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Labor Market Realities and Our Two-Tier Economy

Michigan has a two-tier labor market.

Workforce jobs fall into 22 major occupation categories. Of those, twelve are made up almost entirely of jobs that don't require a B.A. In the remaining ten occupations, a majority of jobs do require a college degree. The income differences between these two sets of occupation categories are dramatic.

Share of jobs requiring a B.A.

Occupations where 0-5% of jobs require a B.A.

Share of jobs that pay more than \$47,026

Occupations where 60-100% of jobs require a B.A.

