

Who is in the middle?

A strong middle class contributes to the stability of society. The middle segment of the labour market is transforming, with increasing number of degree holders and professionals now earning middle wages.

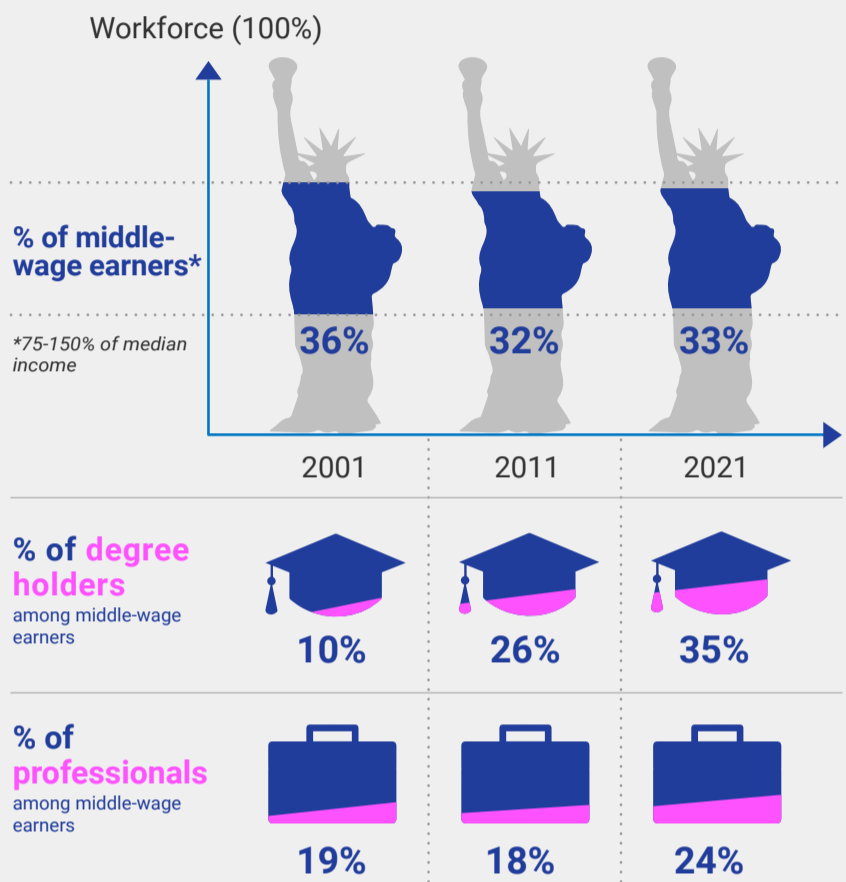
Data in the US, UK, and Singapore show that the proportion of middle-wage earners – defined as those that earn 75 to 150 percent of the median wage – has remained relatively stable.

However, the composition of middle-wage earners has changed dramatically. **Degree holders and professional workers are now the fastest-growing category of middle-wage earners.**

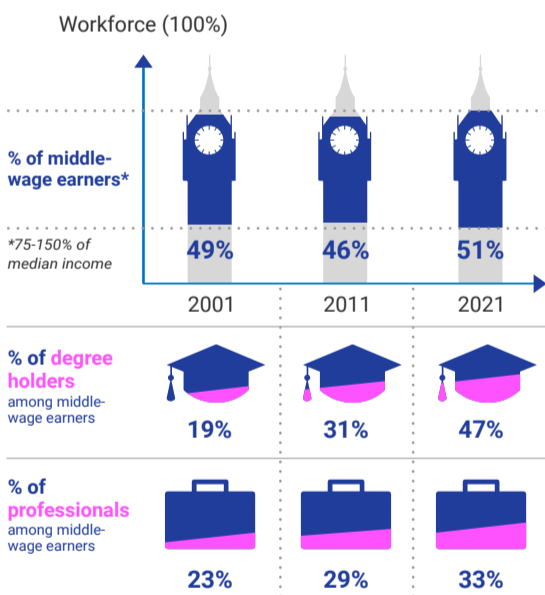
Across the US, UK, and Singapore

- 35% to 47% of middle-wage earners are degree holders
- 23% to 33% of middle-wage earners are professionals

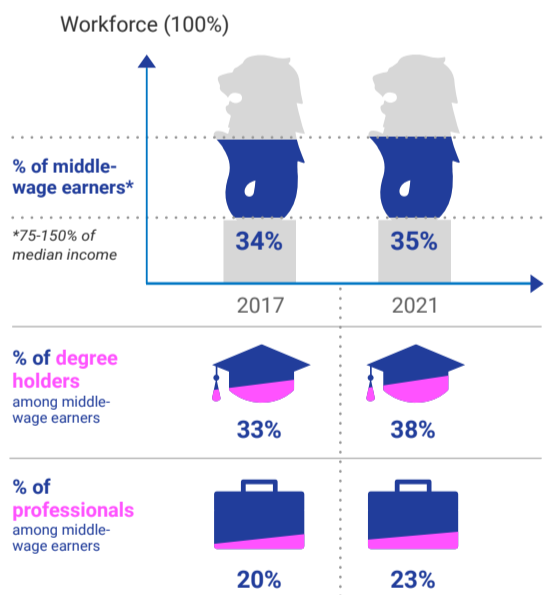
United States



United Kingdom



Singapore



Source: American Community Survey | Labour Force Survey, UK | Skills and Learning Survey, Singapore



With a growing number of high-skilled workers earning middle wages, the stakes are high. How are we 'matching' artificial intelligence with the most educated workforce in human history?

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