

Socioeconomic Factors - 2

Educational Attainment

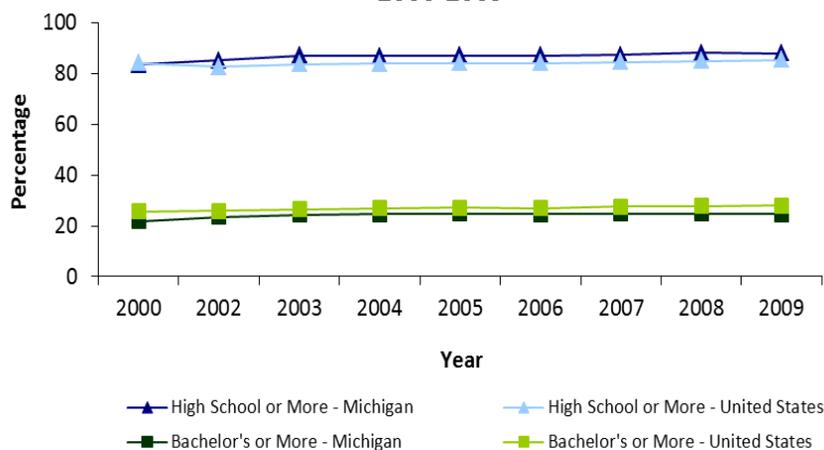
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Indicator Definition: The educational attainment level for the population aged 25 and older.

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 healthcare. 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 healthcare 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.

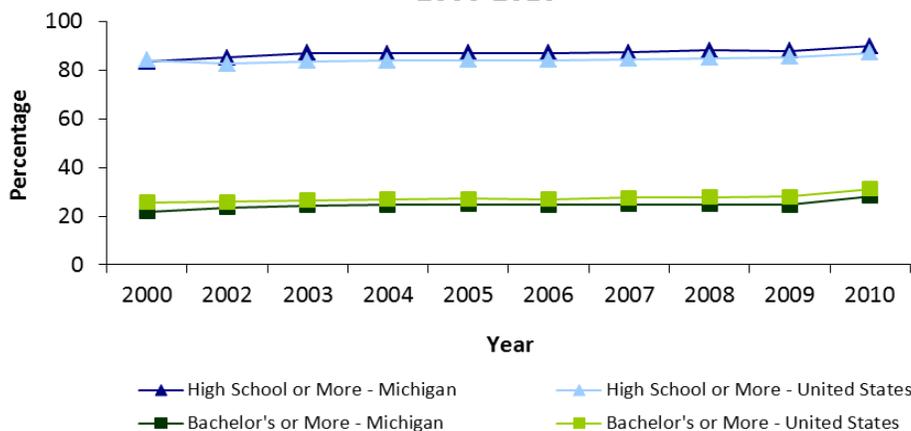
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← **Trends:** Since 2000, the ACS estimates for the percentage of Michigan's population with education level of completion of high school or higher remain above United States estimates. Both the Michigan and United States percentages are over 80 percent and approach 90 percent. While Michigan tends to have a higher percentage of high school graduates than the United States, the state trends for attainment of a Bachelor's degree remain below the national average.

→ **Levels of Attainment:** Educational attainment is tracked on an annual basis with the ACS. The level of educational attainment has increased over time, while the percentage of individuals who do not graduate from high school fluctuates, with an overall decrease of 6.5 percentage points since the year 2000. In 2010, nearly 58 percent of Michigan residents had completed at least some college, and over 28 percent had completed a Bachelor's Degree or higher.

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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>