

# DEGREE ATTAINMENT PROFILE

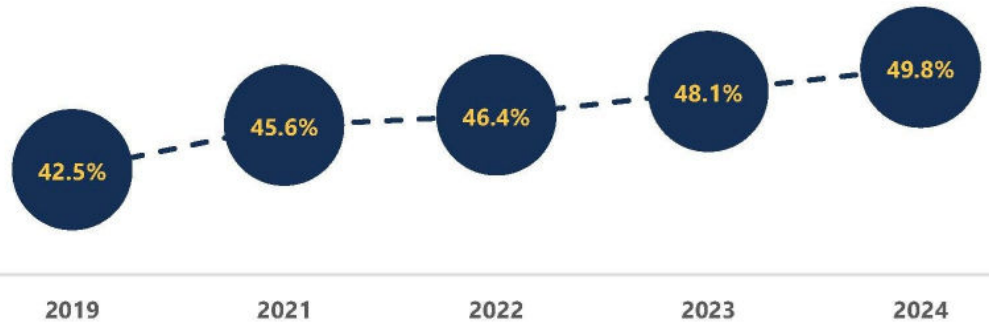
## Sarasota

Residents aged 25-64 with a high-quality degree<sup>1</sup>

**49.8%**

Increased 10.0% since 2015

County Rank: **8** of **67**



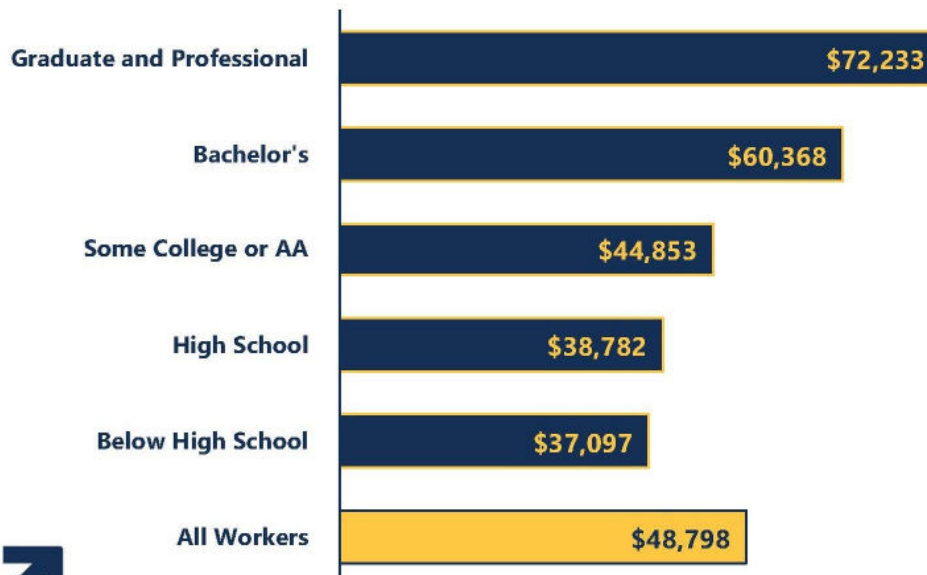
County-by-county comparisons based on selected criteria<sup>1,2,3</sup>

| Attainment Rate |              |       |
|-----------------|--------------|-------|
| Rank            | County       | Rate  |
| 6               | Pinellas     | 49.9% |
| 7               | Hillsborough | 49.9% |
| 8               | Sarasota     | 49.8% |
| 9               | Palm Beach   | 49.6% |
| 10              | Broward      | 49.2% |

| Attainment Rate by Population |          |            |       |
|-------------------------------|----------|------------|-------|
| Rank                          | County   | Total Pop. | Rate  |
| 12                            | Volusia  | 579,622    | 41.1% |
| 13                            | Seminole | 481,470    | 57.6% |
| 14                            | Sarasota | 459,547    | 49.8% |
| 15                            | Manatee  | 429,792    | 44.5% |
| 16                            | Osceola  | 427,415    | 43.9% |

| 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 Earnings<sup>4</sup>



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



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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   | 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*
2. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table DP05, *Demographic and Housing Estimates*
3. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table S1701, *Poverty Status in the Past 12 Months*
4. U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey (2024) 5-Year Table S1501, *Educational Attainment*

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