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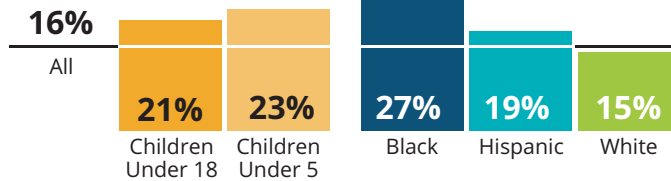
Poverty and Food Insecurity

Children eligible for free or reduced price lunch



50%

People living in poverty



Children living in food insecure households



Median Household Income

On average, people of color were paid less than White people.



Childcare and Early Childhood Education

Children under 6 with all caretakers in the workforce



Families who lived in childcare deserts



Four-year-olds enrolled in a public ECE program in 2020



Annual childcare expenses should cost just 7%* of a family's income, but **infant care for one child cost**



of the average Black household's income



of the average Hispanic household's income



of the average White household's income

If infant care cost 7% of the region's median income,



just **11 of every 100** families could afford it.

*according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Performance on NAEP*

Below the Proficient Level in **4th** Grade

Reading

Black 84%

Hispanic Not Enough Data

White 69%

Low-Income 78%

Math

Black 84%

Hispanic Not Enough Data

White 69%

Low-Income 81%

Below the Proficient Level in **8th** Grade

Reading

Black 88%

Hispanic Not Enough Data

White 75%

Low-Income 81%

Math

Black 86%

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White 76%

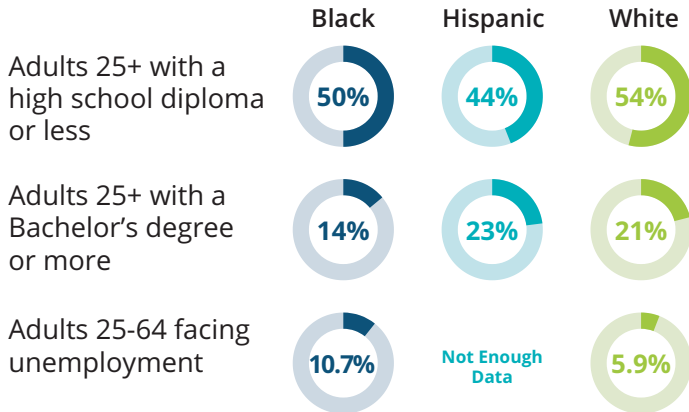
Low-Income 85%

*National Assessment of Educational Progress

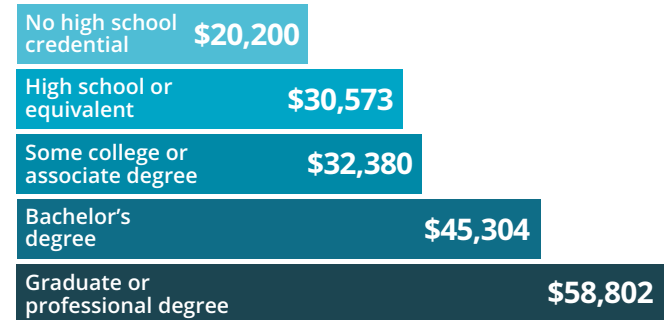
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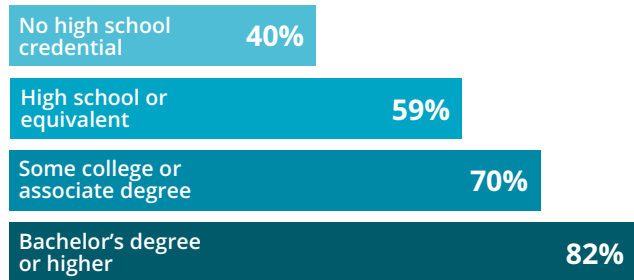
Attainment and the Workforce



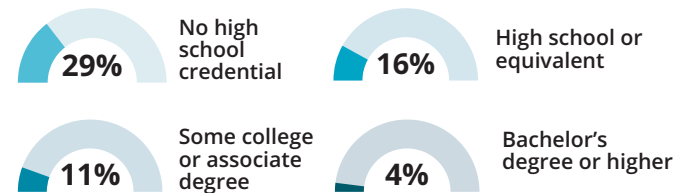
Adults 25+ with **lower attainment** earn less.



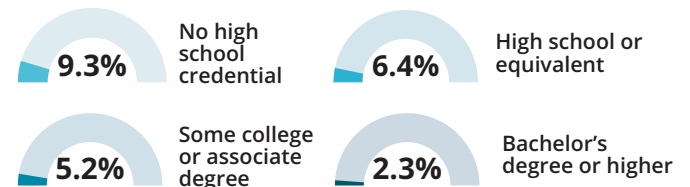
Adults 25-64 with **higher attainment** have a higher employment-to-population ratio — they are more likely to be in the labor force.



Adults 25+ living in poverty

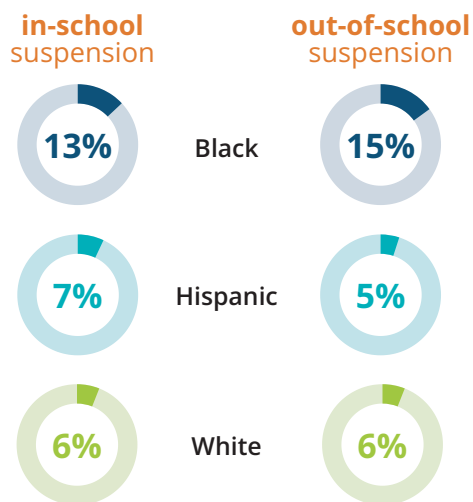


Adults 25-64 facing unemployment



2017-2018 School Discipline

Students who were suspended, by race:



School enrollments in the school year:



Of those who were referred to law enforcement,



Of the students who had a school-related arrest,

