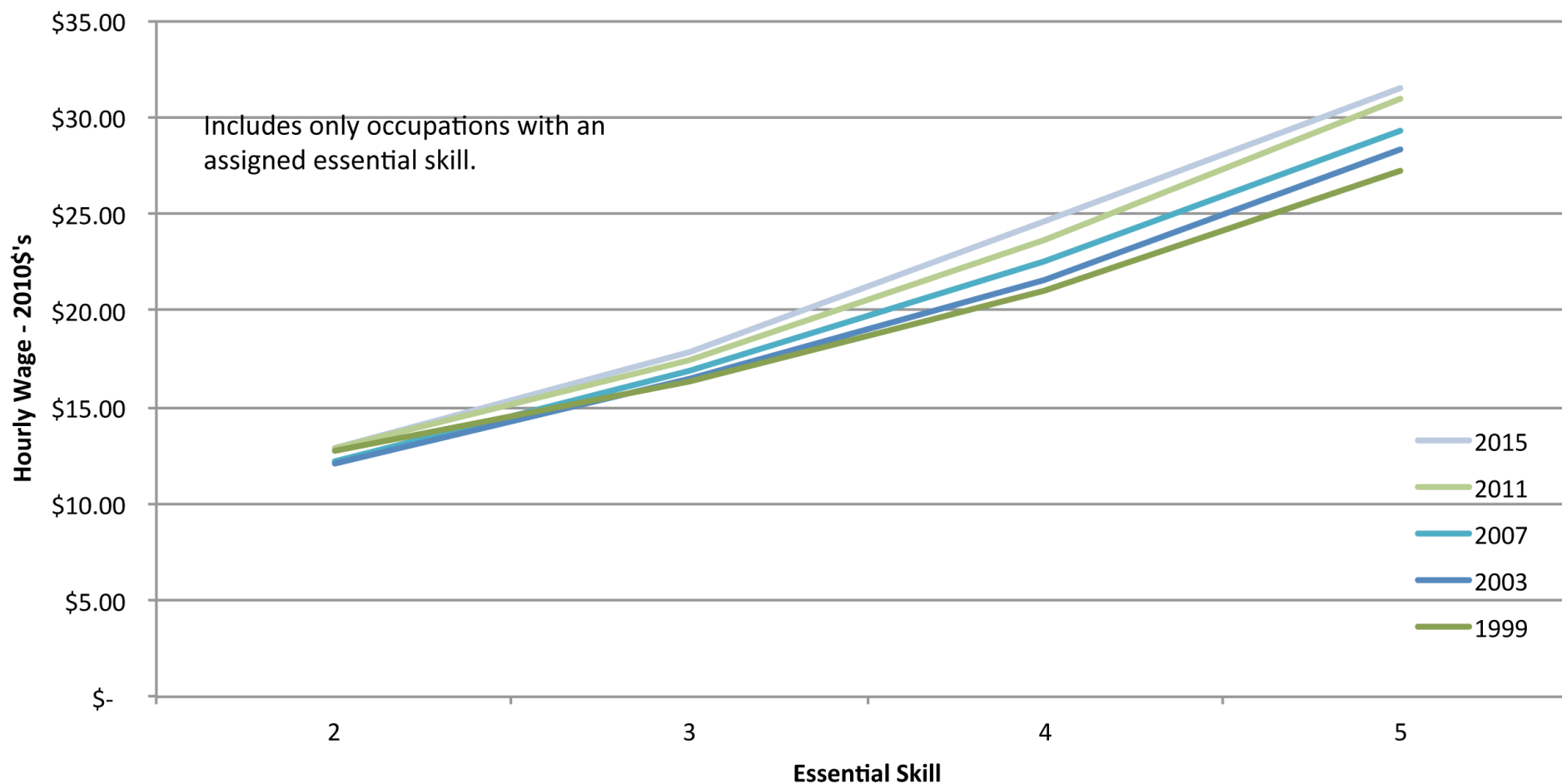


## Average Hourly Wage (2010\$'s) by Essential Skill Level of Occupation, 1997-2015



This chart links rising wage inequality to shifts in the relative wages earned by the literacy level demanded by the job.

- Workers in jobs that demand low levels of literacy have experienced no real wage growth over the past decade.
- Workers in jobs that demand high literacy levels have enjoyed very attractive real wage gains.
- This difference explains most of the increase in wage and income inequality observed in Canada over the period.

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