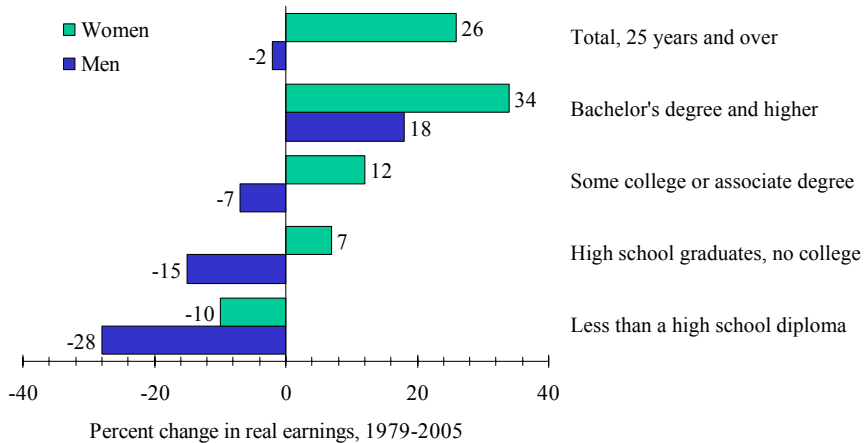


### Chart 5-9. The change in real earnings since 1979 has been more favorable for women than for men at all levels of education

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NOTE: Change in median usual weekly earnings of full-time wage and salary workers age 25 and over, adjusted using the CPI-U-RS research series.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics

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- Overall, real earnings for women 25 years and over increased by 26 percent from 1979 to 2005, while men's real earnings were little changed.
- Women with at least a high school diploma experienced increases in real earnings. For men, only college graduates saw an increase; all other education groups experienced a decline in real earnings.
- While women fared better than men over this time period, in a sense they were playing "catch up" to men. The growth in women's earnings reflects in large part a rise in the proportion of working women with a college education, an increase in women in higher-paying managerial and professional jobs, and a shift toward more year-round, full-time work among women.