



POSITIVE OUTCOMES

Young Adults with Postsecondary Education

INDICATOR

Percent of residents aged 25 to 34 who have received an associates degree or higher.

Numerator	Number of 25 to 34 year-olds who received an associates or bachelor's degree, or higher
Denominator	Residents aged 25 to 34

DESCRIPTION

This metric is from the Current Population Survey (CPS) and includes young adults with associates or bachelor's degrees from a college or university, or a master's, professional, or doctorate degree.

IMPORTANCE

Higher educational attainment is significantly correlated with increased job readiness, higher wages, and better health (Fletcher, 2009). Such attainment is difficult for young adults who struggle with mental health issues. This metric tracks overall success for young people.

LIMITATIONS

- CPS includes only civilian, non-institutionalized adults with cellphone or landline. CPS was designed to calculate national estimates for employment, making state-level estimates less stable.

ADDITIONAL ANALYSES

Wisconsin Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% of Adults age 25 and older with Postsecondary Education
Data not available.	

National Analyses

Race/Ethnicity	% of Adults age 25 and older with Postsecondary Education
Asian, non-Hispanic	60.4%
Black, non-Hispanic	32.4%
Hispanic	22.7%
White	42.8%

SOURCE

US Census Bureau. (2016). Current Population Survey, Annual Social and Economic Supplement [Data query]. Retrieved 5/1/2017. Fletcher, J. M., & Frisvold, D. E. (2009). Higher education and health investments: does more schooling affect preventive health care use? *Journal of Human Capital*, 3(2), 144-176.

YEAR:		2016	
WI	US	Best	Worst
47.7%*	43.9%	DC: 72.2%	NV: 30.3%
PAST YEAR:		2015	
WI	US		
45.7%	46.5%		

* Indicates a statistically significant difference from the US value at p<0.05.