

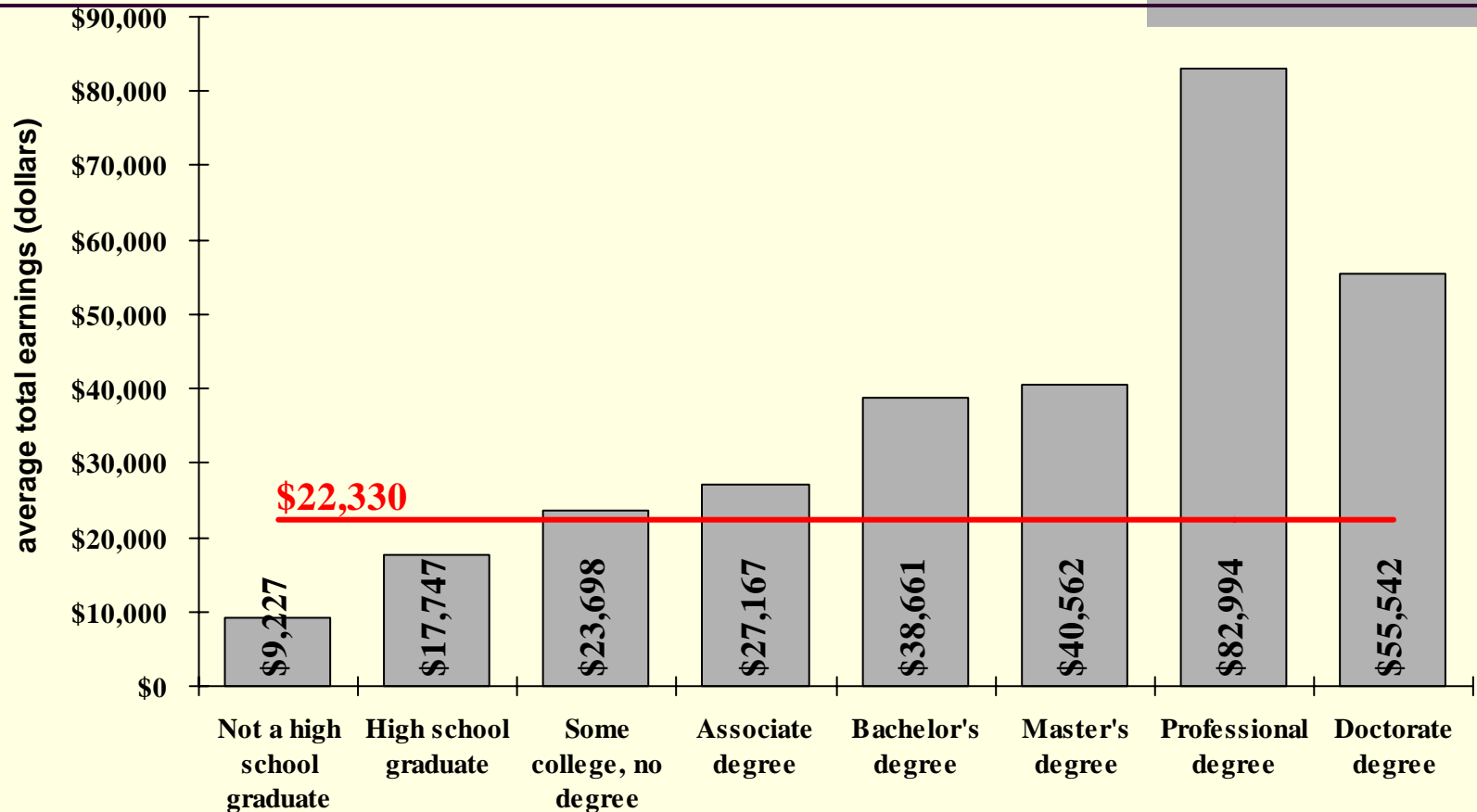
# Education and Economic Wellbeing

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Better educated Tennesseans enjoy higher incomes

Counties with a better educated workforce similarly enjoy higher incomes

# Average Total Earnings in 1999 by Educational Attainment Level: TN



Universe: Persons aged 25 years and older.

Source: Census 2000, 5% Public Use Microdata File, Tennessee.

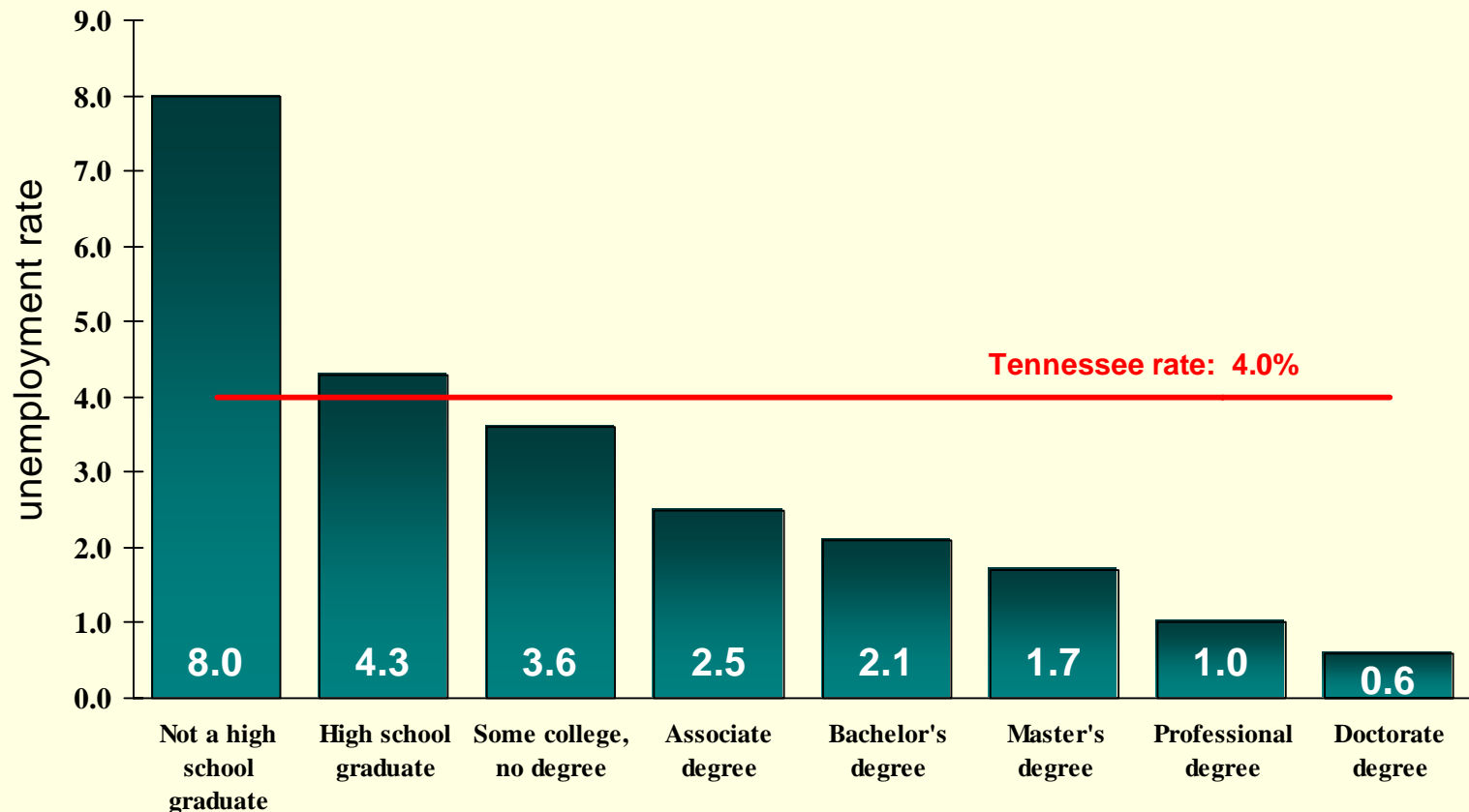
# Education and Unemployment

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Unemployment rates are generally lower for those with a better education

Counties with a better educated workforce have lower average rates of unemployment

# Rate of Unemployment of Persons 25 Years and Older in 2000 by Educational Attainment Level: TN



Source: Census 2000, 5% Public Use Microdata File, Tennessee.

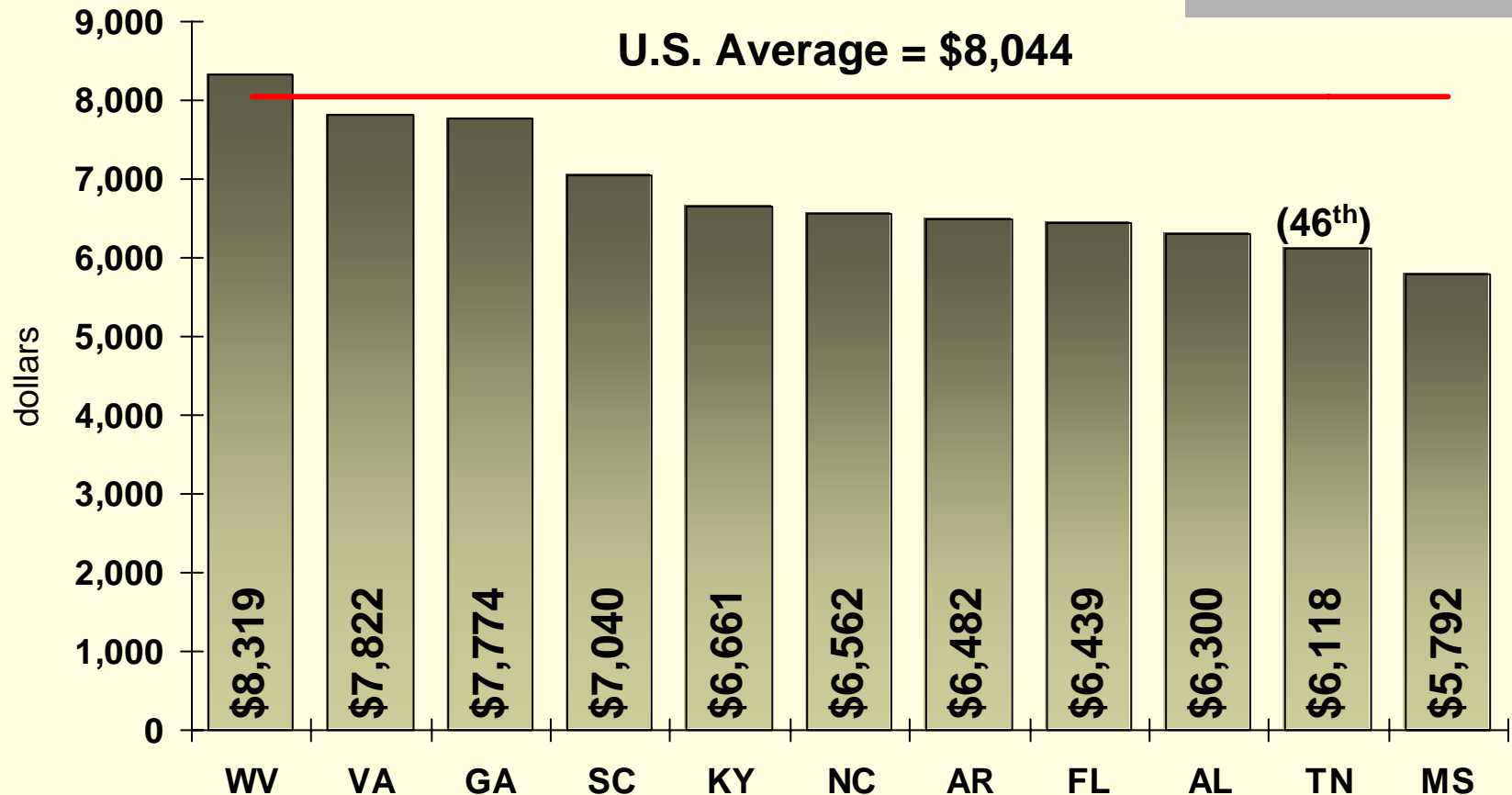
# Education Funding

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Tennessee's per pupil spending on education ranks among the lowest in the U.S.

While our per capita income is about 90 percent of the national average, our spending per pupil is only 76 percent of the national average

# Current Expenditures Per Pupil for Public Elementary & Secondary Schools: School Year 2002-03



Source: U.S. Dept. of Education, National Center for Education Statistics, "National Public Education Financial Survey: 2002-03."