



Pittsfield Public Schools

Mission

- **We strive** to serve our community and its children by creating an environment where lifelong learning is valued, excellence is expected, and improvement is continuous.
- **We will do this** by meeting the needs of each student and providing the understanding, encouragement, support, knowledge, and skills each requires to meet or exceed the district's high expectations and rigorous academic expectations.



- **In doing so** we will prepare every student for **postsecondary education**, career, and lifelong economic, social, and civic success.



Improving postsecondary

1. Guarantee students complete by...creating the conditions for **success**.

2. Make the **message** stick!

3. Ensure students leave high school**ready!**




The Pittsfield Promise:

100% of students are prepared for
postsecondary education



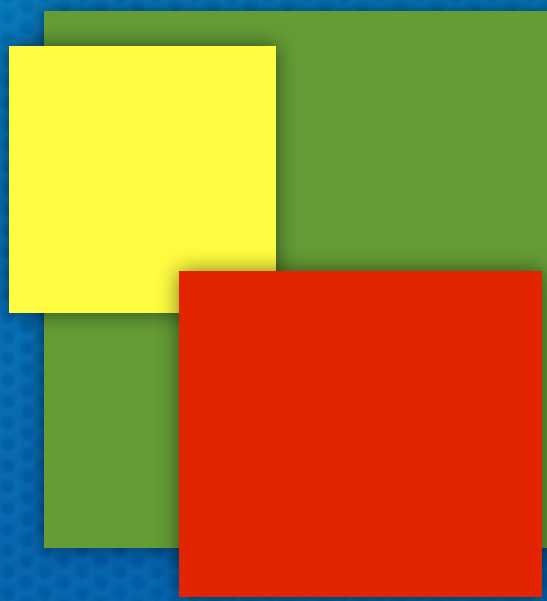

100% of students proficient in reading by the end of Grade 3
100% of students proficient in writing by the end of Grade 7
100% of students completing Algebra by the end of Grade 8



100% of students will complete MassCore

MassCore

RTTT: #4 - Increase college and career readiness



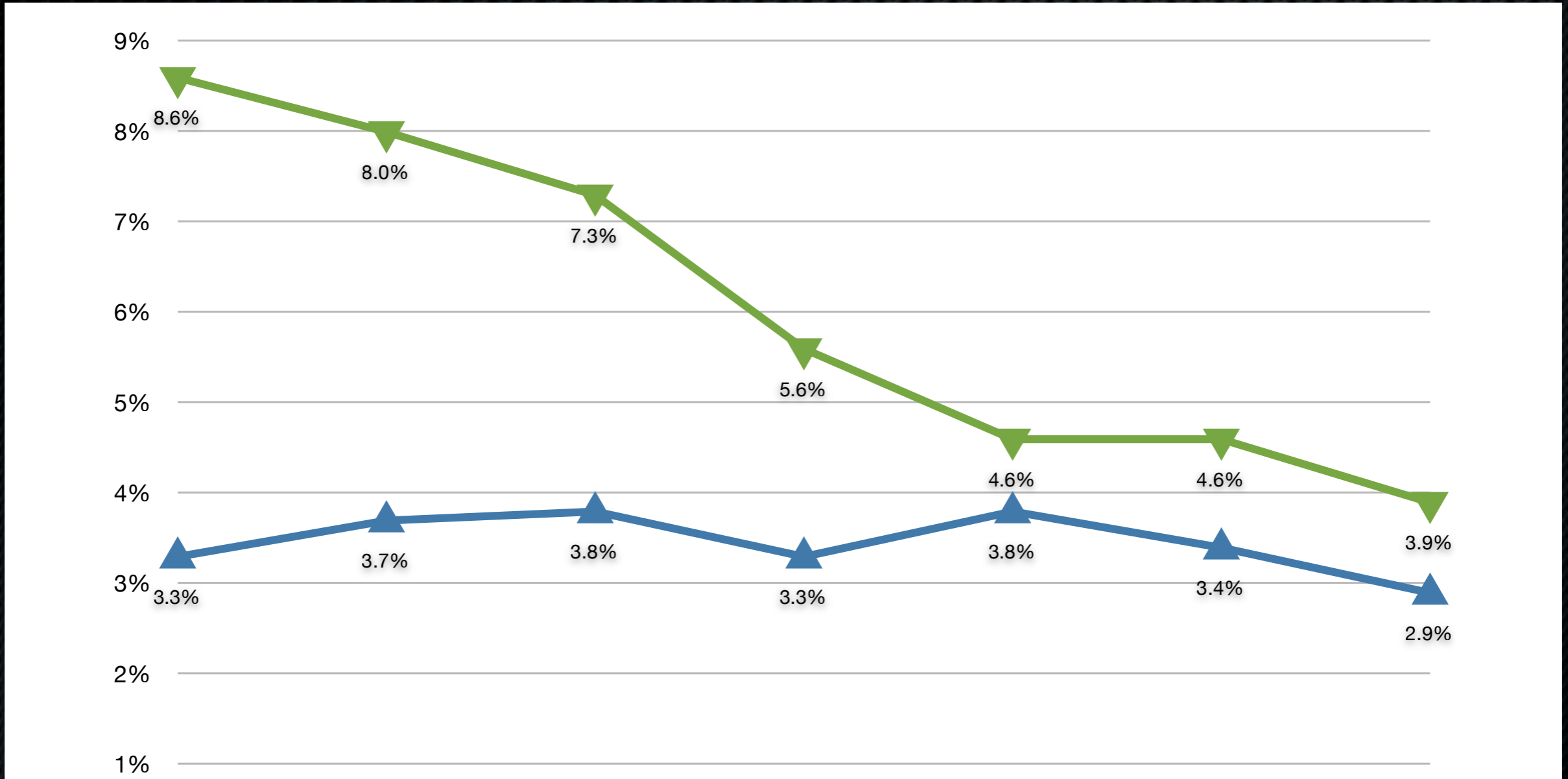
English (4)
Math (4)
Science (3 w/lab)
History/Social (3)
World Language (2)*
PE (annual)
Arts (1)
Additional Core (5) - include CVTE

+AP/Capstone/Dual Enrollment/Online/Service &
Work-based learning.

The math factor!

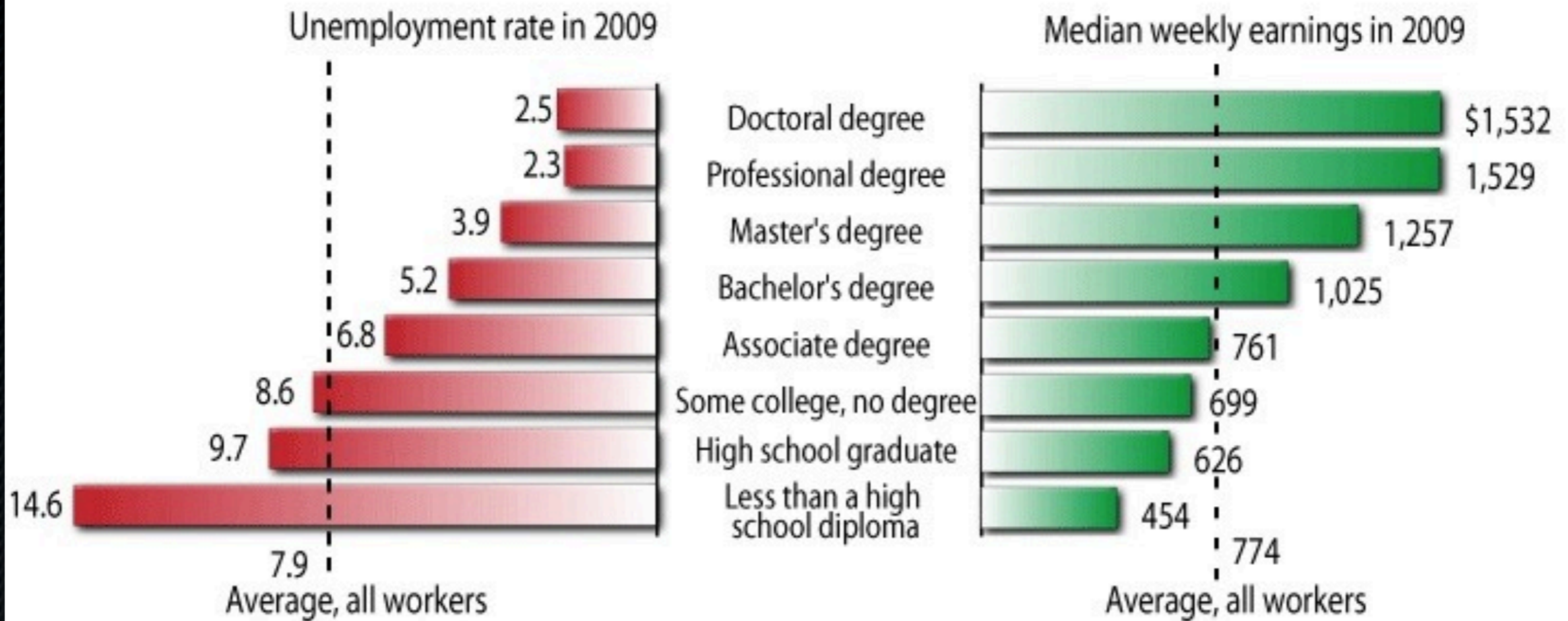
Highest math level achieved in high school	Bachelor degree attainment
Pre-algebra	3.9%
Algebra I	7.0%
Geometry	16.7%
Algebra II	39.3%
Trigonometry	60.0%
Pre-calculus	74.6%
Calculus	83.3%

In urban settings...finishing is critical.



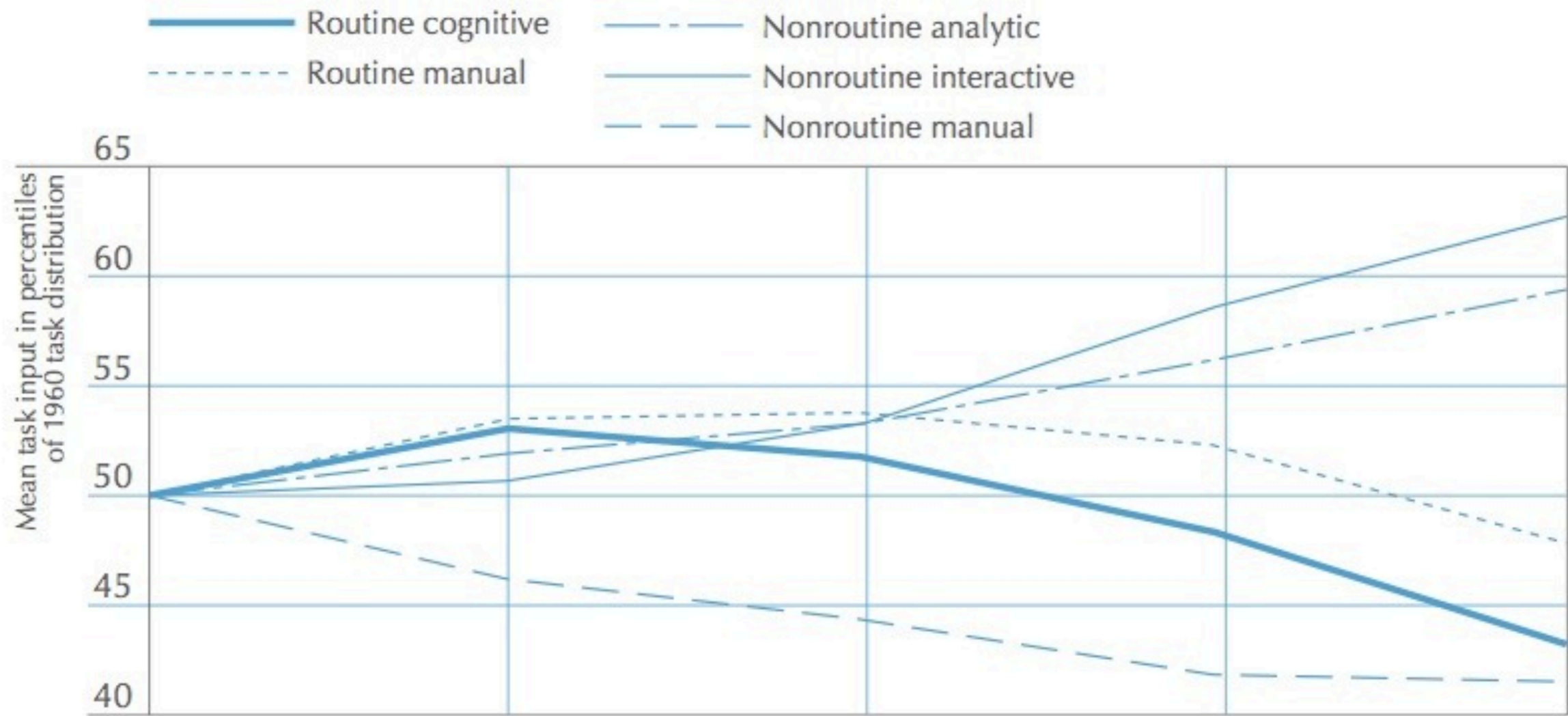
Pittsfield: Dropouts & Postsecondary

Education pays



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics, Current Population Survey

By 2018, **68%** of jobs in Massachusetts will require postsecondary education (5% above national average of 63%)



A Call to Arms: Right Brainers

- Readiness?
- 21st century skills?

