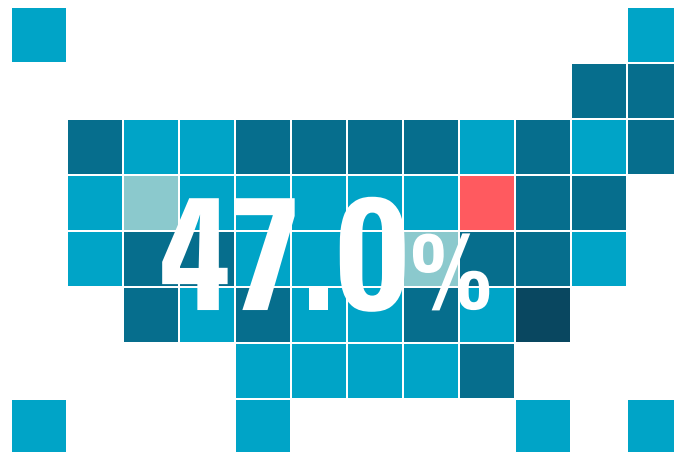


# A STRONGER NATION

*Learning beyond high school builds American talent*



**Pennsylvania's Report 2019**



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# Pennsylvania's progress toward the goal

By 2025, 60 percent of Americans will need some type of high-quality credential beyond high school. To count toward this important goal, any credential must have clear and transparent learning outcomes that lead to further education and employment. **Pennsylvania's attainment rate is 47 percent, and the state is working toward its attainment goal of 60 percent by 2025.**

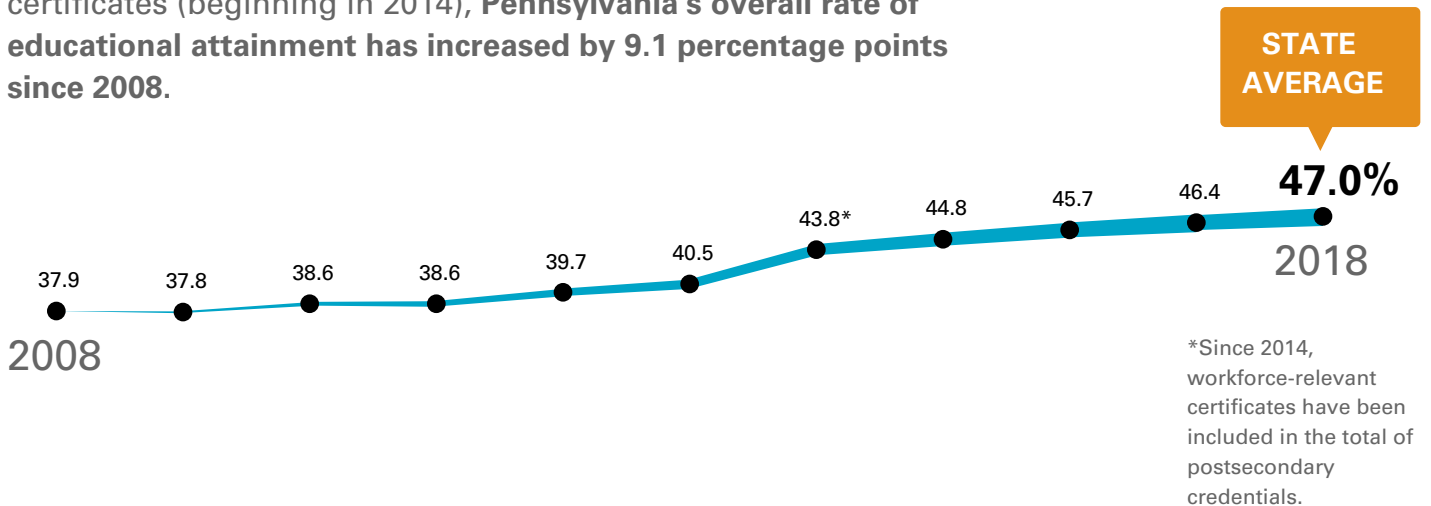
## How Pennsylvania compares to the nation

Pennsylvania is making progress in increasing educational attainment, but still lags when compared to the national average.



## Pennsylvania's progress

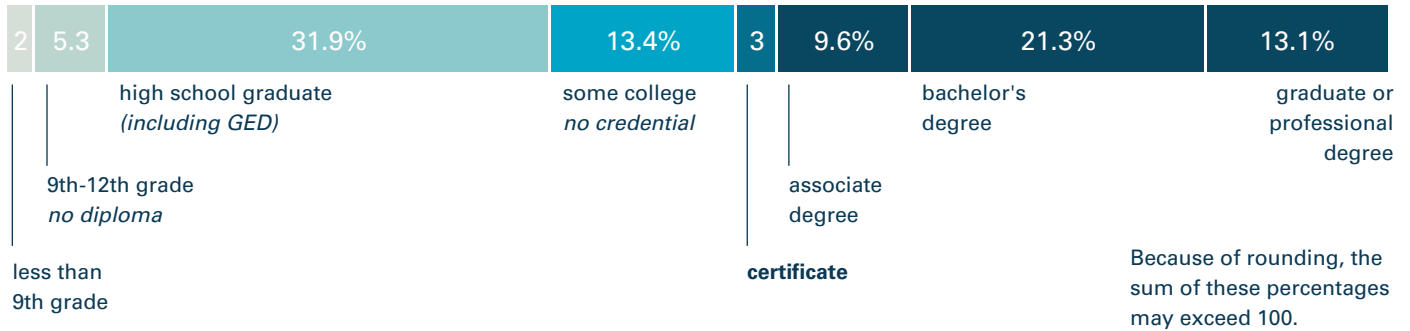
To reach state goals, the state will not only have to maintain current rates of attainment but also significantly increase the number of people who enroll in programs and earn all types of credentials beyond high school. With the inclusion of workforce certificates (beginning in 2014), **Pennsylvania's overall rate of educational attainment has increased by 9.1 percentage points since 2008.**



# Highest Education Level Across Pennsylvania

PENNSYLVANIA AGES 25-64

47.0% attainment



## Pennsylvania's racial and ethnic disparities

There are **significant gaps** in educational attainment that must be closed – specifically, **gaps linked to race and ethnicity. These gaps persist in every state.** Because educational attainment beyond high school has become the key determinant of economic opportunity and social mobility, **closing these gaps is crucial.**








































# Comparing Pennsylvania Counties

Exploring educational attainment at the local level can be especially helpful to local leaders as they work on talent development. For example, by pinpointing counties or regions where attainment lags, resources can be targeted where they're needed most. Conversely, in areas of high attainment, other regions may find practices or processes they can emulate.

**Compare degree attainment rates across Pennsylvania's 67 counties.** Attainment is shown here as the percentage of people ages 25-64 with at least an associate degree.\*

sorted by COUNTY NAME ▼▲

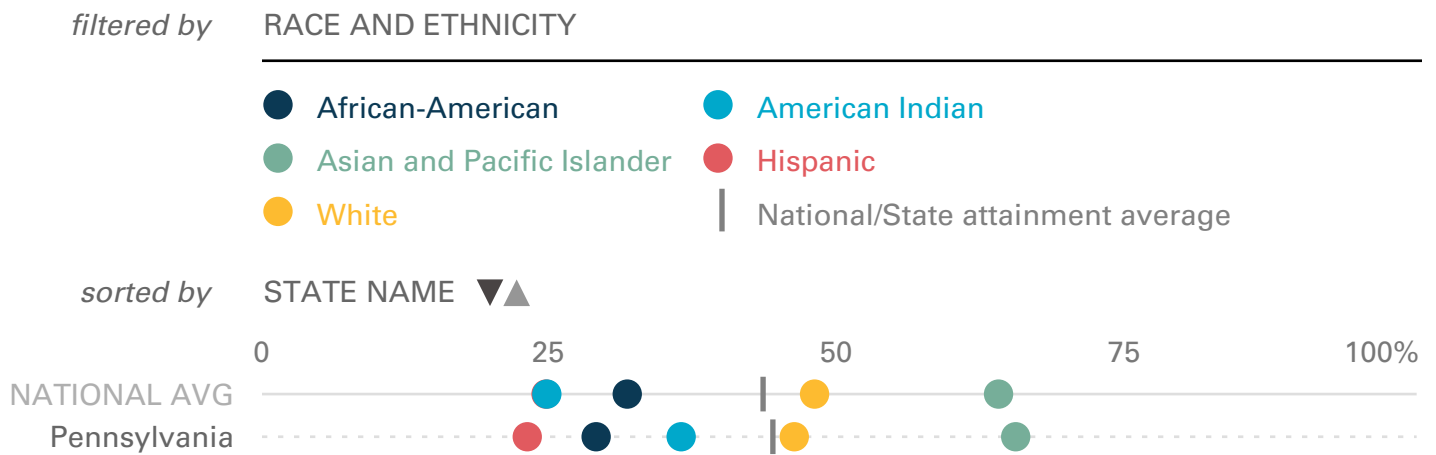
Attainment	County	Population	Pop. Rank	Attainment	County	Population	Pop. Rank
33.3%	Adams	102,336	31	61.5%	Chester	519,293	7
56.3%	Allegheny	1,223,048	2	35.5%	Clarion	38,458	57
30.9%	Armstrong	65,642	39	27.0%	Clearfield	79,685	36
41.1%	Beaver	166,140	21	32.6%	Clinton	38,998	56
25.7%	Bedford	48,480	45	35.7%	Columbia	65,932	38
35.8%	Berks	417,854	9	30.4%	Crawford	86,159	34
33.1%	Blair	123,457	28	47.5%	Cumberland	250,066	16
30.1%	Bradford	60,853	41	42.5%	Dauphin	275,710	14
52.2%	Bucks	628,341	4	48.9%	Delaware	564,696	5
51.0%	Butler	187,108	19	36.3%	Elk	30,197	59
36.4%	Cambria	133,054	26	39.6%	Erie	274,541	15
28.1%	Cameron	4,592	67	28.9%	Fayette	131,504	27
31.4%	Carbon	63,853	40	8.8%	Forest	7,297	65
55.6%	Centre	162,660	22	31.3%	Franklin	154,234	23

 <b>22.2%</b> Fulton	14,590	64	 <b>28.2%</b> Northumberland	92,029	32
 <b>28.3%</b> Greene	36,770	58	 <b>27.6%</b> Perry	46,127	47
 <b>26.4%</b> Huntingdon	45,491	48	 <b>37.0%</b> Philadelphia	1,580,863	1
 <b>34.7%</b> Indiana	84,953	35	 <b>38.5%</b> Pike	55,691	42
 <b>28.8%</b> Jefferson	43,804	50	 <b>27.0%</b> Potter	16,802	63
 <b>23.9%</b> Juniata	24,514	61	 <b>30.1%</b> Schuylkill	142,569	24
 <b>41.4%</b> Lackawanna	210,761	17	 <b>28.8%</b> Snyder	40,801	53
 <b>36.6%</b> Lancaster	542,903	6	 <b>26.3%</b> Somerset	74,501	37
 <b>34.2%</b> Lawrence	87,069	33	 <b>25.9%</b> Sullivan	6,089	66
 <b>30.1%</b> Lebanon	139,754	25	 <b>28.2%</b> Susquehanna	40,985	52
 <b>41.8%</b> Lehigh	366,494	10	 <b>31.2%</b> Tioga	40,793	54
 <b>36.6%</b> Luzerne	317,343	12	 <b>34.8%</b> Union	44,595	49
 <b>36.8%</b> Lycoming	113,841	29	 <b>28.5%</b> Venango	51,762	43
 <b>28.8%</b> McKean	41,330	51	 <b>33.1%</b> Warren	39,659	55
 <b>35.7%</b> Mercer	111,750	30	 <b>44.6%</b> Washington	207,298	18
 <b>22.1%</b> Mifflin	46,388	46	 <b>30.0%</b> Wayne	51,205	44
 <b>34.3%</b> Monroe	168,046	20	 <b>44.9%</b> Westmoreland	352,627	11
 <b>60.0%</b> Montgomery	826,075	3	 <b>31.3%</b> Wyoming	27,322	60
 <b>43.4%</b> Montour	18,272	62	 <b>36.8%</b> York	446,078	8
 <b>42.7%</b> Northampton	303,405	13			

# Results by race and ethnicity in Pennsylvania

A growing proportion of today's learners are African-American, Hispanic, and American Indian; and data show persistent and troubling gaps between their attainment levels and those of their white peers. Addressing these gaps – and expanding post-high-school learning opportunities for all – is essential to reducing the inequality that influences much of American life.

Explore **Pennsylvania's attainment rates across five racial and ethnic groups**, and see how it performs relative to other states. Attainment is shown here as the percentage of residents, ages 25-64 with at least an associate degree.\*



# Pennsylvania's metro areas

Metropolitan areas are important talent hubs, because the majority of the nation's population lives within these areas.

Explore attainment rates in Pennsylvania's Metropolitan Statistical Areas (MSAs). Attainment is shown here as the percentage of residents, ages 25-64, with at least an associate degree.



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