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# National Longitudinal Transition Study-2 (NLTS2): The Post-High School Outcomes of Young Adults with Disabilities

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# Background: Overview of NLTS2

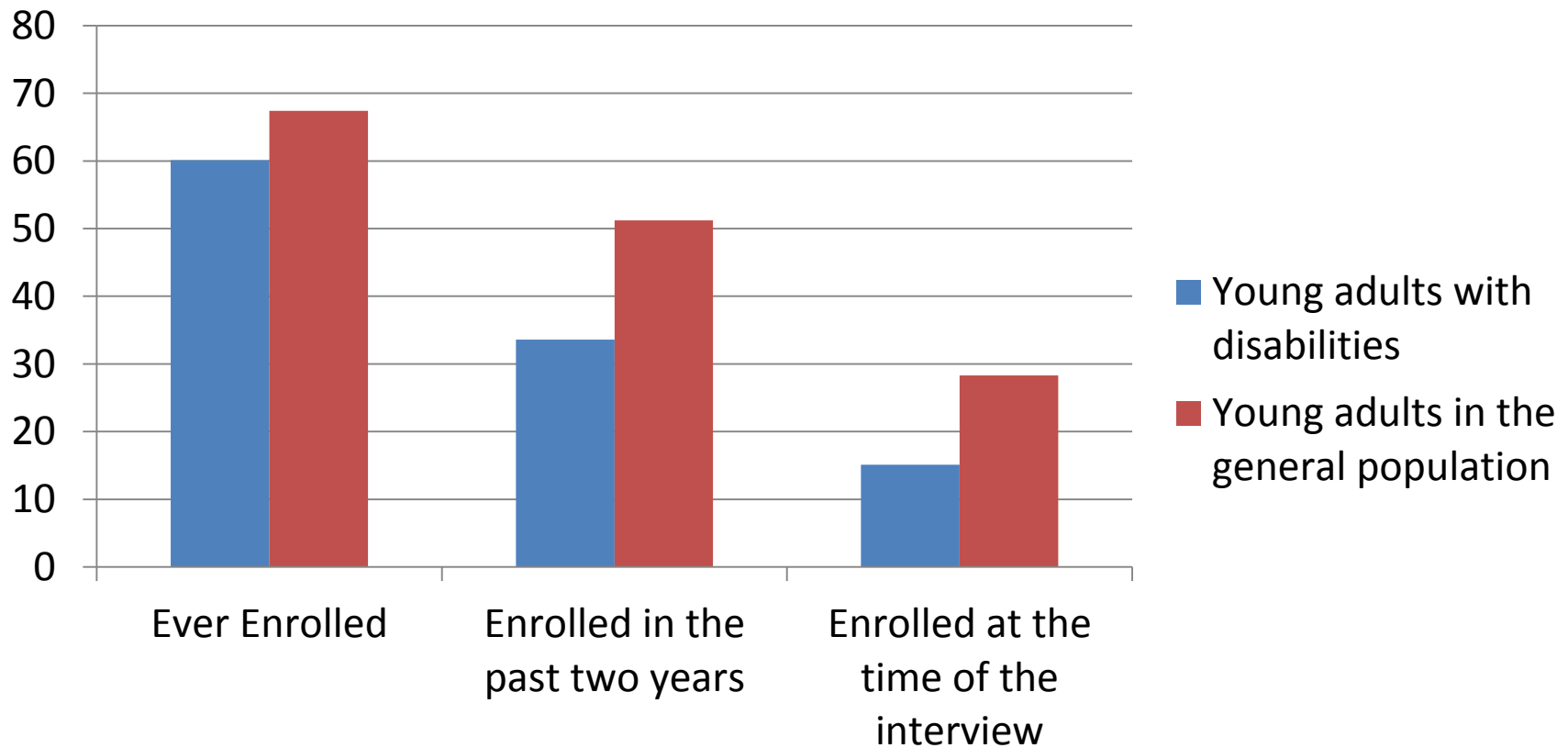
- **Purpose:** Develop an understanding of the experiences of secondary students with disabilities nationally as they transition into early adult years
- **Sample:** National sample of approximately 11,280 students with disabilities ranging from 13-16 years of age in 2000
- **Longitudinal:** Five waves of data collection over 8 years; last in 2009

# Background: NLTS2 Wave 5 Data

- In 2009, the students were 21-25 years old
- Surveyed youth or parents (telephone or mail)
- Majority of students no longer in high school
- Some comparisons possible to students without disabilities- National Longitudinal Survey of Youth 1997 (NLSY97)

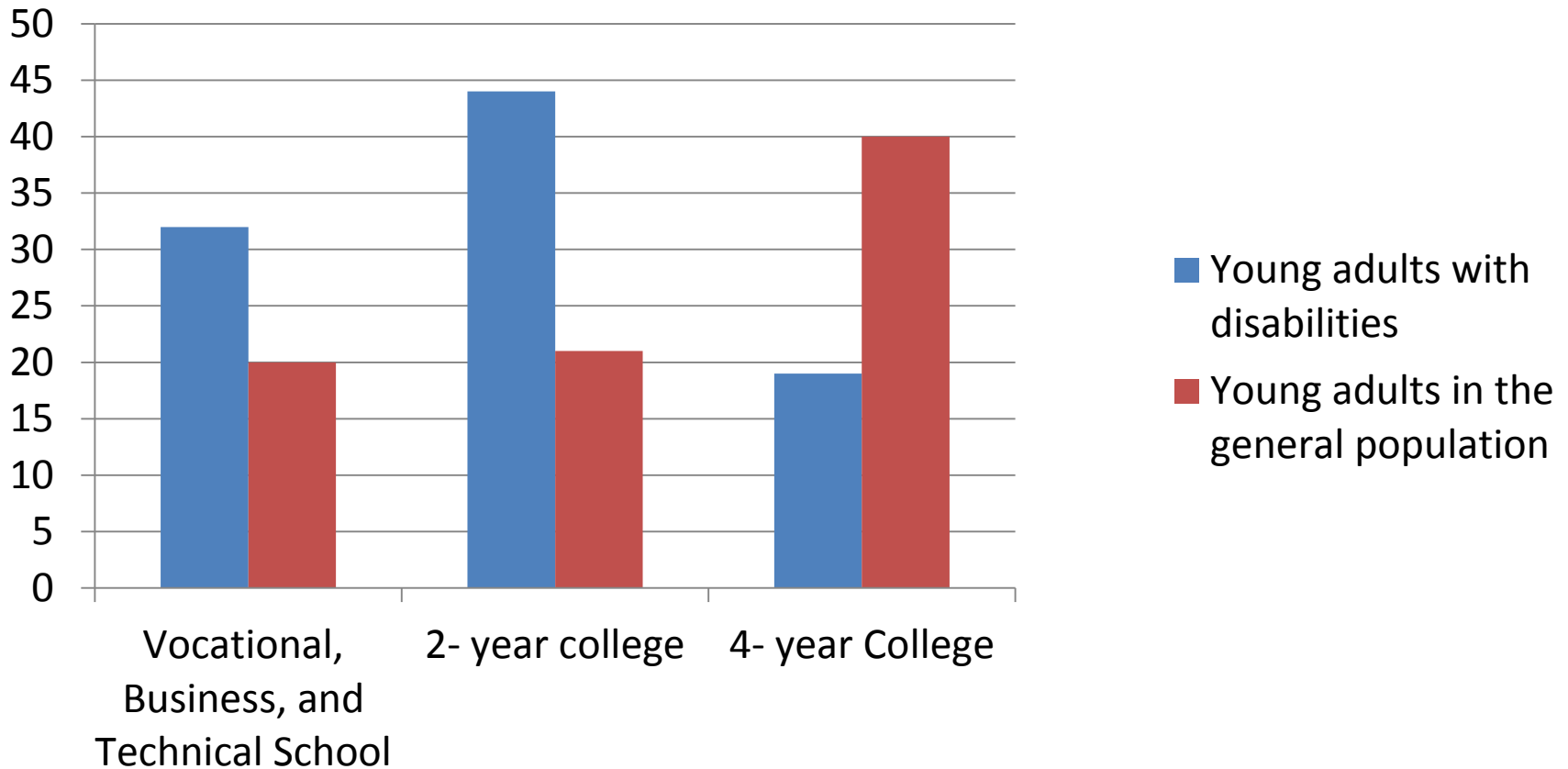
# Enrollment in Any Postsecondary Education

## Enrollment in Postsecondary Education



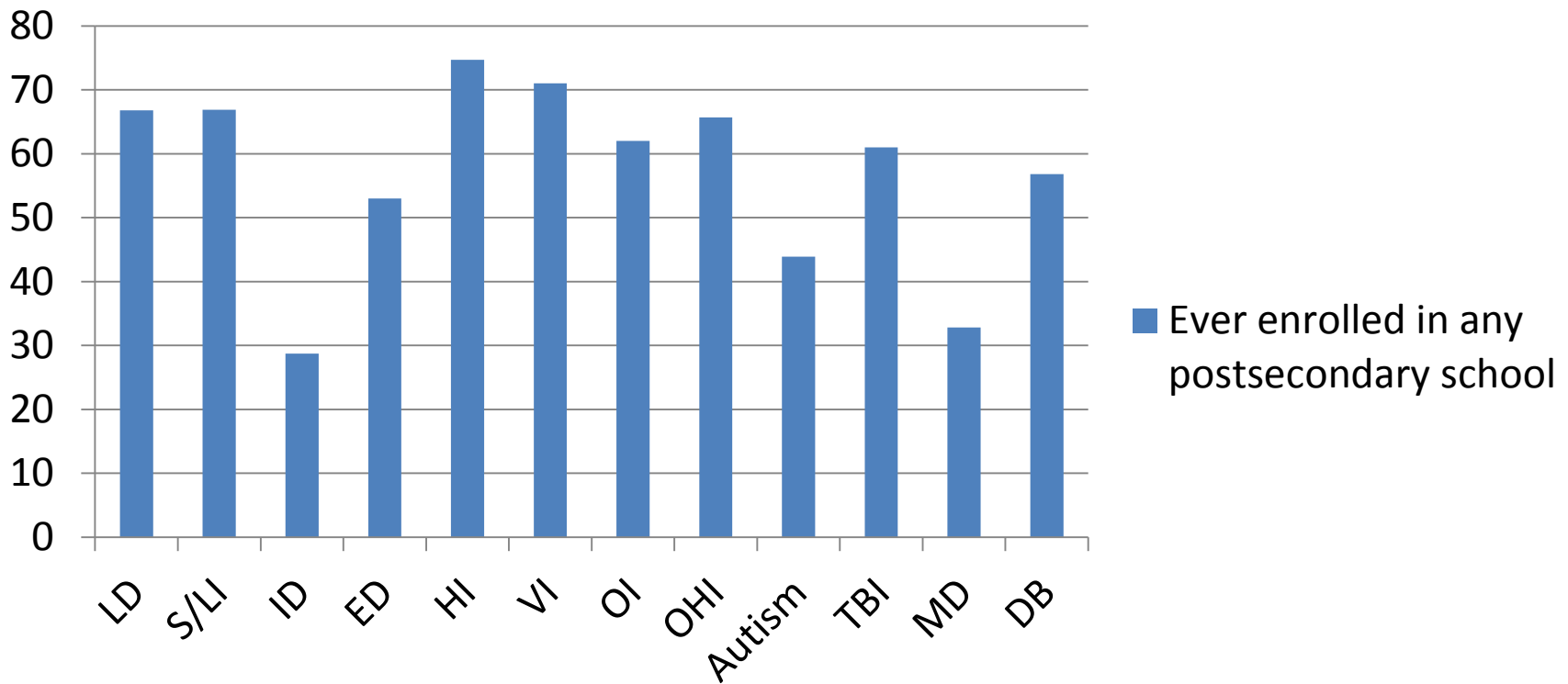
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## Youth Who Ever Enrolled by Postsecondary Type



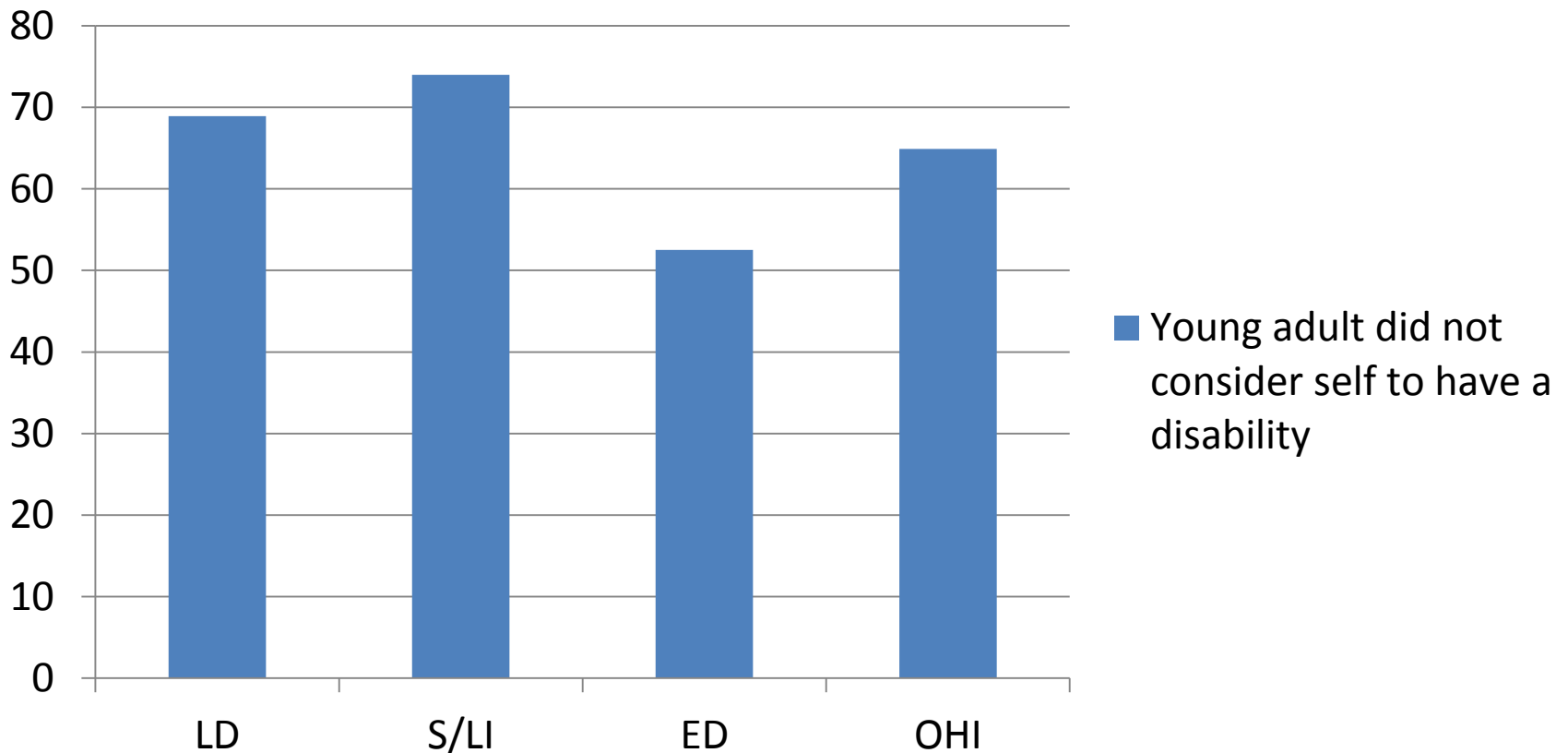
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Ever Enrolled in Postsecondary School by Disability Category



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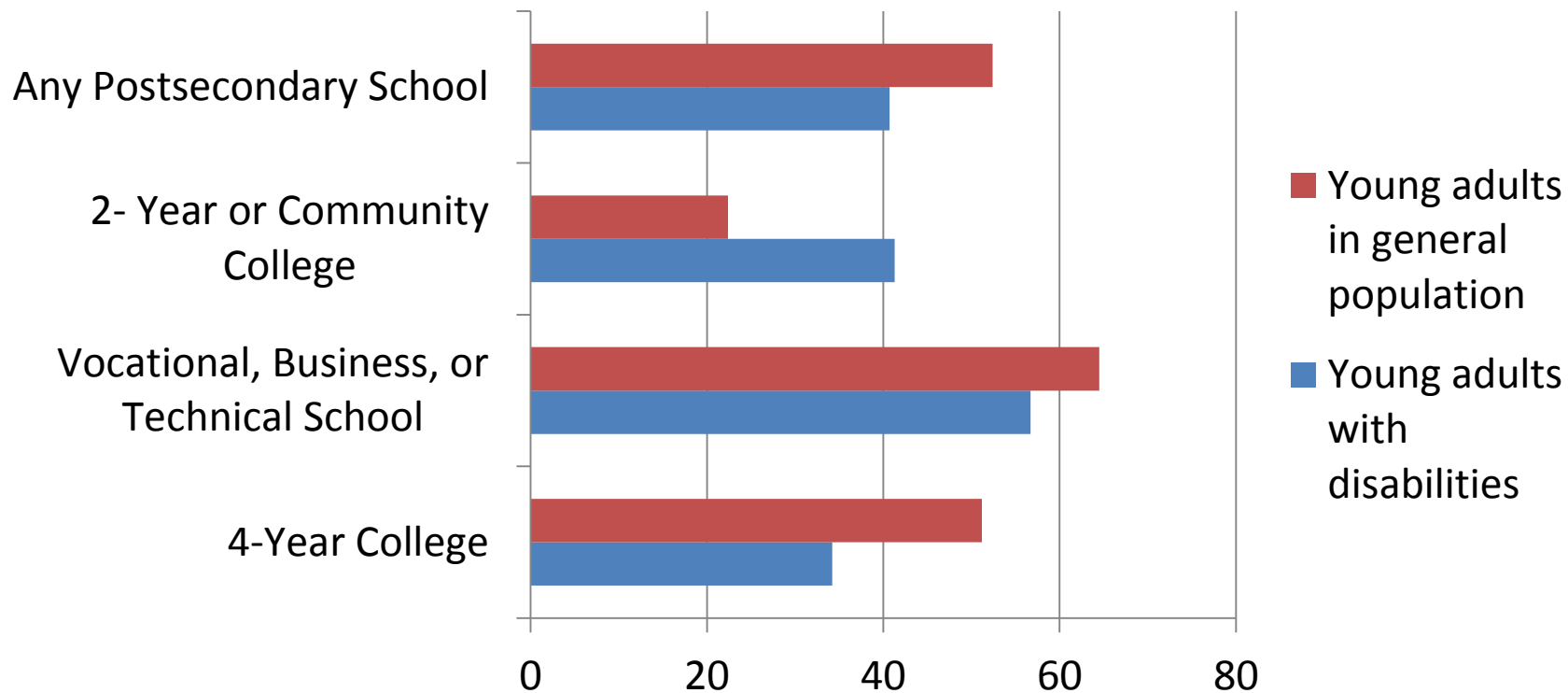
## Young Adult Did Not Consider Self to Have a Disability



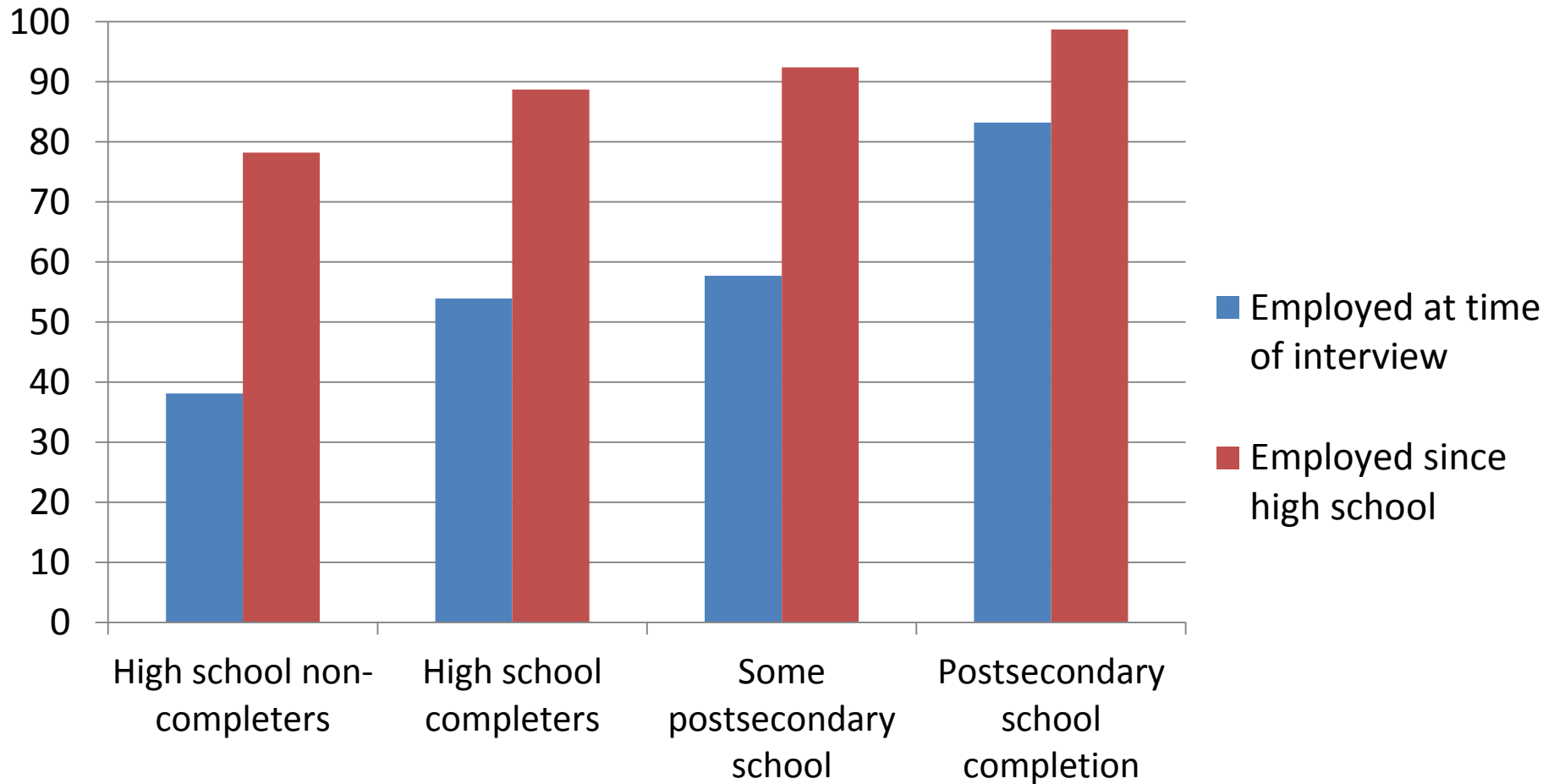


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## Completion Rates of Students with Disabilities



# Employment



# Participation in Employment, Job Training, or Postsecondary Education

- **94%** of young adults with disabilities reported being “engaged” since high school (employed, job training, attending a postsecondary education institution)

**BUT**

- **35%** of young adults with disabilities reported that they were not currently engaged at the time of the wave 5 interview

# NLTS 2012

- Collect information from approximately 15,000 students with disabilities ages 13-21
- Include a comparison group of students without disabilities
- Data collection begins Spring 2012

# Sources

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Information on NLTS 2012: <http://ies.ed.gov/ncee/nlts/>



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