

Indicator 9: Poverty by educational attainment

Ratio of poverty rates for individuals with a high school diploma or less to individuals with a bachelor's degree or higher

Report Year	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Score	24	23	23	29	29
High school diploma or less	22.9%	23.3%	21.1%	21.9%	22.7%
Bachelor's degree or higher	5.2%	5.0%	4.5%	5.8%	6.1%
Ratio	4.404	4.660	4.689	3.764	3.764

Change
2018 to 2022

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2022 Report Source

U.S. Census Bureau,
American Community
Survey, 2021 1-Year
Estimates



The poverty rate for persons with a high school diploma or less is more than 2.5 times greater than for those with a bachelor's degree or higher.

Note: To ensure comparability across years, the 2022 Equality Indicators Report utilizes the 2021 American Community Survey (ACS) 1-year standard estimates rather than the 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates. *The Census Bureau does not recommend comparing the 2020 ACS 1-year experimental estimates with our standard ACS estimates or the decennial census [..].* (U.S. Census Bureau, 2021, <https://www.census.gov/newsroom/press-releases/2021/experimental-2020-acs-1-year-data.html>)
U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, & 2021 1-Year Estimates