

Social, Economic, & Environmental Factors - 22

High School & College Graduation Rates

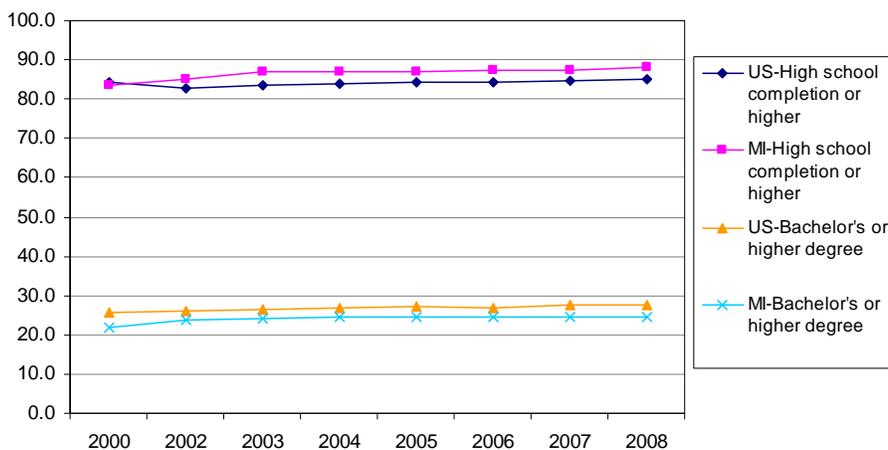
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Indicator Definition: The educational attainment level for the population aged 25 and older.

Indicator Overview:

- The U.S. Census Bureau collects educational attainment information annually through the American Community Survey (ACS) and Current Population Survey (CPS).
- Education level is commonly associated with access to health care. Individuals with higher education levels are more likely to have high income jobs and/or employer-based health insurance coverage, and therefore the cost of health care is less likely to be a barrier to access.
- Education at a level less than high school completion is commonly associated with individuals in poverty.

Educational Attainment, US vs. Michigan, 2000-2008



← Trends:

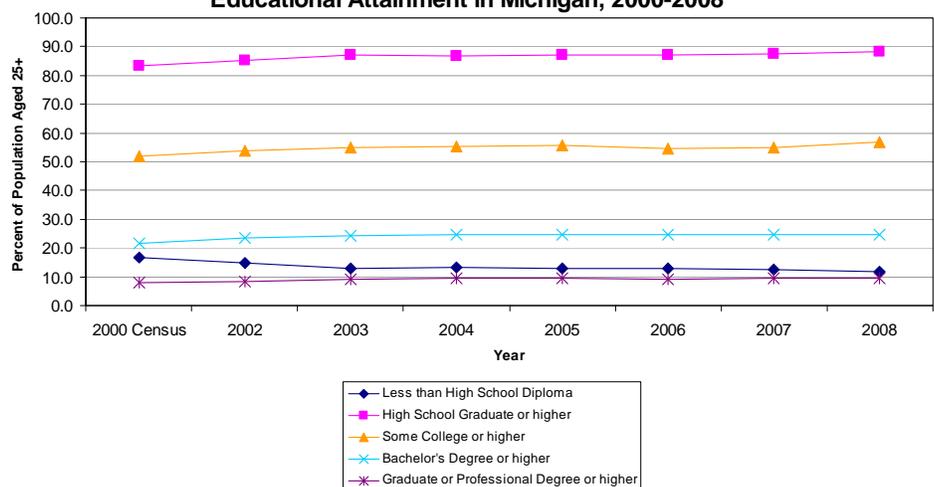
Since 2000, the ACS estimates for the percentage of Michigan's population with education level of completion of high school or higher remain above U.S. estimates. Both the Michigan and U.S. percentages are over 80% and approach 90%.

While Michigan tends to have a higher percentage of high school graduates than the U.S., the state trends for attainment of a Bachelor's degree remain lower than the national average.

→ Levels of Attainment:

Educational attainment is shown in the chart (right) beginning with the 2000 census and tracked on an annual basis with the American Community Survey (ACS) through 2008. The level of educational attainment increases over time, while the percentage of individuals who do not graduate from high school decreases. In 2008, about 65% of those who had graduated from high school also completed some college, and 28% had completed a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

Educational Attainment in Michigan, 2000-2008



Links to Other Sources of Information:

- U.S. Census Bureau – Educational Attainment: <http://www.census.gov/hhes/socdemo/education/>
- Michigan Center for Educational Performance & Information: <http://www.michigan.gov/cepi>
- National Center for Education Statistics: <http://www.nces.ed.gov/>

Links to Related Public Health or Similar Programs:

- MDELEG – Adult Education Program: http://www.michigan.gov/mdcd/0,1607,7-122-1680_2798---,00.html
- MDE – Educational Programs: <http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-43092---,00.html>