GOOD JOBS

Figure 1. There are 30 million good jobs that pay for workers without a BA and 36 million for those with a BA or higher.

30 million
Non-BA good jobs

36 million
BA good jobs

Figure 2. What is a good job?

$35,000
In defining a good job, we chose $35,000 ($17 per hour for a full-time job) as the minimum earnings for those under age 45 and $45,000 ($22 per hour for a full-time job) for workers age 45 and older.

$55,000
In 2015, these good jobs paid an average of $55,000 per year.

Figure 4. Between 1991 and 2015, the share of good jobs going to workers without a BA fell from 60 percent to 45 percent.