

DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE



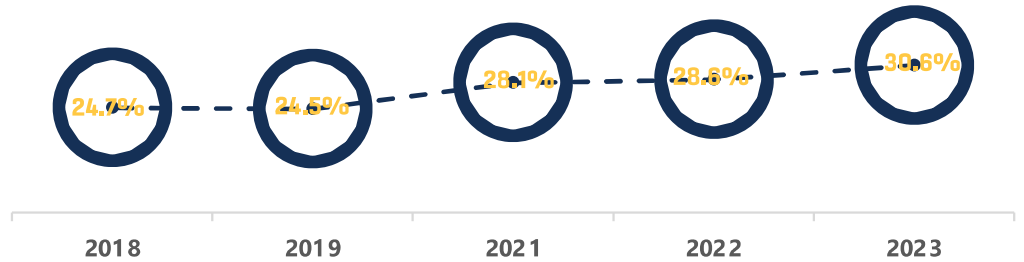
Highlands

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹

30.6%

Up from 25.9% in 2015

County Rank: **38 of 67**



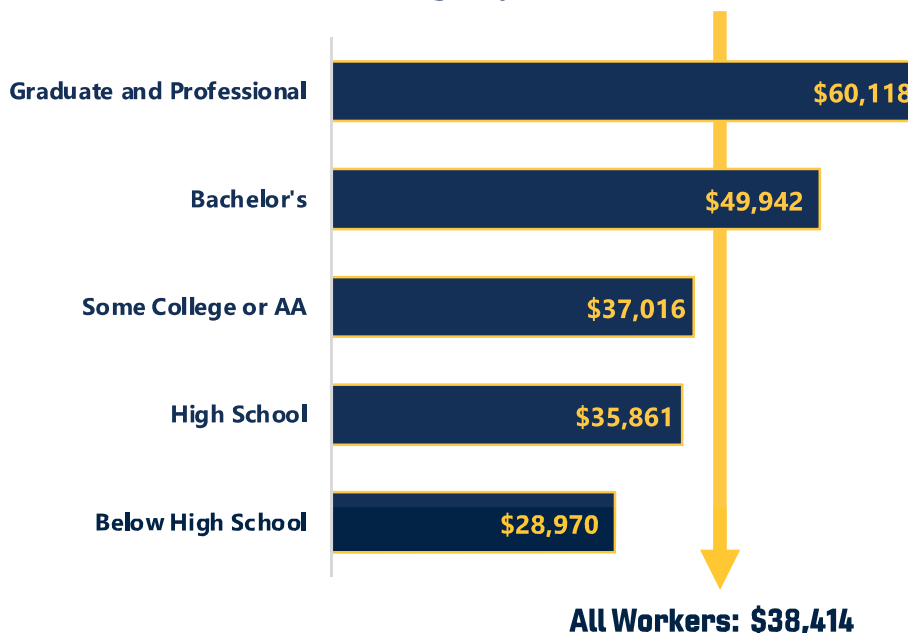
County-by-county comparisons based on selected criteria^{1,2,3}

Attainment Rate		
Rank	County	Rate
36	Hernando	33.0%
37	Marion	32.8%
38	Highlands	30.6%
39	Gulf	29.7%
40	Citrus	29.6%

Attainment Rate by Population			
Rank	County	Total Pop.	Rate
30	Monroe	81,840	46.8%
31	Nassau	94,653	42.3%
32	Highlands	103,808	30.6%
33	Flagler	121,710	42.2%
34	Sumter	137,536	34.1%

Percent Living Below Poverty Level			
Rank	County	% Below	Rate
40	Polk	14.7%	33.1%
41	Miami-Dade	14.9%	46.0%
42	Highlands	15.4%	30.6%
43	Citrus	15.5%	29.6%
44	Columbia	17.0%	26.5%

2023 Median Earnings by Educational Attainment⁴



The **fastest growing jobs in Florida** are those requiring **education beyond high school**, according to Florida Department of Economic Opportunity.



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State of Florida

Degree attainment by county and age group

County	25-34	25-64	County	25-34	25-64	County	25-34	25-64
Alachua	58.9%	60.9%	Hardee	11.9%	17.4%	Okeechobee	20.8%	25.9%
Baker	20.7%	23.6%	Hendry	26.4%	20.7%	Orange	48.0%	51.6%
Bay	34.3%	40.6%	Hernando	25.2%	33.0%	Osceola	35.8%	42.2%
Bradford	22.1%	21.6%	Highlands	18.0%	30.6%	Palm Beach	41.4%	48.9%
Brevard	41.6%	48.4%	Hillsborough	46.8%	49.3%	Pasco	34.8%	41.6%
Broward	43.3%	48.4%	Holmes	8.4%	17.6%	Pinellas	44.4%	49.0%
Calhoun	10.8%	18.5%	Indian River	37.5%	42.4%	Polk	27.6%	33.1%
Charlotte	22.5%	35.5%	Jackson	8.8%	22.7%	Putnam	10.2%	19.4%
Citrus	22.8%	29.6%	Jefferson	17.2%	27.5%	St. Johns	45.6%	60.2%
Clay	32.6%	41.6%	Lafayette	14.4%	14.4%	St. Lucie	30.6%	37.6%
Collier	34.4%	44.6%	Lake	31.4%	39.1%	Santa Rosa	37.3%	45.5%
Columbia	15.5%	26.5%	Lee	32.2%	39.2%	Sarasota	39.8%	48.1%
DeSoto	18.5%	16.7%	Leon	57.0%	58.1%	Seminole	53.7%	56.7%
Dixie	18.9%	14.1%	Levy	19.3%	27.9%	Sumter	18.4%	34.0%
Duval	40.2%	44.3%	Liberty	6.1%	22.0%	Suwannee	9.6%	24.7%
Escambia	34.0%	41.0%	Madison	17.1%	24.3%	Taylor	6.6%	19.9%
Flagler	20.6%	42.2%	Manatee	33.8%	43.6%	Union	12.4%	18.6%
Franklin	8.8%	26.8%	Marion	23.6%	32.8%	Volusia	34.2%	40.5%
Gadsden	12.3%	25.1%	Martin	29.0%	45.8%	Wakulla	23.4%	28.8%
Gilchrist	11.7%	24.4%	Miami-Dade	44.2%	45.9%	Walton	27.2%	43.5%
Glades	24.8%	18.3%	Monroe	39.3%	46.8%	Washington	15.0%	20.1%
Gulf	10.9%	29.7%	Nassau	33.3%	42.3%	Florida	46.6%	46.8%
Hamilton	6.7%	17.9%	Okaloosa	44.7%	47.7%	U.S.	48.9%	54.9%

Data Notes

Degree attainment, workforce credential and industry certification attainment: Lumina Foundation (2025) Stronger Nation
2020 data omitted as it did not meet quality standards.

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