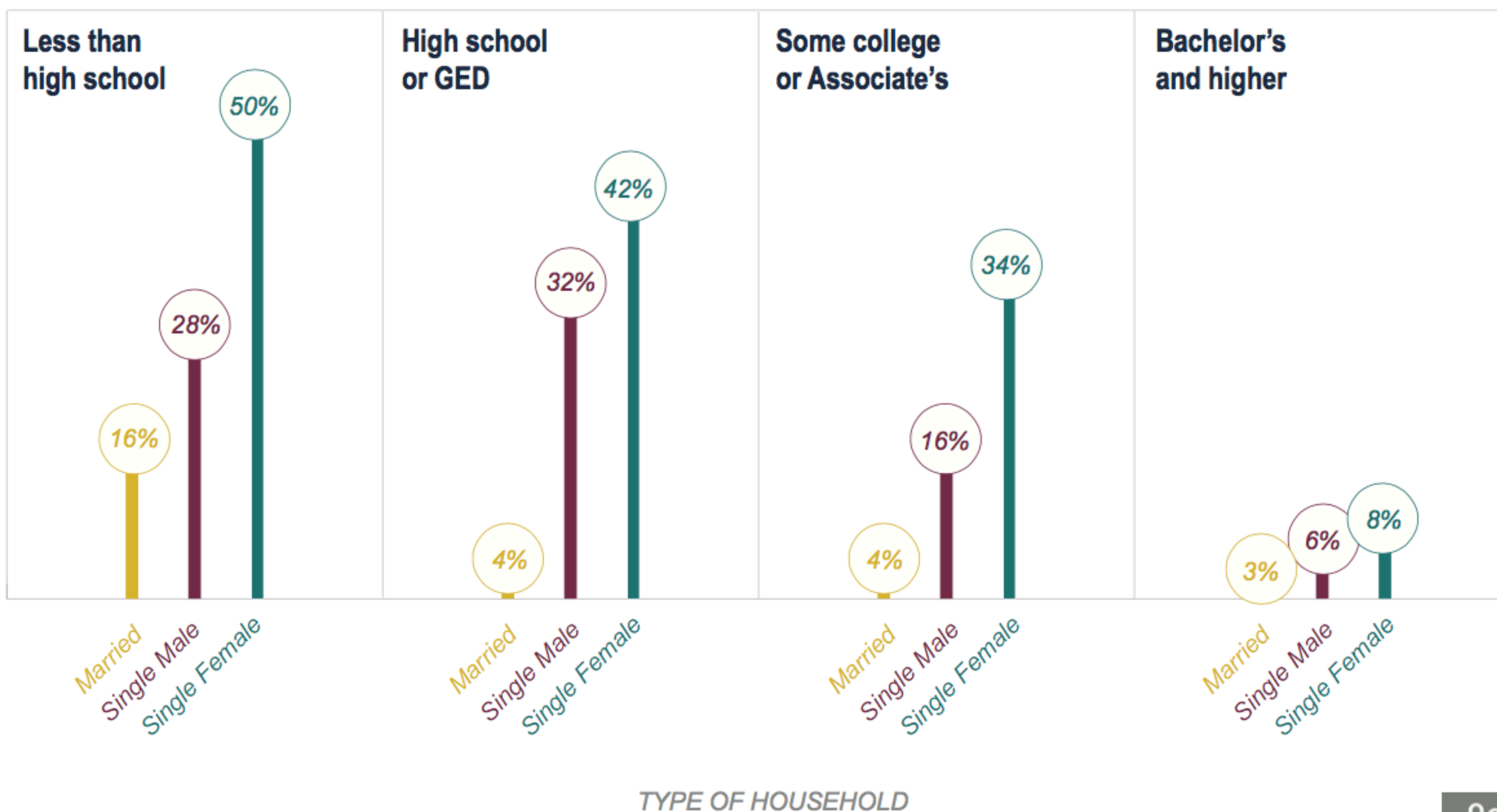


HOW DOES EDUCATION IMPACT ECONOMIC WELL-BEING?

Relationship status, sex, and education all influence economic well-being. For those living below 100 percent of the federal poverty level, married couples have lower rates of economic hardship than households headed by single people, especially single women. However, obtaining a Bachelor's degree substantially lowers the difference in rates of hardship between married and single-headed households.

Percent of households living below 100% of the federal poverty level by education & household type
Whatcom County 2016



100% of the federal poverty level for a family of three in 2018 = \$20,780