



EDUCATIONAL ATTAINMENT

A 2021 MINNESOTA MEASURES REPORT

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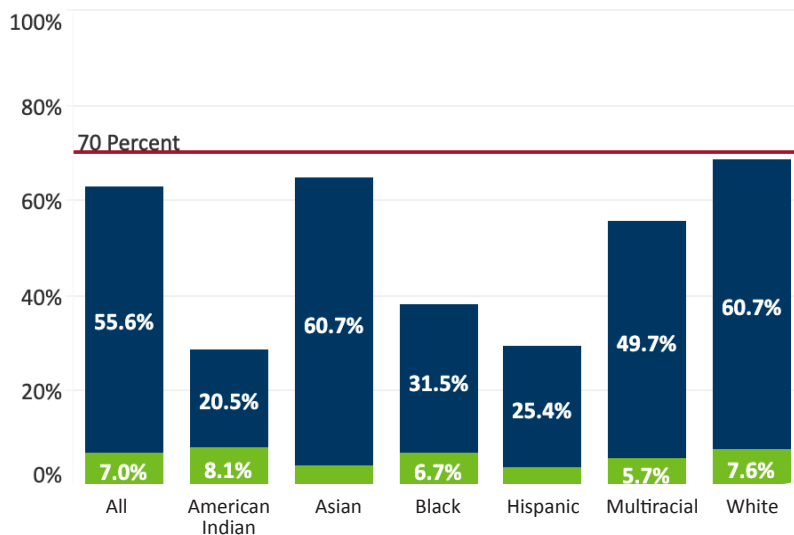
OVERALL ATTAINMENT

The 2015 Minnesota Legislature enacted legislation setting a target that 70 percent of Minnesota adults age 25 to 44 will have attained a postsecondary certificate or degree by 2025. Educational attainment refers to the highest level of education an individual completes. Greater educational attainment correlates with increased earnings, lower unemployment, better health, and other social and economic benefits.

Minnesota uses the one-year American Community Survey (ACS) sample for the most recent five-year period (2015-2019) in conjunction with data provided by Minnesota State Colleges and Universities and the Office of Higher Education to obtain an estimate of educational attainment.

Key: Disparities in credential completion exist by race/ethnicity.

Figure 1: 2021 Educational Attainment Rate by Basic Race/Ethnicity by Certificate and Associate or Higher Credential



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The overall attainment rate for people 25-44 in Minnesota is 62.6% (7% certificates + 55.6% associate or higher credential). American Indian Minnesotans have the lowest attainment rate at 28.6%. Hispanic (29.4%) and Black Minnesotans (38.2%) both have rates that are much lower than the state average. White Minnesotans (68.3%) have the highest educational attainment of any other basic racial group.

