

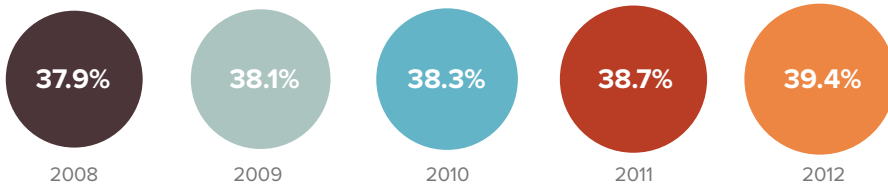


Closing the gaps in college attainment

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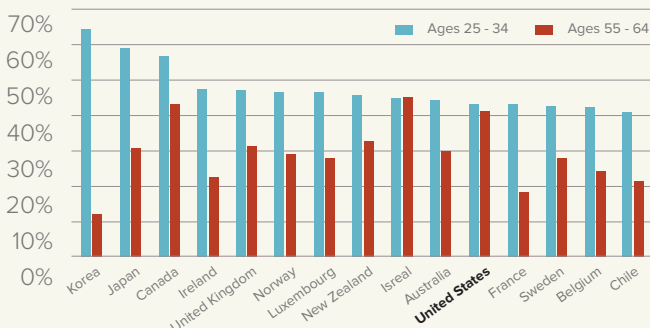
Tracking the college attainment trend

According to Lumina Foundation's report, *A Stronger Nation through Higher Education*, 39.4 percent of working-age Americans (ages 25-64) held a two- or four-year college degree in 2012 – the most recent year for which data are available. That figure is up from 2011, when the rate was 38.7 percent, and from 2008, when the rate was 37.9 percent. The 0.7 percent rise from 2011 to 2012 reflects the largest year-over-year increase since 2008.



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Attainment rates in the developed world



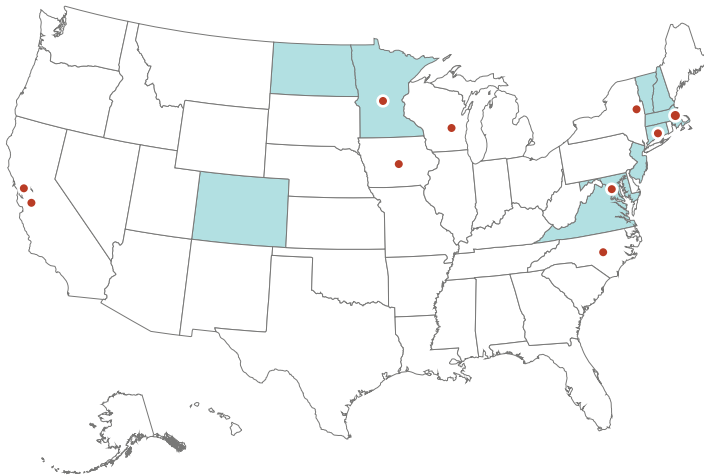
The latest degree attainment among young adults (ages 25-34) is even more optimistic at

(40.9%)

which is three percentage points higher than 2008. If attainment continues to increase at these levels, and once better data on certificate attainment is factored in, Goal 2025 – increasing the percentage of Americans with high-quality degrees and credentials to **60 percent by 2025** – is within reach. Maintaining this level of increase in attainment through 2025 is a significant challenge, however, and requires that the U.S. higher education system be redesigned to focus more effectively on students and learning.

Source: OECD, *Education at a Glance 2013*

Top States and MSAs for attainment



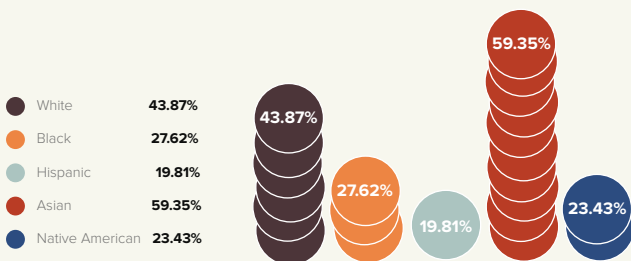
Top 10 states – based on the percentage of adults (25-64) with at least an associate degree in 2012:

1. MA – 50.5% (down from 50.8% in 2011)
2. MN – 47.7% (up from 46.6%)
3. CO – 47.5% (up from 47.0%)
4. CT – 47.5% (up from 46.4%)
5. VT – 47% (up from 46.2%)
6. NH – 46.7% (up from 45.8%)
7. NJ – 45.8% (up from 45.1%)
8. ND – 45.6% (up from 44.7%)
9. MD – 45.5% (up from 45.4%)
10. VA – 45.3% (up from 45.0%)

Top 10 MSAs – based on the percentage of adults (25-64) with at least an associate degree in 2012 (among the 100 most-populated MSAs):

1. Madison, WI – 55.50% (up from 54.81% in 2011)
2. Washington-Arlington-Alexandria, DC-VA-MD-WV – 55.02% (up from 54.73%)
3. San Jose-Sunnyvale-Santa Clara, CA – 54.91% (up from 54.15%)
4. Boston-Cambridge-Quincy, MA-NH – 54.29% (up from 54.25%)
5. Bridgeport-Stamford-Norwalk, CT – 53.62% (up from 52.86%)
6. San Francisco-Oakland-Fremont, CA – 53.29% (up from 52.76%)
7. Raleigh-Cary, NC – 52.63% (down from 52.64%)
8. Minneapolis-St. Paul-Bloomington, MN-WI – 51.47% (up from 50.65%)
9. Albany-Schenectady-Troy, NY – 49.63% (up from 49.27%)
10. Des Moines-West Des Moines, IA – 48.35% (up from 48.10%)

Degree-attainment rates among U.S. adults (ages 25-64), by population group

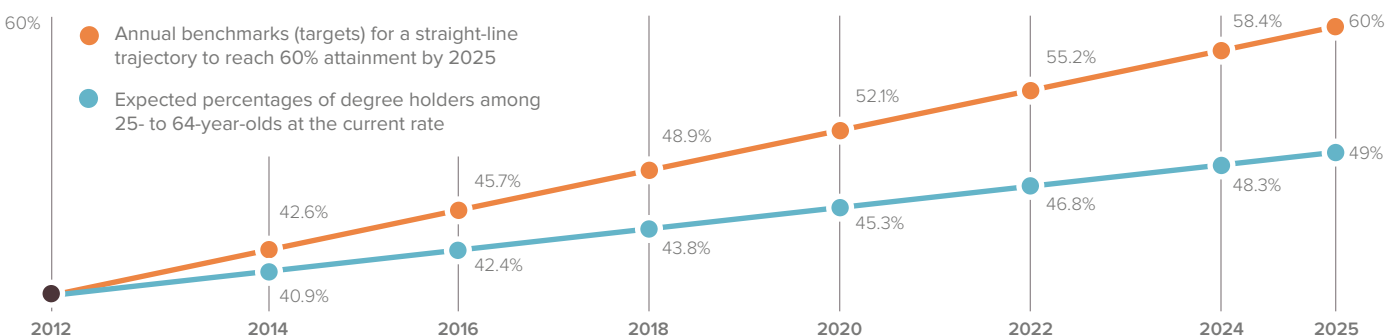


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010-12 American Community Survey PUMS File

“As the nation’s population becomes increasingly diverse, we must do more to address these troubling attainment divides.”

- Jamie P. Merisotis, president and chief executive officer of Lumina Foundation.

The path to 60% degree attainment in the U.S.



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, 2010, 2011, and 2012 American Community Survey