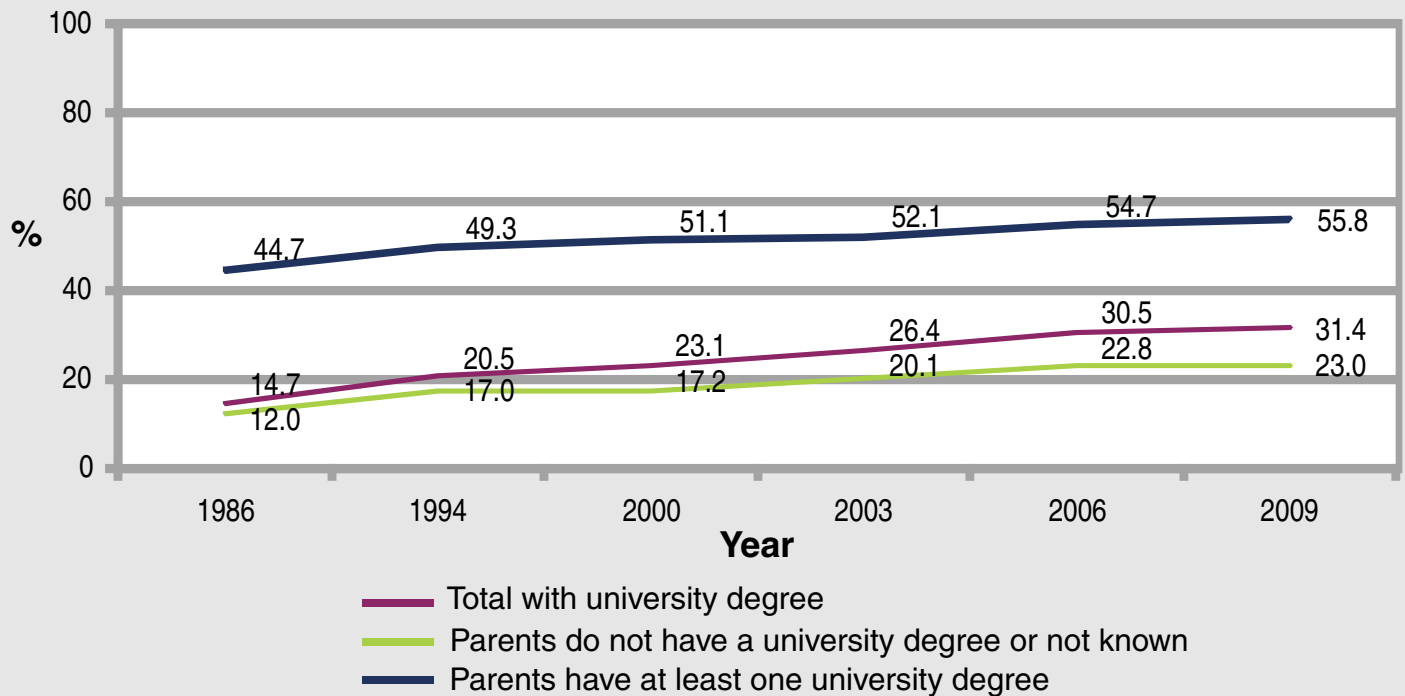




### 2.2.23 Work and Family

**Fig. 2.2.23 Percentage of Canadians aged 25 to 39 who have a university degree by parents' education, Canada, 1986 to 2009 (select years)**



Adapted from Statistics Canada <http://www.statcan.gc.ca/pub/11-008-x/2011002/article/11536-eng.pdf>, accessed January 15, 2012.

In 2009, 31.4% of all Canadians aged 25 to 39 had a university degree. Of those who had at least one parent with a degree, 55.8% had a university degree. Of those Canadians aged 25 to 39 whose parents did not have a degree, 23.0% had a university degree, or roughly half the percentage of those who have a parent with a degree.

Among people whose parents did not have a degree, the likelihood of their obtaining a degree nearly doubled between 1986 and 2009. The increase was less dramatic for those whose parents had a degree, at 1.25 times higher.

