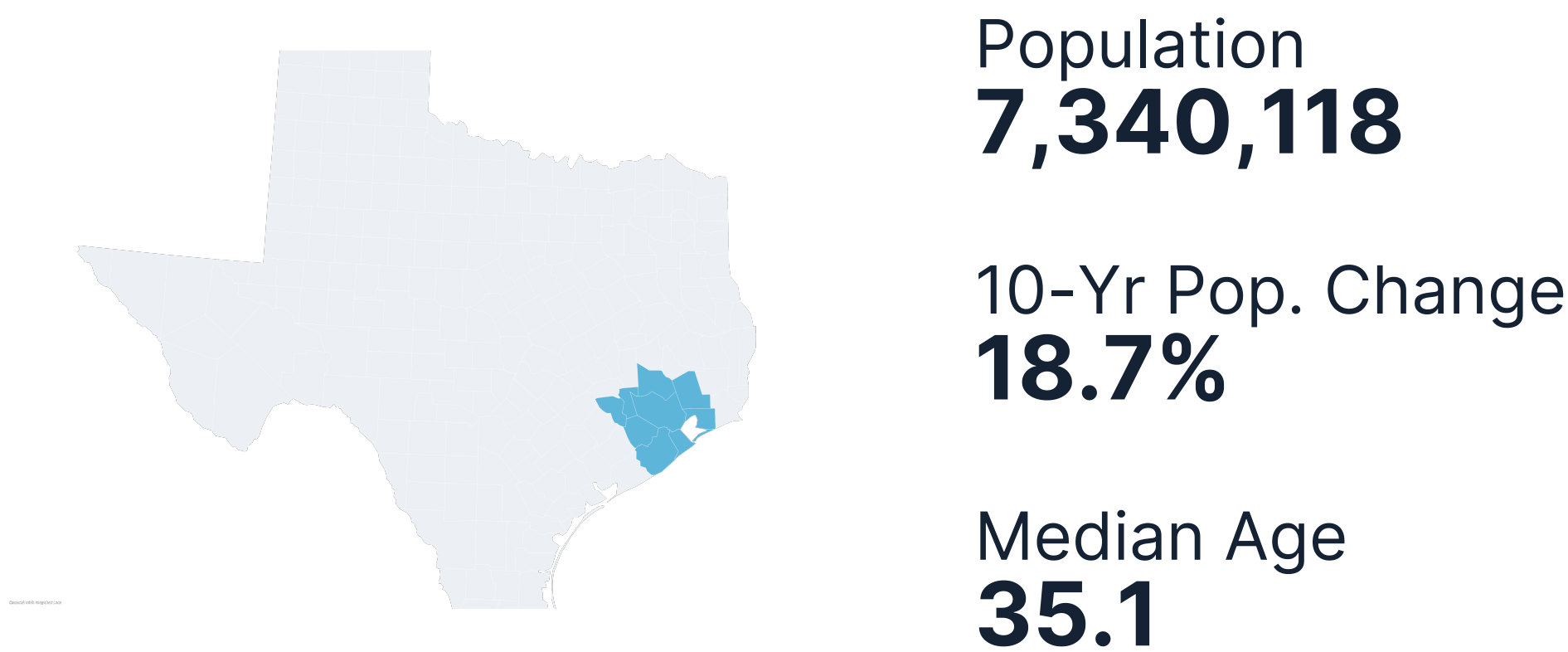


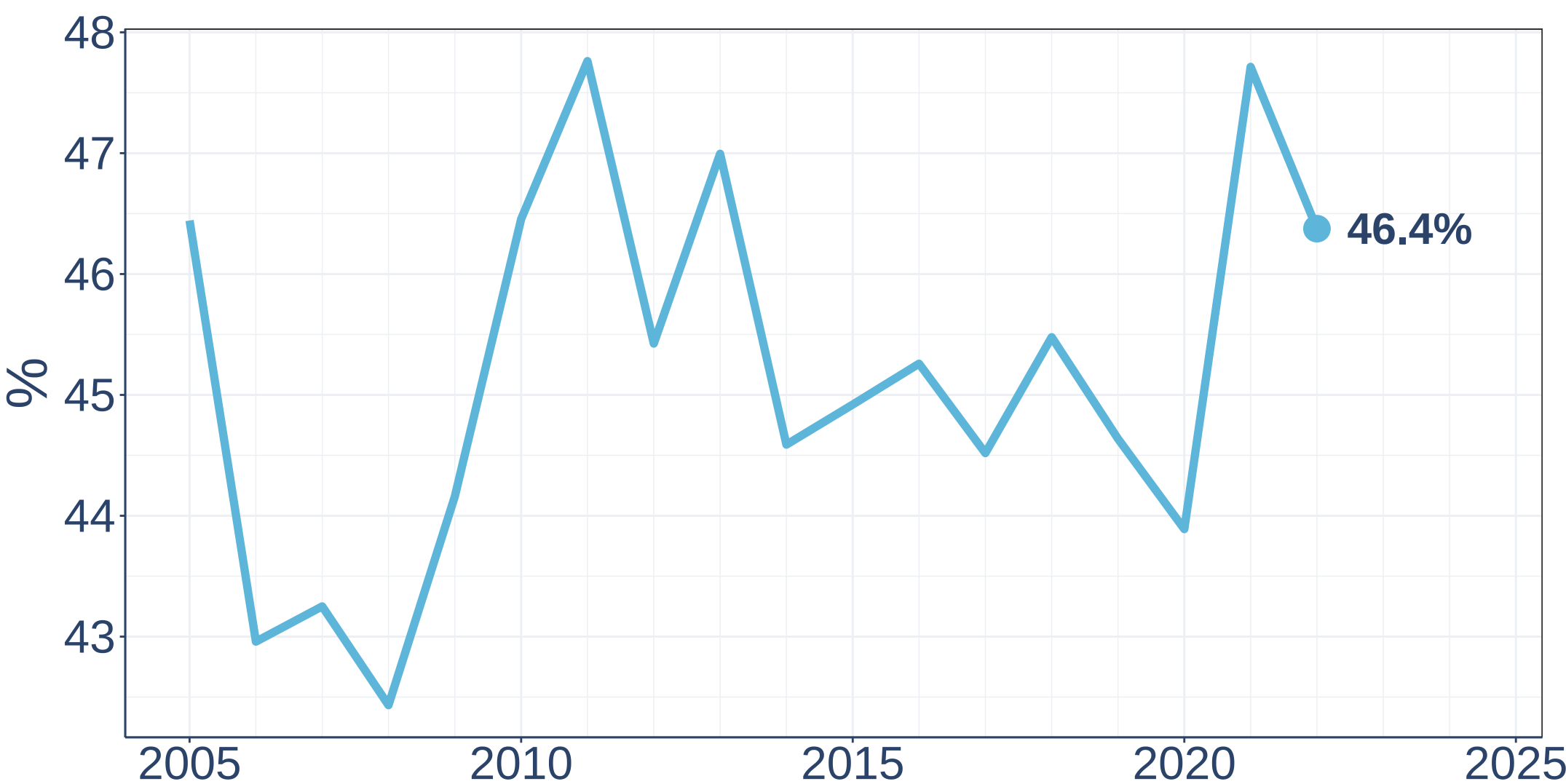
Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX

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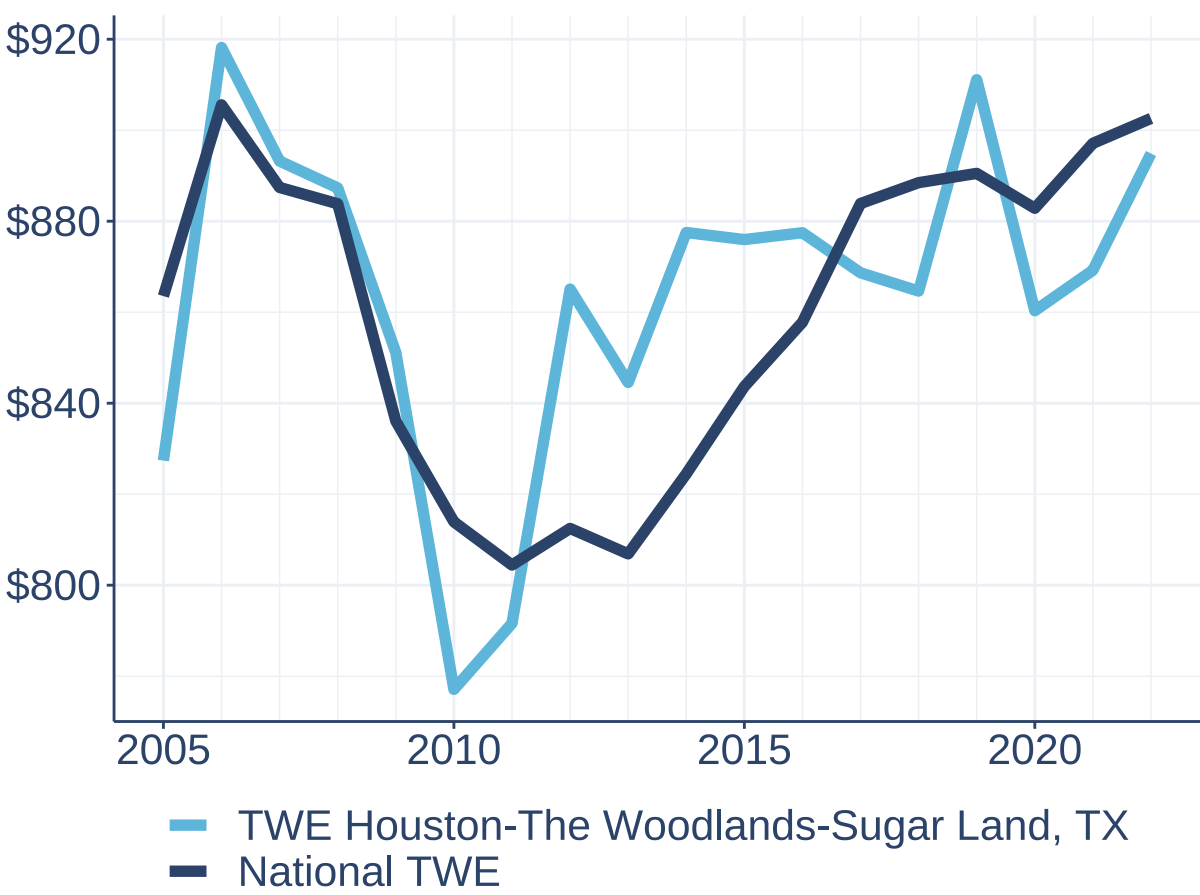
True Economic Indicators 2022



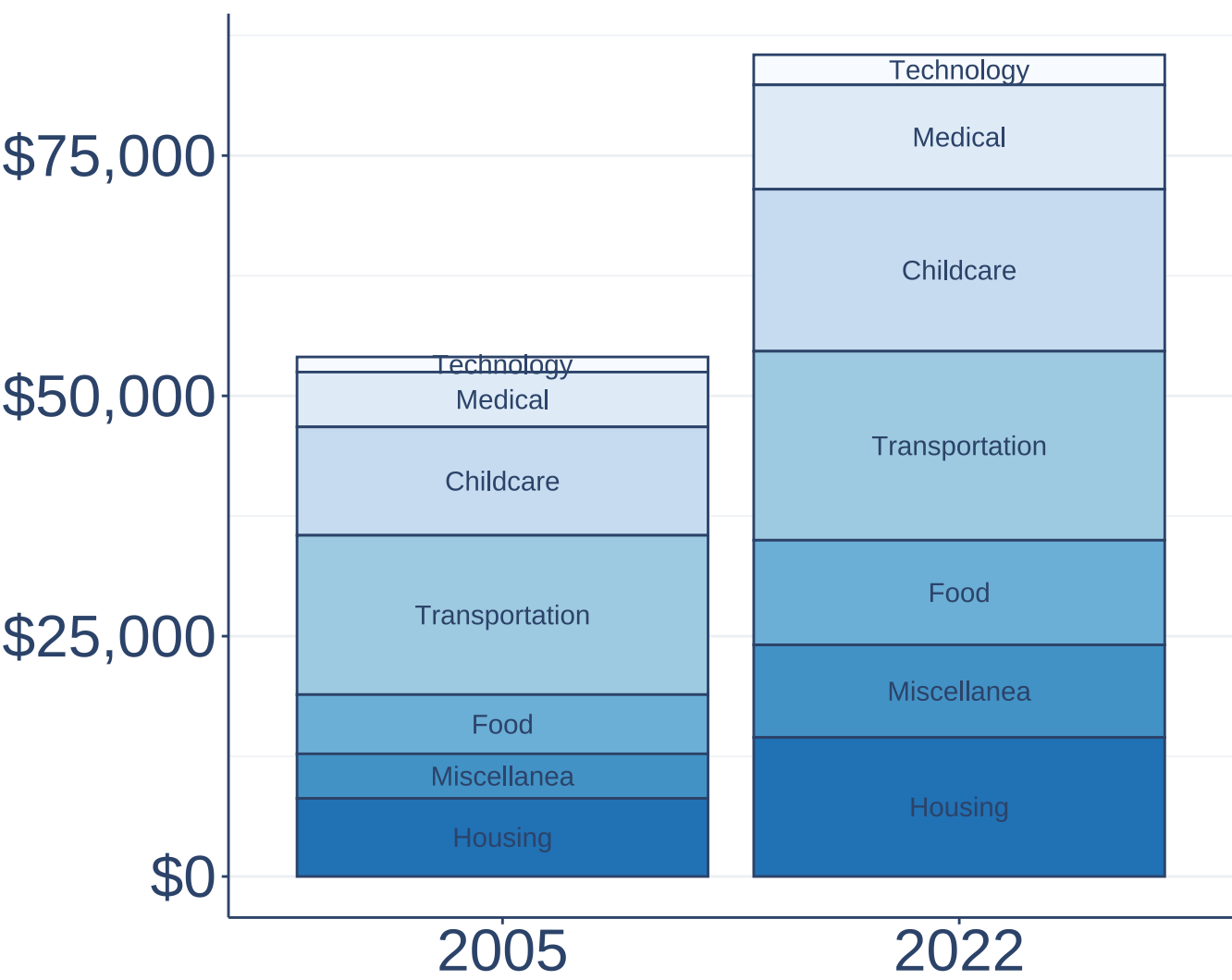
46.4%
of households in Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX earn incomes that do not allow them to meet their basic needs.



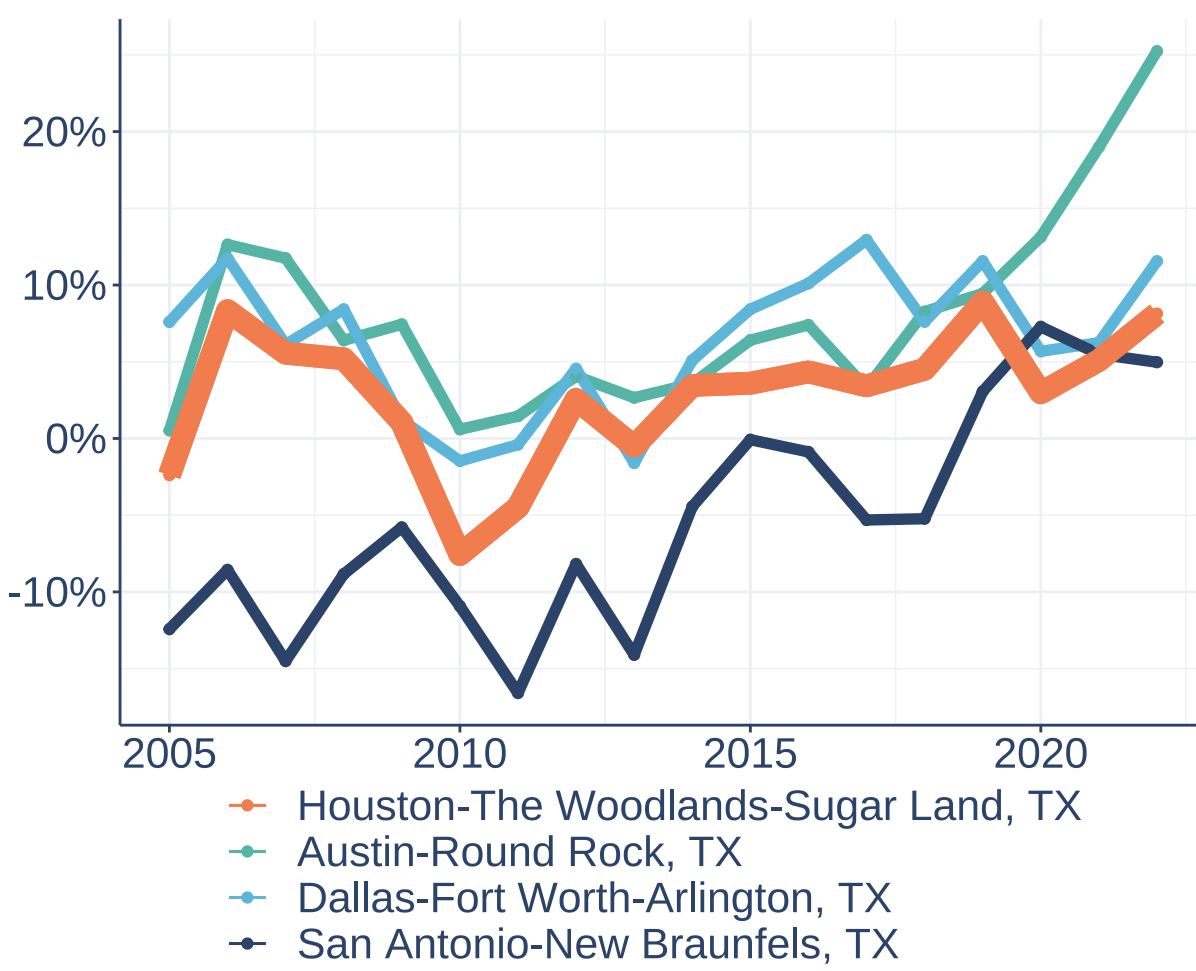
True Weekly Earnings
The typical worker in Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX gained **8.2%** in purchasing power since 2005.

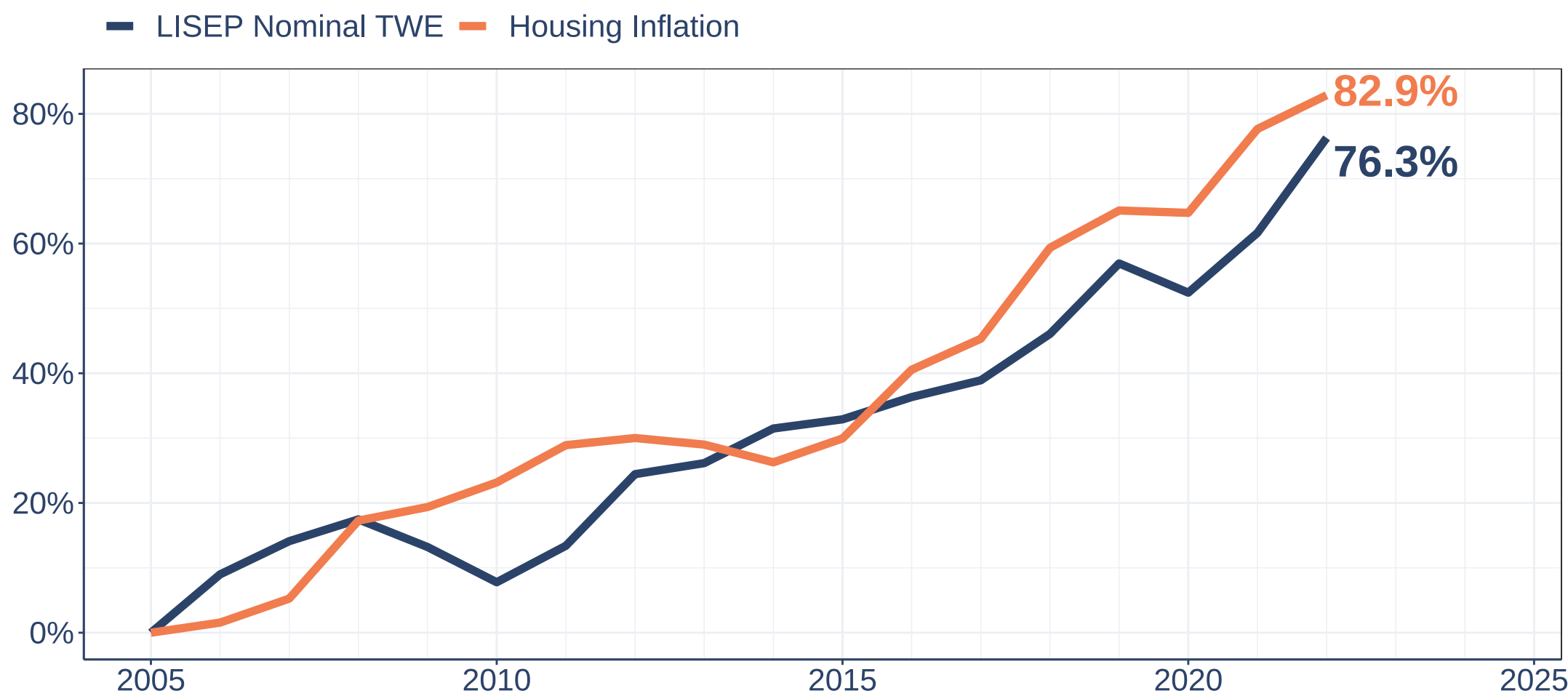


Cost of Necessities
The total costs of necessities for a 4-person family **increased 58.2%** since 2005 from \$54,052 to **\$85,492**.



Leftover Income
The average household had **8.1%** of their income remaining after necessities.



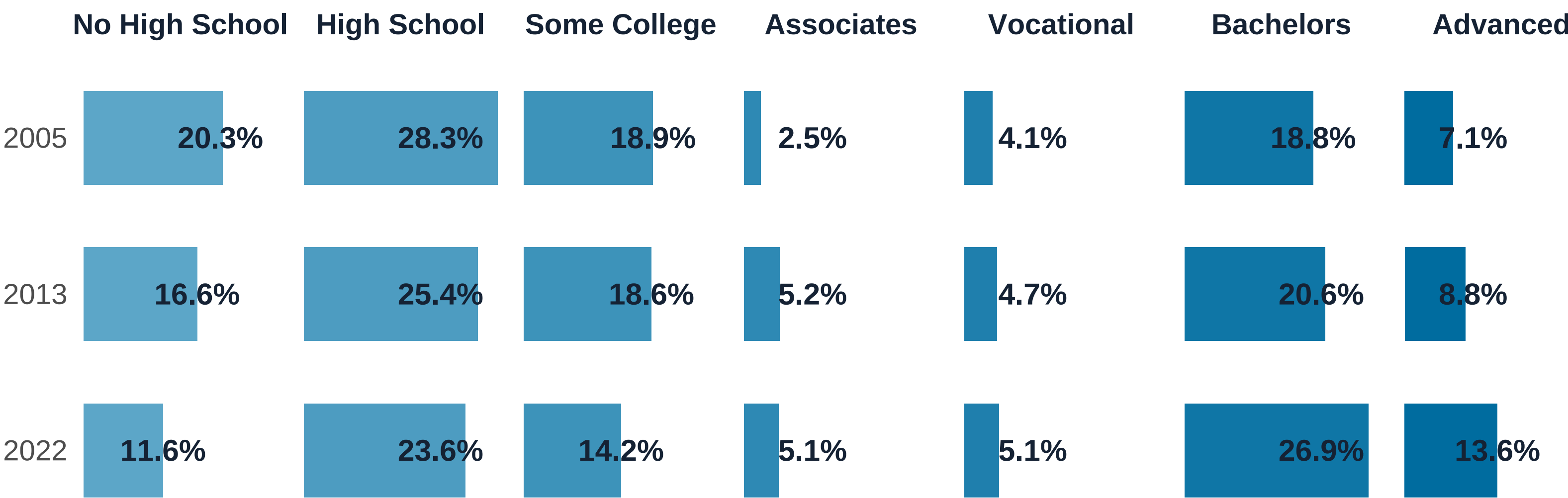


Housing Costs and Wage Growth

Houston-The Woodlands-Sugar Land, TX experienced the 18th fastest rental housing inflation since 2005. In 2022, a typical worker spent **26.2% of their income** to rent a one-bedroom unit, more than the 25.2% a typical worker spent in 2005.

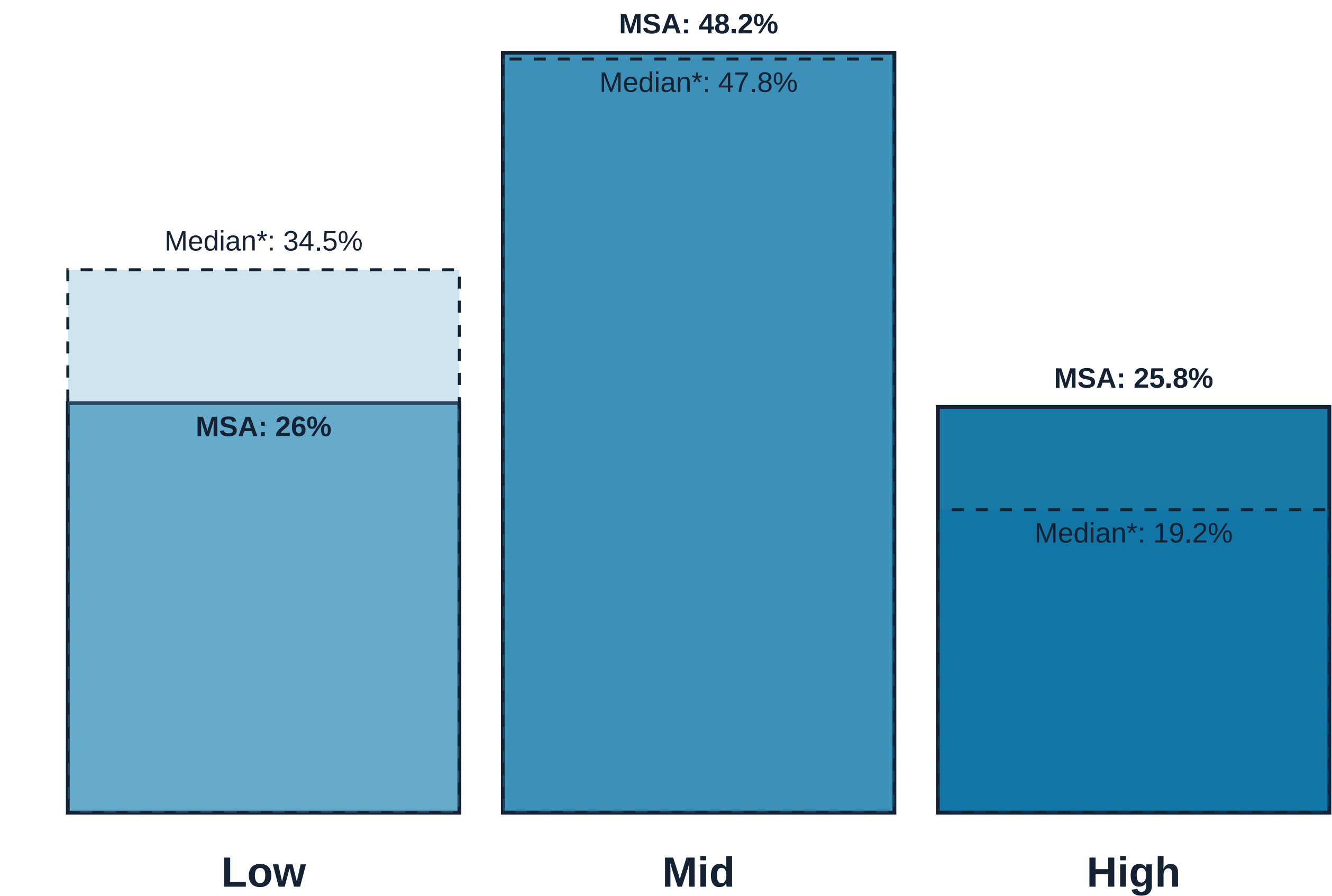
Education

51% of adults 25 and over hold a postsecondary degree. This places them at **38th out of the 50** MSAs in the LISEP Local Analysis.



Share of Workers

- Low-Wage Occupations:** Occupations where two full-time earners cannot support basic needs for a four-person family.
- Middle-Wage Occupations:** Occupations where two full-time earners can support basic needs for a four-person family.
- High-Wage Occupations:** Occupations where a single full-time earner can support basic needs for a four-person family.



*Median across the 50 MSAs in the LISEP Local Analysis



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