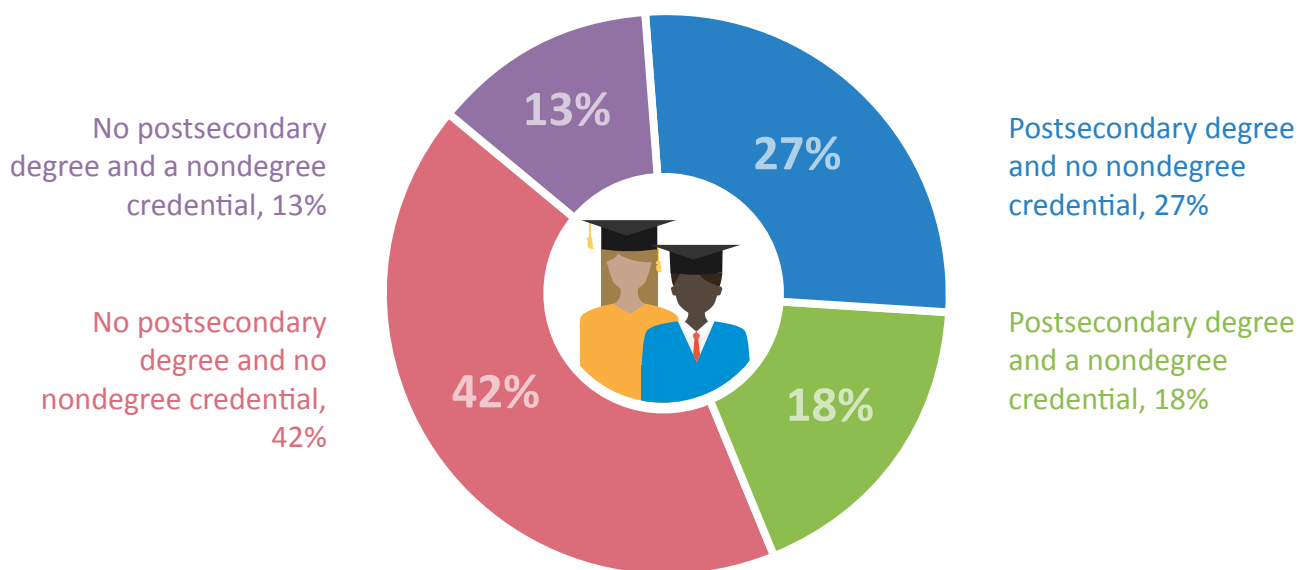


## Adult workers and postsecondary credentials

Nearly 60 percent of adult workers have some postsecondary credential. Among credentialed workers with no degree, 43 percent have a postsecondary certificate.

### Percentage of adults in the labor force who have degree and nondegree credentials



**Source:** [National Center for Education Statistics, "Degree and Nondegree Credentials Held by Labor Force Participants," March 2018](#)



According to data recently released by the National Center for Education Statistics, most adults in the workforce (58 percent) either have a postsecondary degree or some other form of workforce credential, including postsecondary certificates, occupational licenses or occupational certifications. This is higher than the 45 percent of adult workers with postsecondary credentials using traditional measures that only looked at postsecondary degrees (associate degree or higher). Over one in 10 adult workers (13 percent) indicated that they had no postsecondary degree, but had some form of nondegree credential. Over half (56 percent) of the non-degreeed adult workers who had one or more non-degree credentials had an occupational license; 43 percent had a postsecondary certificate, and 21 percent had an occupational certification. These data provide a better understanding of the diverse training background of the working adult population in the United States.

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