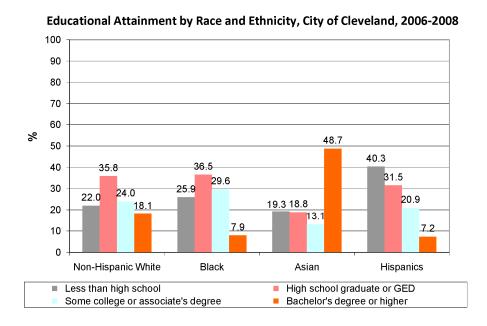
Educational attainment is reported separately for individuals 18-24 and those 25 and over. Many individuals in the 18-24 year old group are still acquiring their education, but it is still of interest to look at their status in 2000 and 2006-2008 to determine whether more of them have completed high school or more advanced education. The number of persons in this age group that have not yet completed high school (or its equivalency) has fallen by 33% in Cuyahoga County. While this reflects some population loss, it also is indicative of a higher high school completion rate. However, the County showed no significant increase in the number of college graduates in this age group.

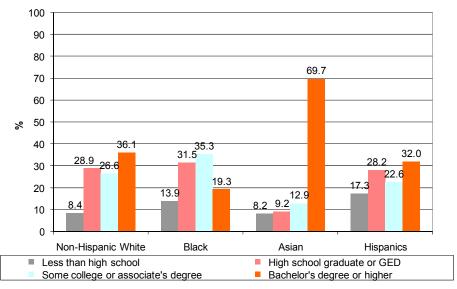


Among persons 25 and over in Cuyahoga County, there has been a slight increase in the number who are college graduates. The gains in numbers of college graduates are larger for African Americans, Asians and Hispanics than for whites. With the exception of Hispanics, the numbers of individuals who did not finish high school has fallen.

Educational attainment differs by race and ethnicity in both Cleveland and in the Cuyahoga County suburbs.

- Hispanics have the highest rates of high school drop out
- Asians have the highest rates of college completion, regardless of where they live
- Whites and blacks that are not Hispanic, have similar levels of high school completion in the City, but whites are more advantaged in the suburbs

Educational Attainment by Race and Ethnicity, Balance of County, 2006-2008



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Educational Attainment

	Cleveland					Balance of County					Cuyahoga County				
			%	2006-2008	MOE ²			%	2006-2008	MOE ²			%	2006-2008	MOE ²
	2000	2006-20081	Change	(%)	(%)	2000	2006-2008 ¹	Change	(%)	(%)	2000	2006-2008 ¹	Change	(%)	(%)
Age 18 to 24	45,344	38,059	-16.1	100.0	(X)	65,107	70,629	8.5	100.0	(X)	110,451	108,688	-1.6	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	17,370	11,016	-36.6	28.9	+/-2.16	13,169	9,538	-27.6	13.5	(X)	30,539	20,554	-32.7	18.9	+/-0.84
High school graduate or GED	13,374	13,572	1.5	35.7	+/-1.87	18,076	21,640	19.7	30.6	(X)	31,450	35,212	12.0	32.4	+/-1.10
Some college or associate's degree	12,302	11,378	-7.5	29.9	+/-2.00	24,533	29,485	20.2	41.7	(X)	36,835	40,863	10.9	37.6	+/-1.26
Bachelor's degree or higher	2,298	2,093	-8.9	5.5	+/-0.86	9,329	9,966	6.8	14.1	(X)	11,627	12,059	3.7	11.1	+/-0.58
Age 25 and over	296,898	258,828	-12.8	100.0	(X)	639,250	620,562	-2.9	100.0	(X)	936,148	879,390	-6.1	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	92,069	65,401	-29.0	25.3	+/-0.84	79,893	58,668	-26.6	9.5	(X)	171,962	124,069	-27.9	14.1	+/-0.33
High school graduate or GED	98,531	91,844	-6.8	35.5	+/-0.89	182,733	178,314	-2.4	28.7	(X)	281,264	270,158	-3.9	30.7	+/-0.42
Some college or associate's degree	72,349	68,544	-5.3	26.5	+/-0.86	175,160	171,904	-1.9	27.7	(X)	247,509	240,448	-2.9	27.3	+/-0.43
Bachelor's degree or higher	33,949	33,039	-2.7	12.8	+/-0.55	201,464	211,676	5.1	34.1	(X)	235,413	244,715	4.0	27.8	+/-0.38
White (Age 25+)	138,768	116,464	-16.1	100.0	(X)	530,592	494,673	-6.8	100.0	(X)	669,360	611,137	-8.7	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	38,390	28,342	-26.2	24.3	+/-1.19	61,048	42,205	-30.9	14.9	(X)	99,438	70,547	-29.1	11.5	+/-0.34
High school graduate or GED	47,280	40,810	-13.7	35.0	+/-1.31	154,611	142,573	-7.8	30.2	(X)	201,891	183,383	-9.2	30.0	+/-0.50
Some college or associate's degree	31,473	27,371	-13.0	23.5	+/-1.06	140,303	131,267	-6.4	25.7	(X)	171,776	158,638	-7.6	26.0	+/-0.48
Bachelor's degree or higher	21,625	19,941	-7.8	17.1	+/-0.89	174,630	178,628	2.3	29.3	(X)	196,255	198,569	1.2	32.5	+/-0.48
African American (Age 25+)	139,435	127,489	-8.6	100.0	(X)	86,133	100,502	16.7	100.0	(X)	225,568	227,991	1.1	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	46,692	33,073	-29.2	25.9	+/-1.19	15,836	13,975	-11.8	13.9	(X)	62,528	47,048	-24.8	20.6	+/-0.83
High school graduate or GED	46,639	46,556	-0.2	36.5	+/-1.29	24,583	31,626	28.6	31.5	(X)	71,222	78,182	9.8	34.3	+/-0.97
Some college or associate's degree	37,080	37,783	1.9	29.6	+/-1.18	30,073	35,496	18.0	35.3	(X)	67,153	73,279	9.1	32.1	+/-0.94
Bachelor's degree or higher	9,024	10,077	11.7	7.9	+/-0.69	15,641	19,405	24.1	19.3	(X)	24,665	29,482	19.5	12.9	+/-0.70
Asian (Age 25+)	4,515	3,953	-12.4	100.0	(X)	13,134	17,005	29.5	100.0	(X)	17,649	20,958	18.7	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	1,226	763	-37.8	19.3	+/-5.67	1,388	1,388	0.0	8.2	(X)	2,614	2,151	-17.7	10.3	+/-1.90
High school graduate or GED	778	745	-4.2	18.8	+/-5.29	1,335	1,557	16.6	9.2	(X)	2,113	2,302	8.9	11.0	+/-1.90
Some college or associate's degree	604	518	-14.2	13.1	+/-4.28	1,617	2,202	36.2	12.9	(X)	2,221	2,720	22.5	13.0	+/-2.00
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,907	1,927	1.0	48.7	+/-6.49	8,794	11,858	34.8	69.7	(X)	10,701	13,785	28.8	65.8	+/-2.62
Hispanics (Age 25+)	16,910	19,216	13.6	100.0	(X)	6,614	10,403	57.3	100.0	(X)	23,524	29,619	25.9	100.0	(X)
Less than high school	7,745	7,744	0.0	40.3	+/-3.62	1,057	1,799	70.2	17.3	(X)	8,802	9,543	8.4	32.2	+/-12.25
High school graduate or GED	4,377	6,055	38.3	31.5	+/-3.69	1,605	2,930	82.6	28.2	(X)	5,982	8,985	50.2	30.3	+/-11.57
Some college or associate's degree	3,461	4,025	16.3	20.9	+/-2.76	2,036	2,346	15.2	22.6	(X)	5,497	6,371	15.9	21.5	+/-8.24
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,327	1,392	4.9	7.2	+/-1.78	1,916	3,328	73.7	32.0	(X)	3,243	4,720	45.5	15.9	+/-6.16

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²Margins of error (MOE) are based on a 90% confidence level. (X) means margin of error is not applicable or not available.