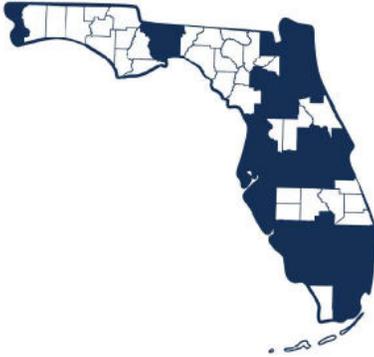


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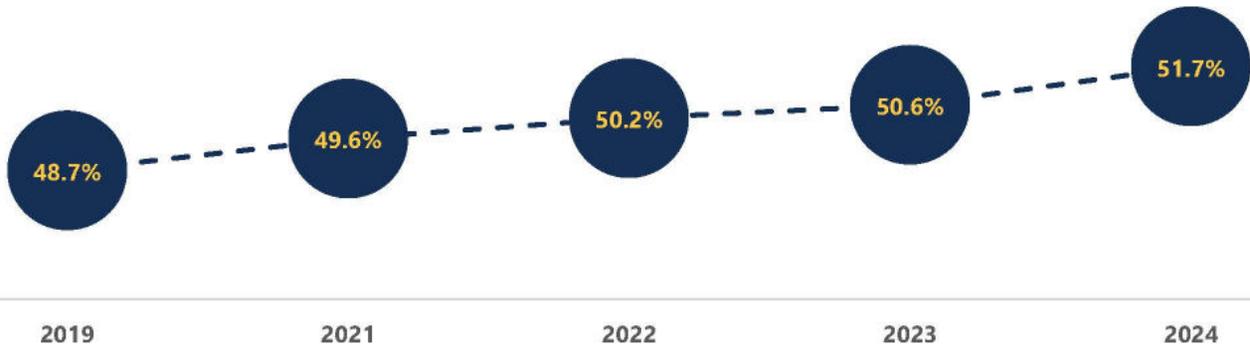
Local College Access Networks (LCANs) are organizations made up of community leaders who come together to create solutions and form partnerships to support local talent development. Currently, over 85% of Floridians are supported by an LCAN.



Serving Gadsden, Leon, and Wakulla Counties

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Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹



Residents 25+ Median Annual Earnings²



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DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

Gadsden

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹

27.3%

Increased 3.6% since 2015

County Rank: **45** of **67**



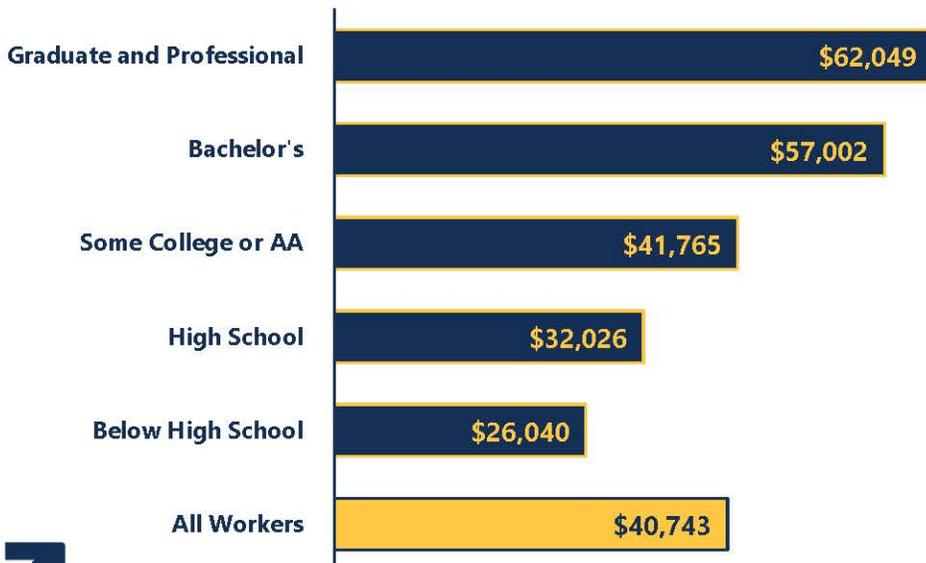
County-by-county comparisons based on selected criteria^{1,2,3}

Attainment Rate		
Rank	County	Rate
43	Columbia	27.9%
44	Gulf	27.5%
45	Gadsden	27.3%
46	Levy	26.9%
47	Okeechobee	25.2%

Attainment Rate by Population			
Rank	County	Total Pop.	Rate
43	Levy	45,391	26.9%
44	Suwannee	45,342	25.1%
45	Gadsden	43,710	27.3%
46	Hendry	42,382	21.8%
47	Okeechobee	40,816	25.2%

Percent Living Below Poverty Level			
Rank	County	% Below	Rate
63	Hendry	22.5%	21.8%
64	Putnam	23.4%	19.9%
65	DeSoto	24.1%	15.5%
66	Hardee	25.3%	18.7%
67	Gadsden	27.9%	27.3%

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DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

Leon

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹

58.8%

Increased 3.1% since 2015

County Rank: **3** of **67**



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

Attainment Rate		
Rank	County	Rate
1	St. Johns	63.0%
2	Alachua	61.8%
3	Leon	58.8%
4	Seminole	57.6%
5	Orange	52.7%

Attainment Rate by Population			
Rank	County	Total Pop.	Rate
21	Escambia	325,923	42.0%
22	St. Johns	306,934	63.0%
23	Leon	297,542	58.8%
24	Alachua	285,492	61.8%
25	Clay	227,584	41.0%

Percent Living Below Poverty Level			
Rank	County	% Below	Rate
52	Liberty	17.5%	23.0%
53	Okeechobee	18.0%	25.2%
54	Leon	18.7%	58.8%
55	Jackson	19.5%	24.6%
56	Union	19.5%	20.0%

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DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

Wakulla

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree¹

31.5%

Increased 5.1% since 2015

County Rank: **39** of **67**



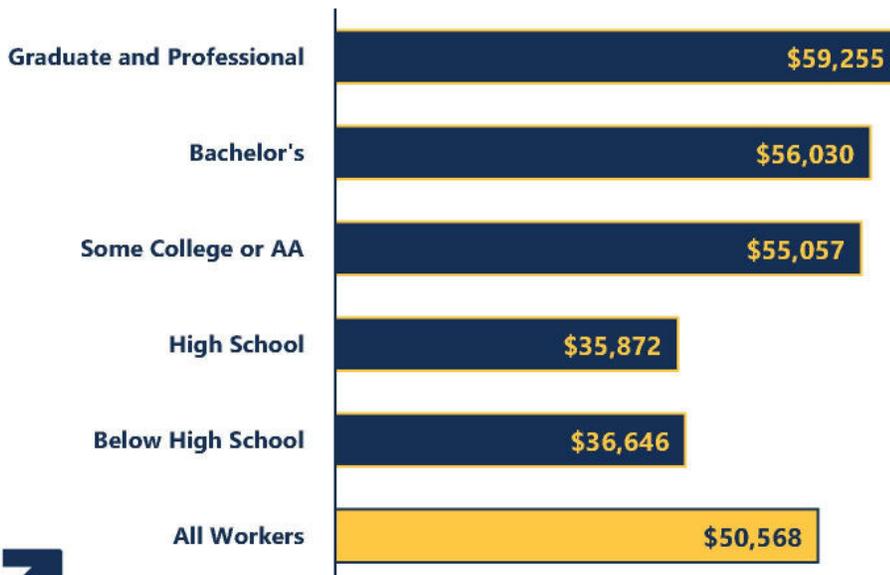
County-by-county comparisons based on selected criteria^{1,2,3}

Attainment Rate		
Rank	County	Rate
37	Hernando	33.9%
38	Highlands	31.7%
39	Wakulla	31.5%
40	Jefferson	29.3%
41	Citrus	29.1%

Attainment Rate by Population			
Rank	County	Total Pop.	Rate
46	Hendry	42,382	21.8%
47	Okeechobee	40,816	25.2%
48	Wakulla	35,387	31.5%
49	DeSoto	35,386	15.5%
50	Baker	28,430	24.9%

Percent Living Below Poverty Level			
Rank	County	% Below	Rate
1	St. Johns	6.5%	63.0%
2	Wakulla	6.7%	31.5%
3	Sarasota	8.6%	49.8%
4	Santa Rosa	8.8%	46.8%
5	Lake	8.9%	40.6%

Residents 25+ Median Annual Earnings⁴



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DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

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	66.2%	61.8%	Hardee	21.9%	18.7%	Okeechobee	21.2%	25.2%
Baker	31.2%	24.9%	Hendry	29.1%	21.8%	Orange	54.0%	52.7%
Bay	39.8%	42.6%	Hernando	33.0%	33.9%	Osceola	44.8%	43.9%
Bradford	18.0%	22.6%	Highlands	28.8%	31.7%	Palm Beach	48.6%	49.6%
Brevard	46.4%	49.1%	Hillsborough	52.4%	49.9%	Pasco	42.9%	42.9%
Broward	50.8%	49.2%	Holmes	13.3%	19.8%	Pinellas	51.1%	49.9%
Calhoun	15.6%	20.6%	Indian River	41.4%	42.0%	Polk	33.6%	34.3%
Charlotte	34.4%	36.8%	Jackson	19.4%	24.6%	Putnam	15.5%	19.9%
Citrus	26.1%	29.1%	Jefferson	28.5%	29.3%	St. Johns	56.9%	63.0%
Clay	40.8%	41.0%	Lafayette	14.7%	15.0%	St. Lucie	38.7%	38.5%
Collier	41.0%	45.4%	Lake	41.1%	40.6%	Santa Rosa	44.5%	46.8%
Columbia	29.0%	27.9%	Lee	40.7%	39.4%	Sarasota	50.2%	49.8%
DeSoto	15.3%	15.5%	Leon	59.4%	58.8%	Seminole	57.8%	57.6%
Dixie	18.1%	15.5%	Levy	22.5%	26.9%	Sumter	24.8%	34.4%
Duval	46.3%	45.5%	Liberty	13.0%	23.0%	Suwannee	15.8%	25.1%
Escambia	42.0%	42.0%	Madison	30.6%	25.2%	Taylor	19.6%	21.4%
Flagler	32.8%	43.5%	Manatee	39.9%	44.5%	Union	19.4%	20.0%
Franklin	10.4%	27.9%	Marion	31.1%	34.0%	Volusia	41.0%	41.1%
Gadsden	16.8%	27.3%	Martin	40.6%	46.3%	Wakulla	32.4%	31.5%
Gilchrist	22.7%	24.6%	Miami-Dade	50.1%	47.0%	Walton	32.4%	44.5%
Glades	28.6%	18.9%	Monroe	44.6%	47.6%	Washington	20.7%	22.6%
Gulf	17.0%	27.5%	Nassau	44.6%	43.6%	Florida	47.9%	47.4%
Hamilton	11.2%	20.3%	Okaloosa	46.2%	48.1%	U.S.	49.4%	47.8%

Data Notes

1. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table B15001, *Sex by Age by Educational Attainment*
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