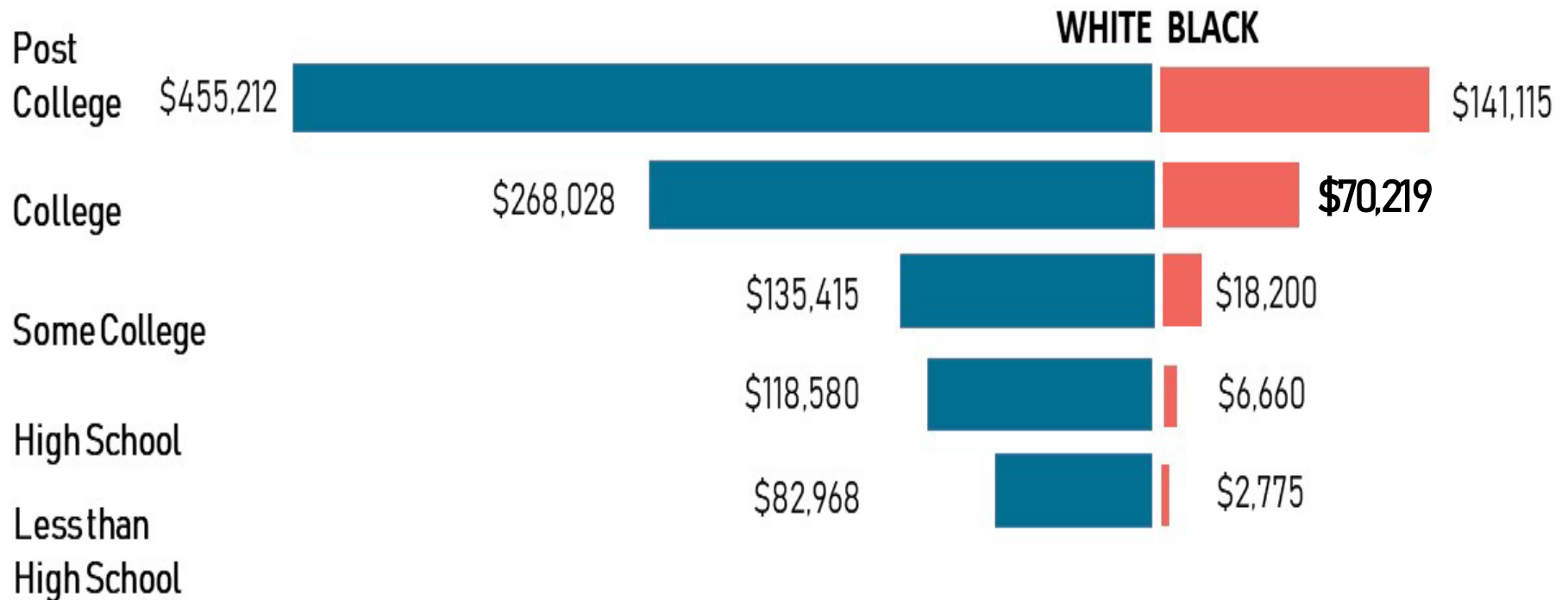


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# Umbrellas Don't Make it Rain

# Education is not the great equalizer

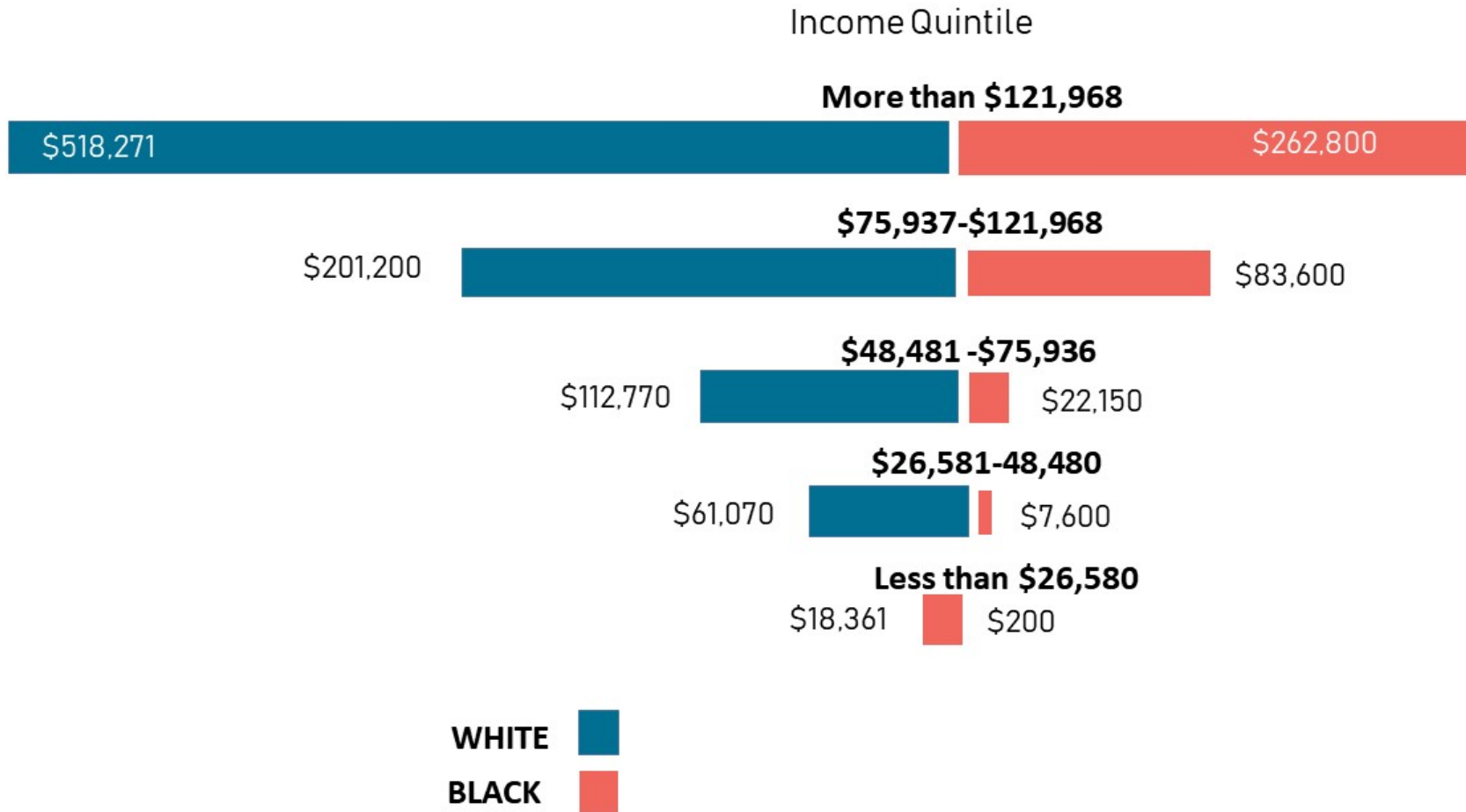


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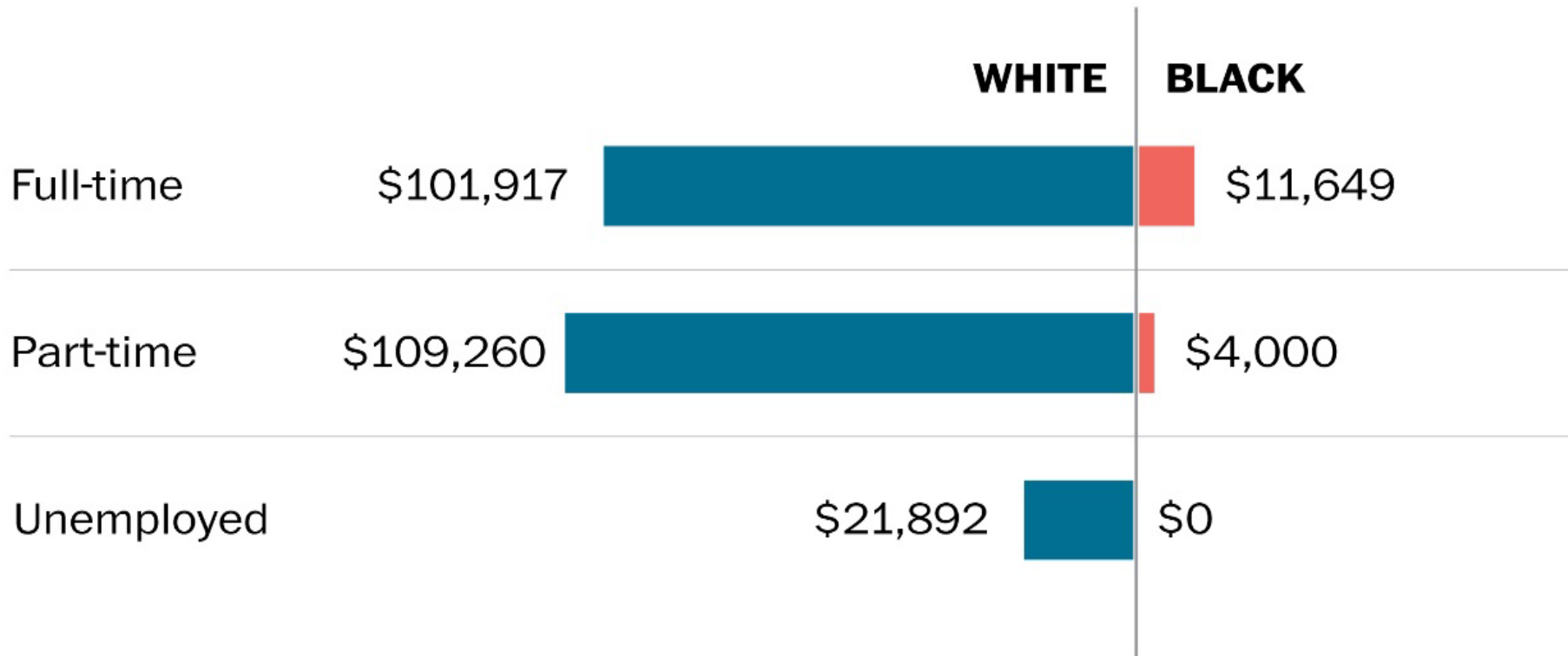
# Income is not an equalizer



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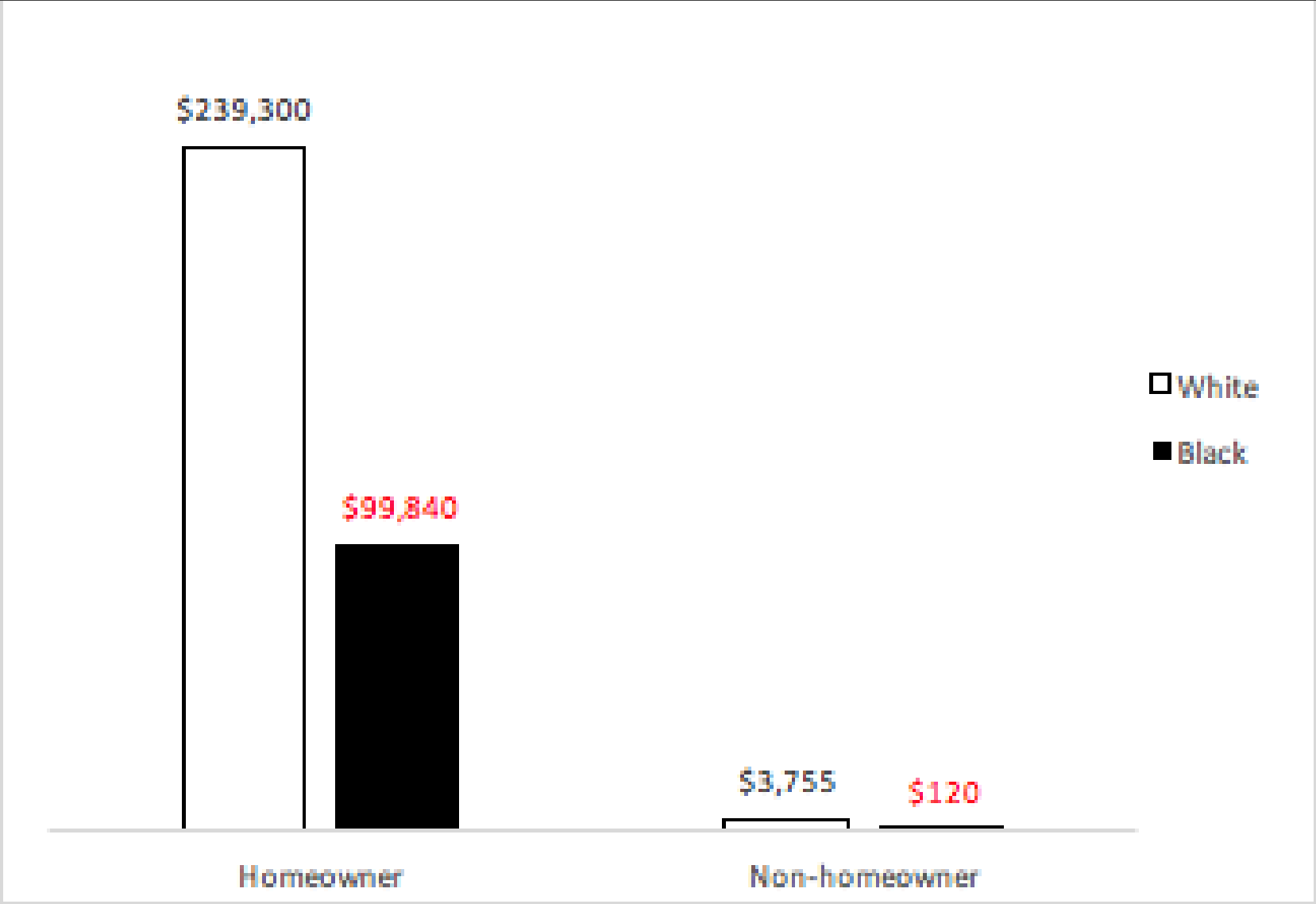
# Working full-time is not an equalizer



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# Homeownership is not a driver of wealth



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BLACK ADULTS WHO RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM PARENTS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

**\$58,583**

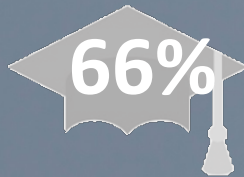
INCOME

**\$17,300**

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BLACK ADULTS WHO RECEIVED NO FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM PARENTS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

**\$40,336**

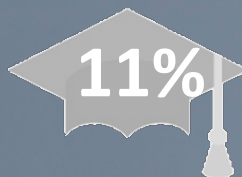
INCOME

**\$3,000**

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# WHITE ADULTS WHO RECEIVED FINANCIAL SUPPORT FROM PARENTS TO PAY FOR COLLEGE

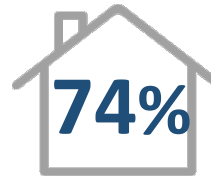
**\$105,281**

**INCOME**

**\$74,000**

**WEALTH**

**HOMEOWNERSHIP**



**COLLEGE DEGREE**

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**\$73,646**

**INCOME**

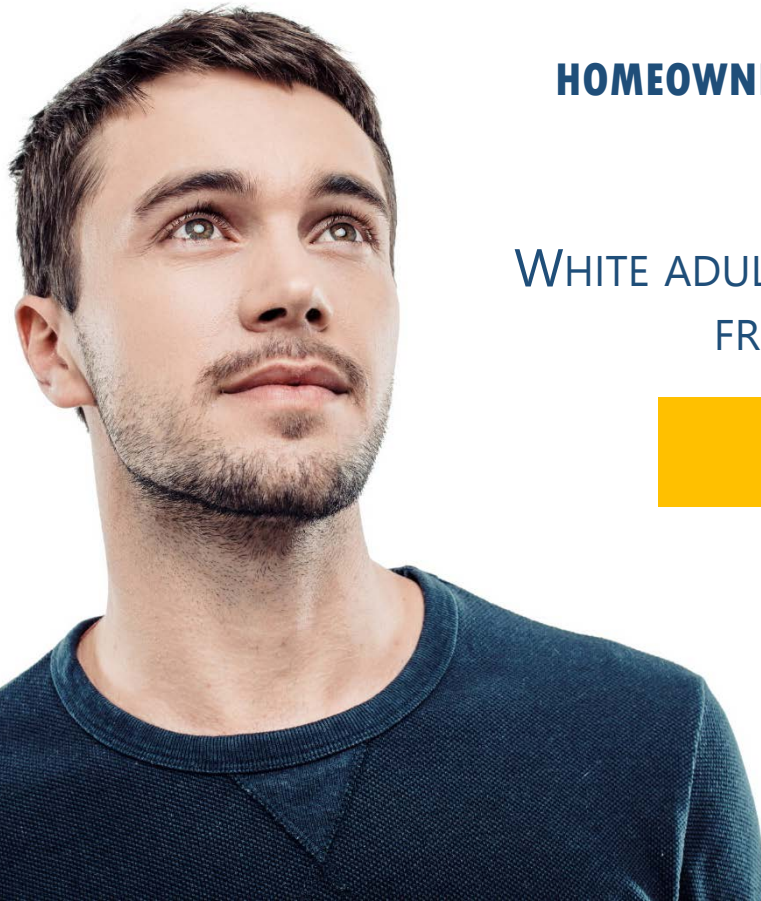
**\$26,006**

**WEALTH**



**HOMEOWNERSHIP**

**COLLEGE DEGREE**



# Wealth varies across ethnicity and locality

Median wealth of Latino subgroups by city

## BOSTON

|              |         |
|--------------|---------|
| Puerto Rican | \$3,020 |
| Dominican    | \$0     |
| Other Latino | \$2,700 |

## MIAMI

|                |          |
|----------------|----------|
| Puerto Rican   | -\$3,940 |
| Cuban          | \$22,000 |
| South American | \$1,200  |

## LOS ANGELES

|              |          |
|--------------|----------|
| Mexican      | \$3,500  |
| Other Latino | \$42,000 |

