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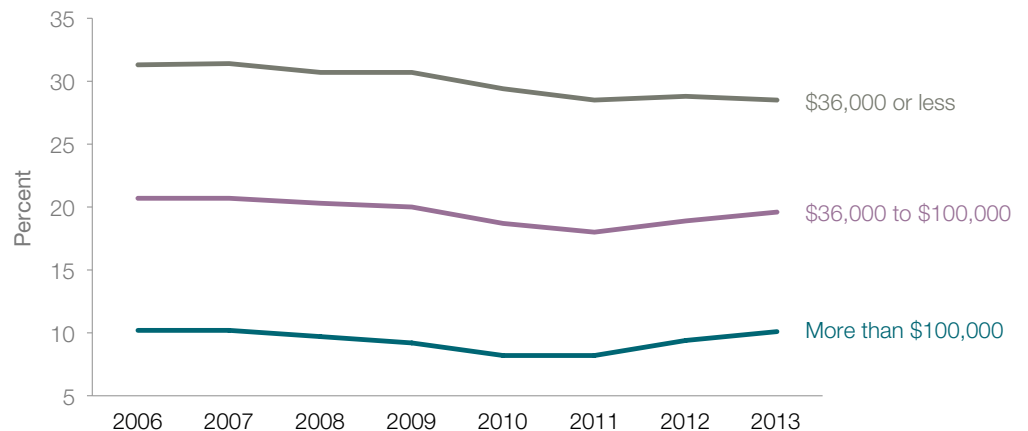
Plans to Work in College and Annual Family Income

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- Over a quarter of ACT-tested high school graduates with family incomes below \$36,000 plan to work 20 or more hours per week during college.
- The percentage of ACT-tested high school graduates with family incomes above \$100,000 who plan to work 20 or more hours during college is roughly the same in 2013 as it was in 2006.

ACT research has shown that the percentage of students planning to work 20 or more hours per week during college has declined since 2006, regardless of socioeconomic status.¹ The following chart shows the percentage of high school graduates from 2006 to 2013 who took the ACT® college readiness assessment and who planned to work 20 or more hours per week during college by family income level. The percentage of ACT test takers who planned to work 20 or more hours per week in college varied by income level and changed slightly between 2006 and 2013.

Percentage of ACT-Tested High School Graduates Planning to Work 20 or More Hours per Week in College by Income Level, 2006–2013



Note: Data are limited to students who indicated that they were planning to attend college.

¹ See ACT Information Brief 2013-31.

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