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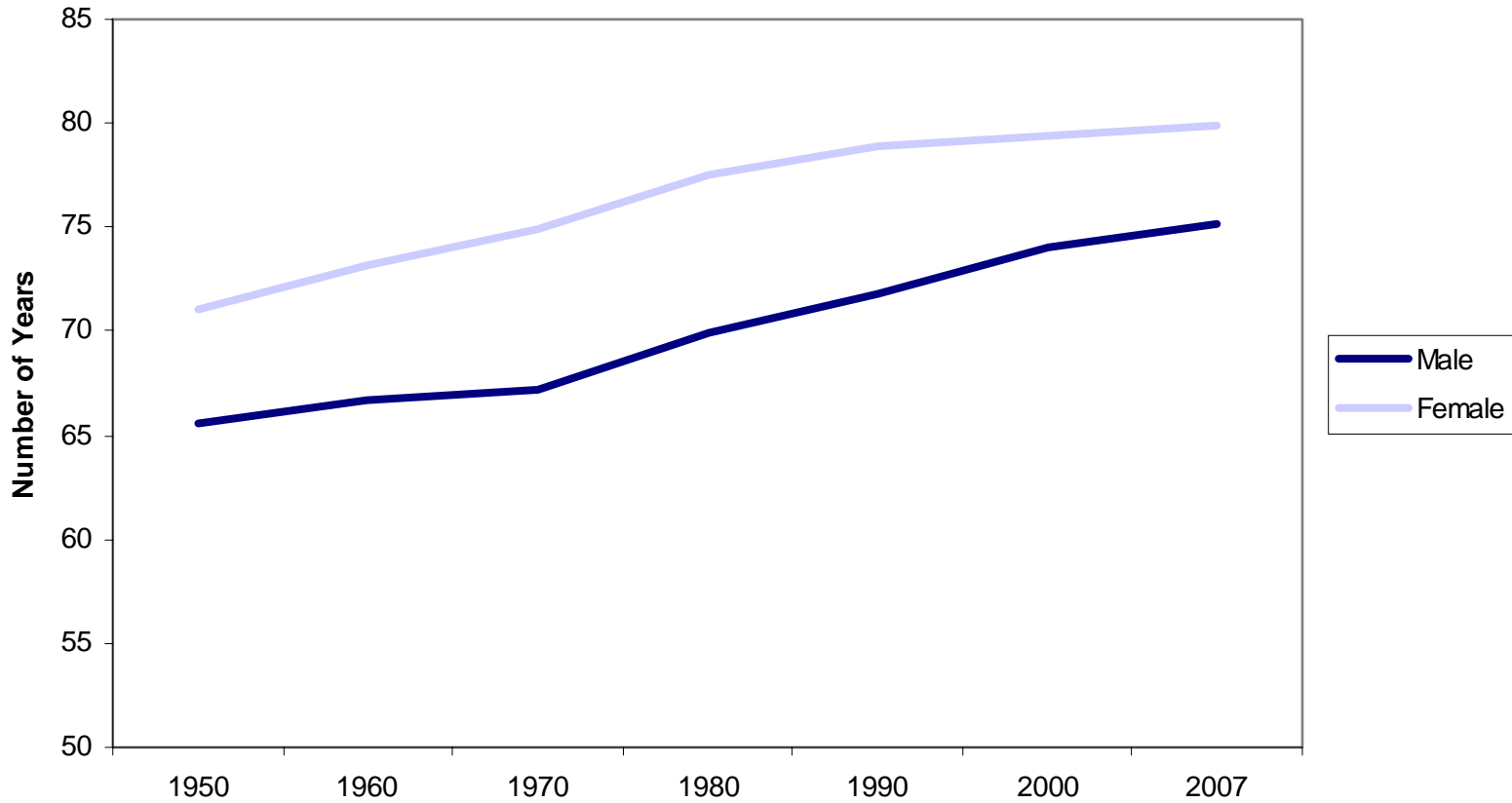
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Changes in Life Expectancy

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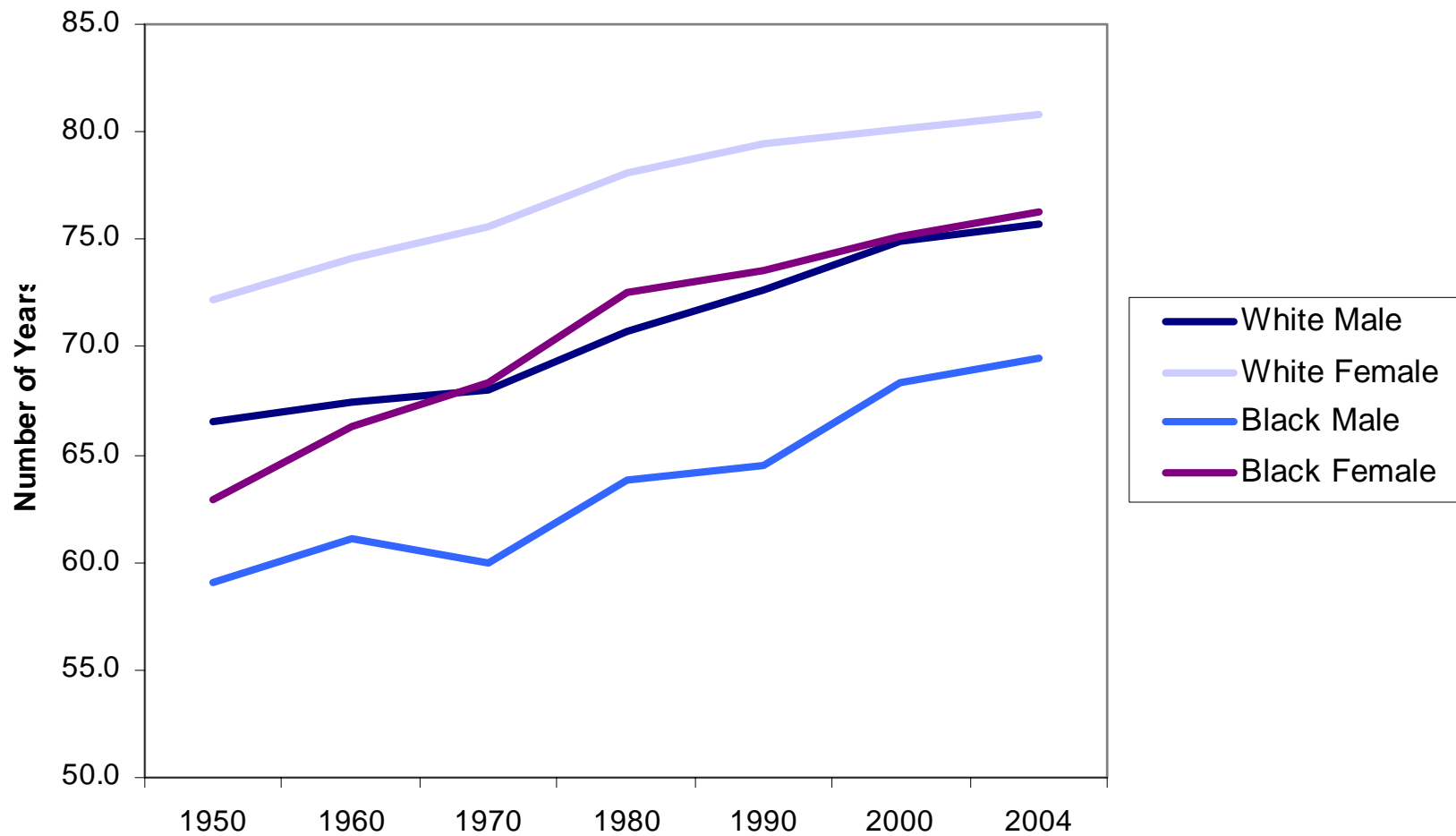
Average Life Expectancy at Birth, 1950 to 2007



Source: Data from the Social Security Administration's trustees (2008).



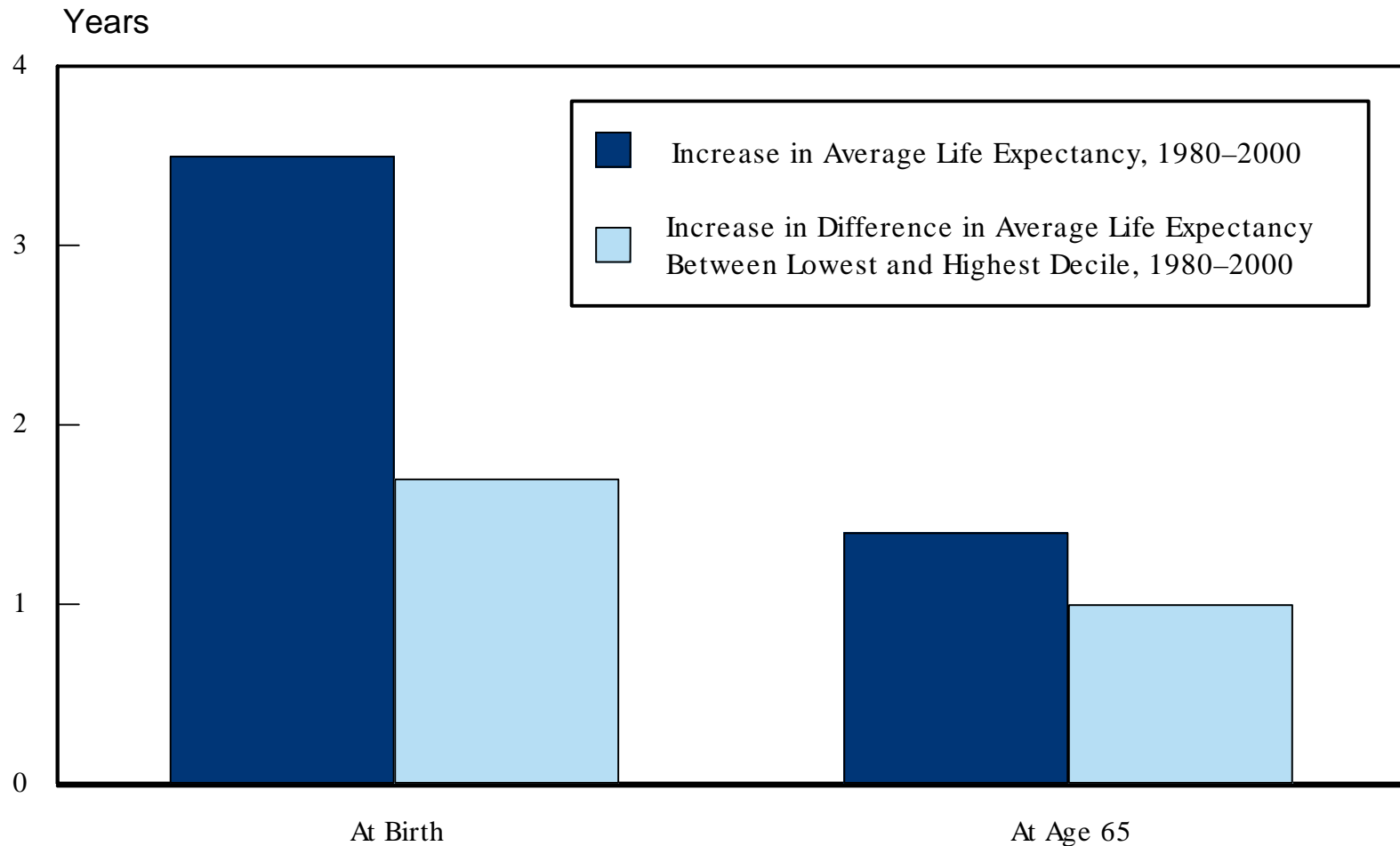
Life Expectancy at Birth by Race, 1950 to 2004



Source: Data from the National Center for Health Statistics (2007).



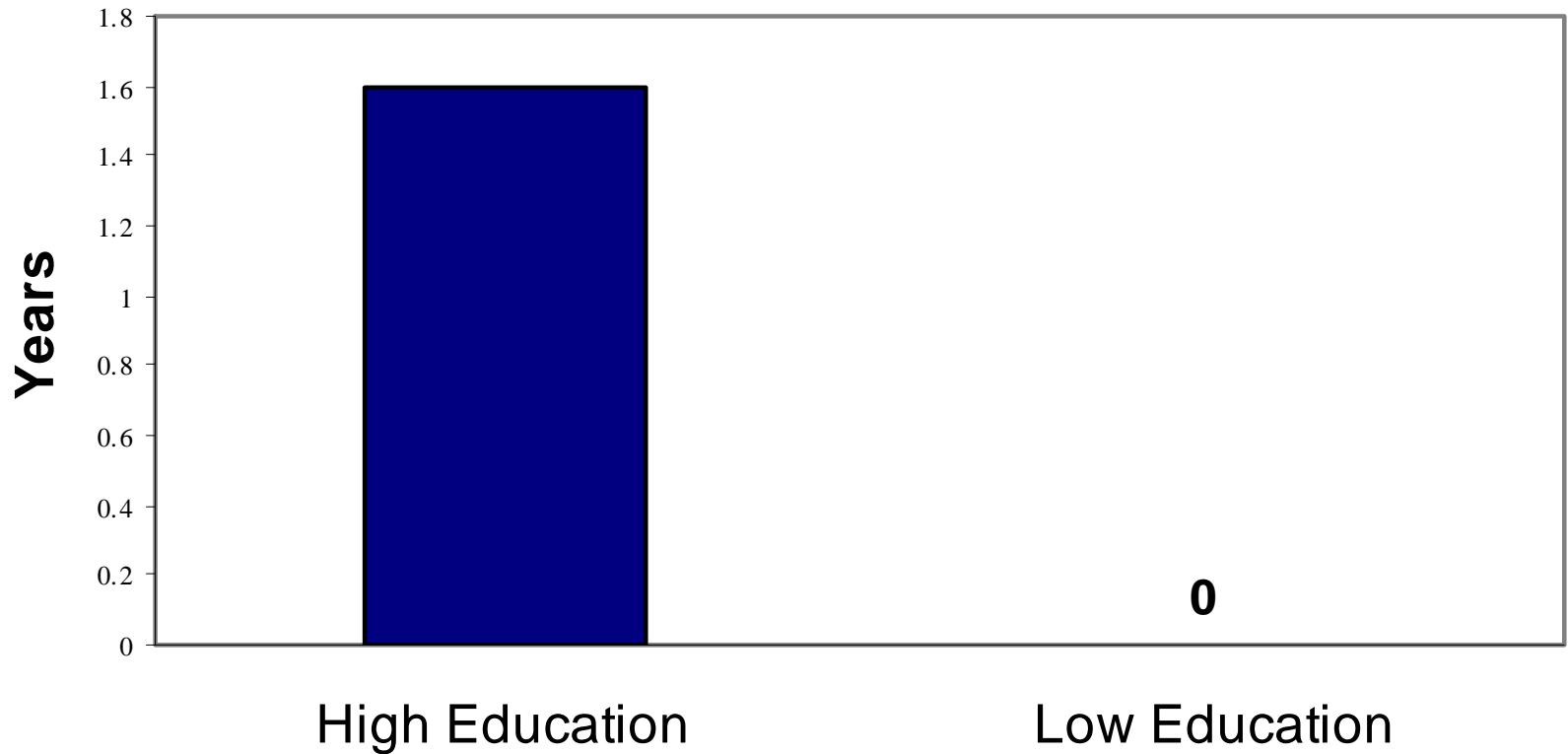
Increase in Life Expectancy and Increase in Difference in Life Expectancy by Economic Status



Source: Data from Singh and Siahpush (2006) and CDC.



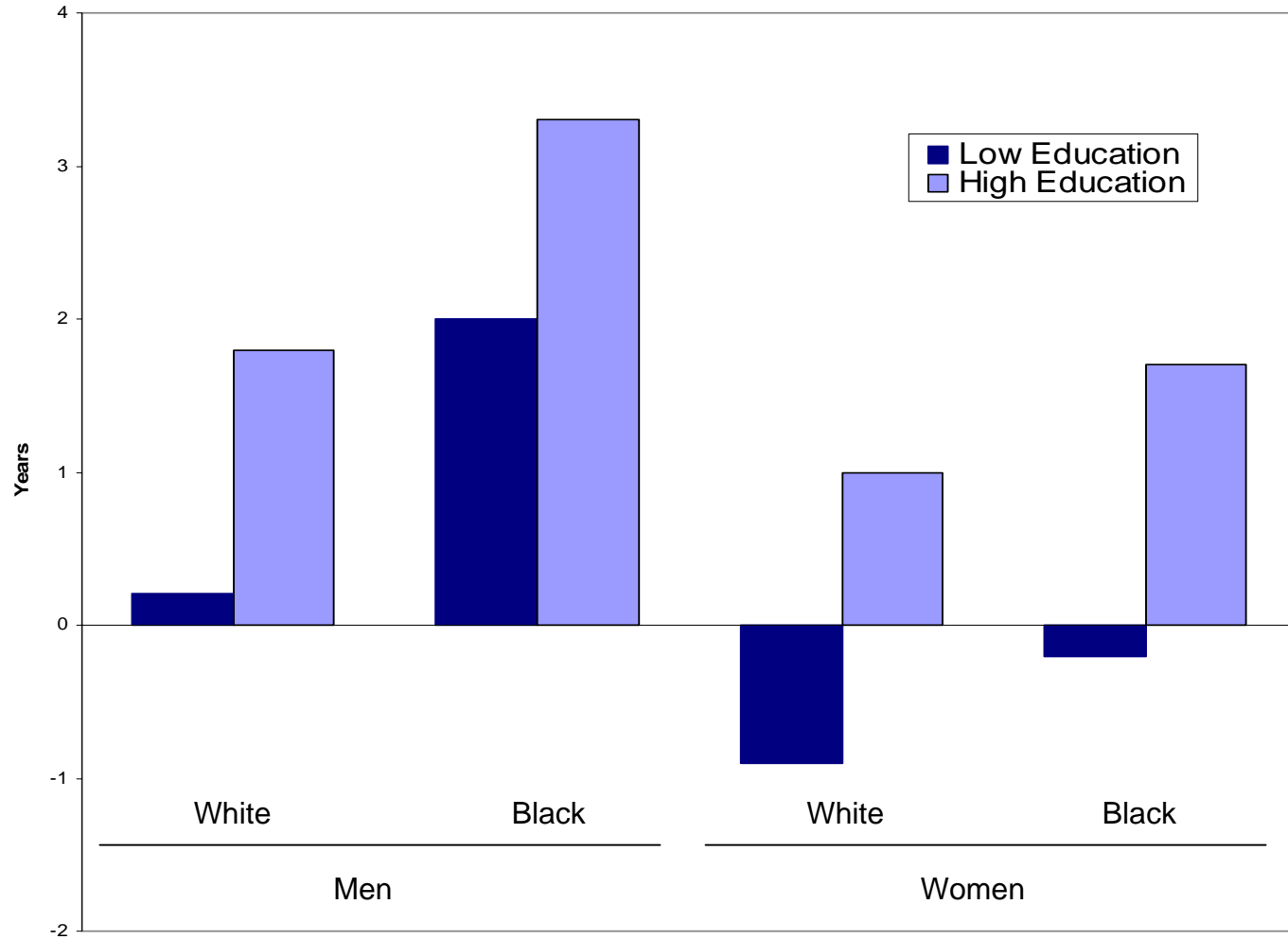
Increase in Average Life Expectancy at Age 25 by Level of Education, 1990 to 2000



Source: Data from Meara, Richards, and Cutler (2008).



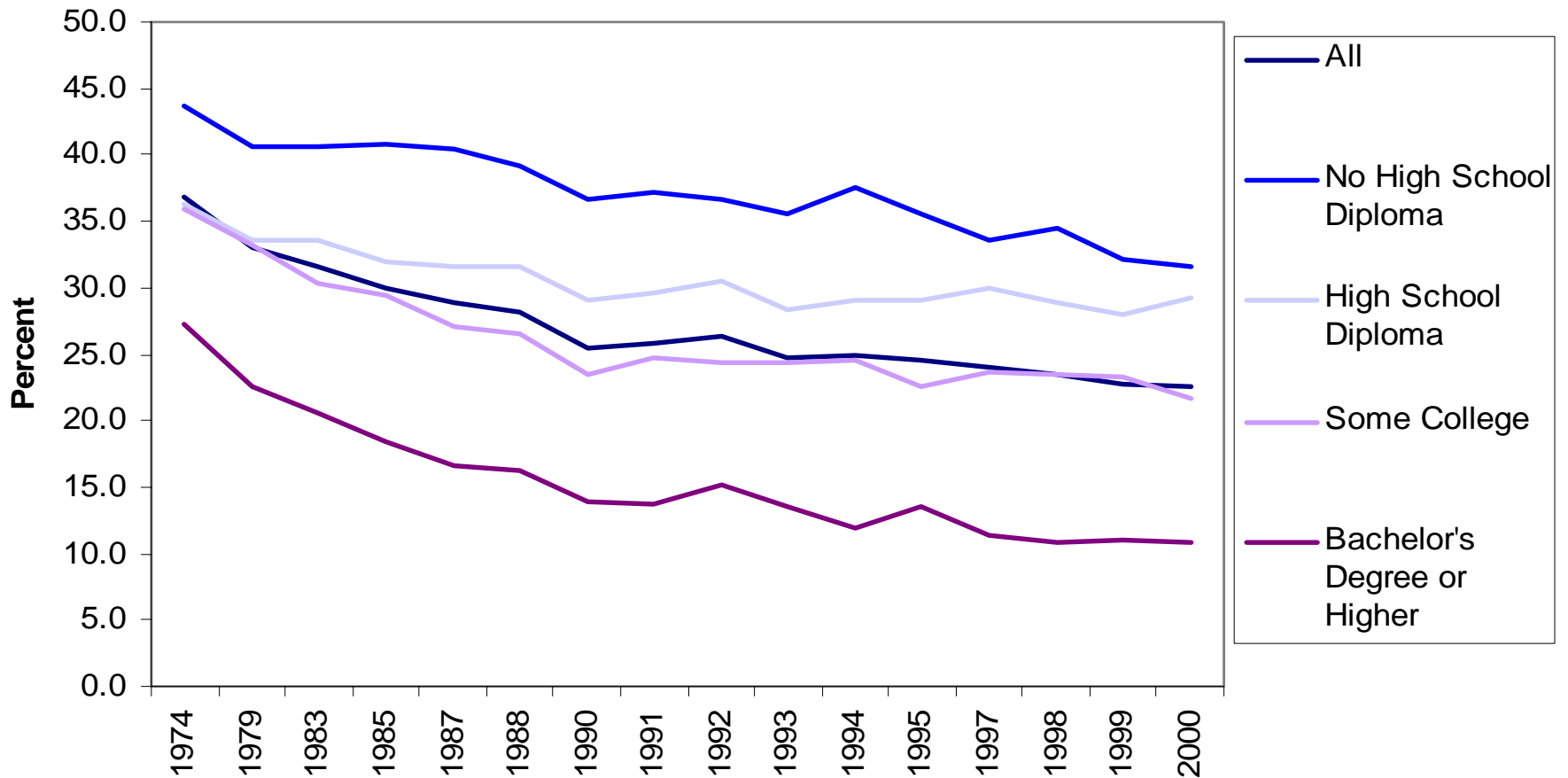
Change in Life Expectancy at Age 25 by Education, Sex and Race, 1990 to 2000



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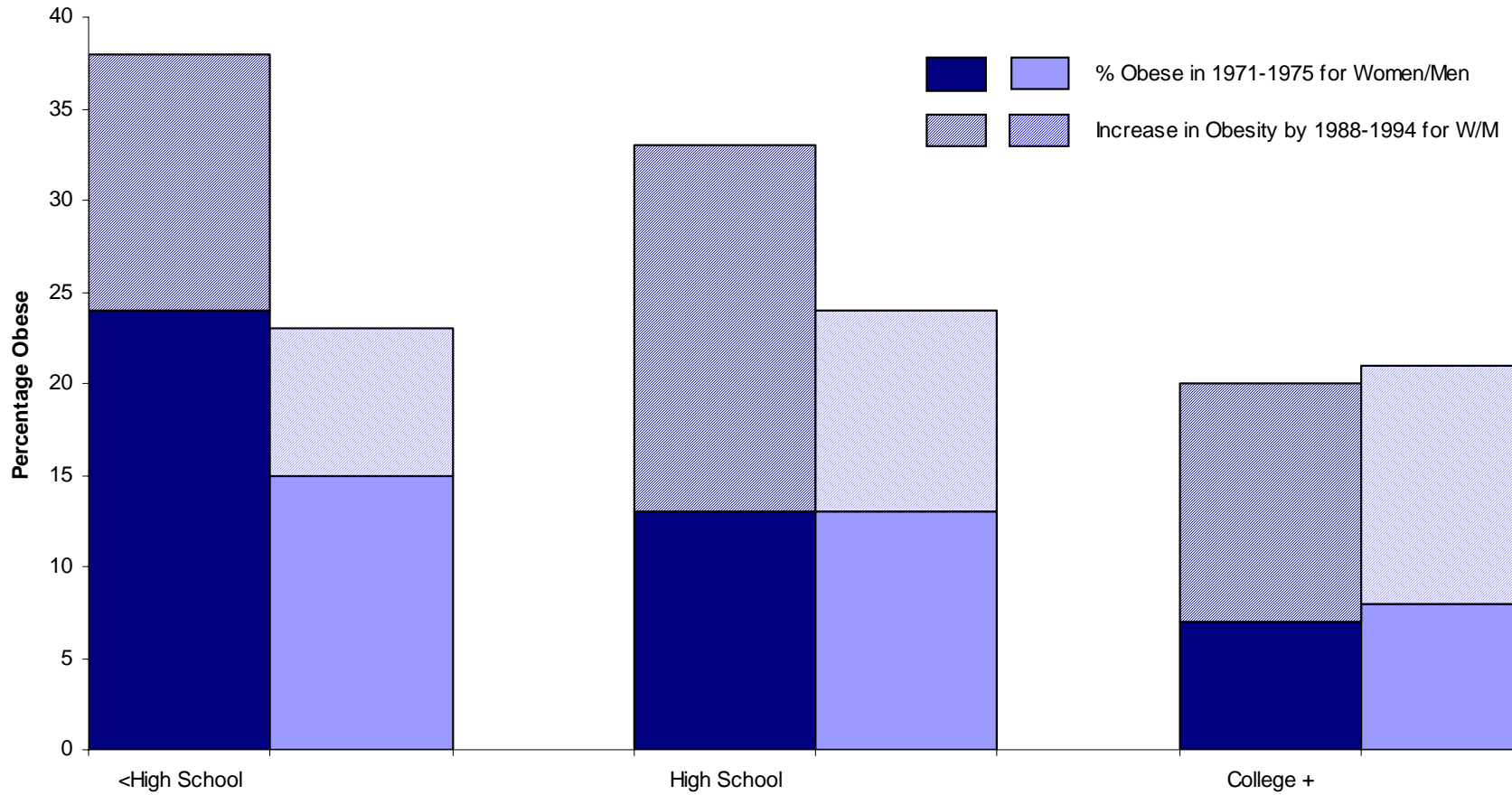
Smoking Rates by Educational Attainment, 1974 to 2000



Source: Data from the National Center for Health Statistics (2007).



Change in Percentage Obese, by Educational Attainment and Sex, 1971 to 1994



Source: Cutler (2003).



Effects of Growing Socioeconomic Differences in Life Expectancy

- Increasing financial strain on the Social Security Trust Fund as wealthier retirees live longer
- Decreased progressivity in Social Security retirement benefits
- Increasing strain on Medicare finances as retirees live longer
- Likely decreased progressivity in Medicare