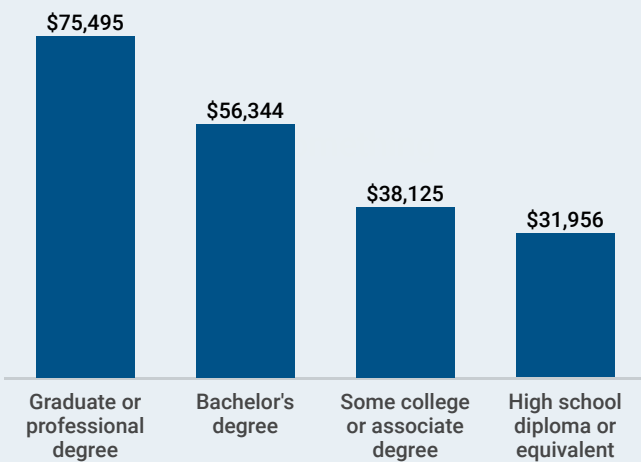


Benefits of Higher Education

Higher education remains a catalyst for social mobility and promotes numerous benefits for individuals and communities.

EARNINGS

College graduates have higher median annual earnings.

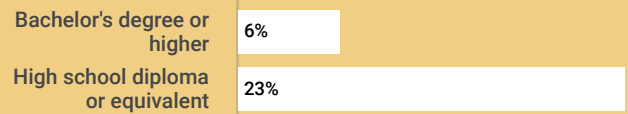


Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2019.

HEALTH



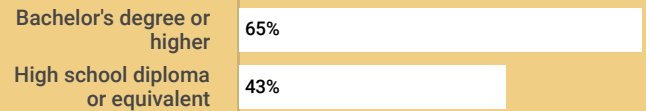
Adults who have college degrees are less likely to smoke.



Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Health, United States, 2019, Table 18.



Adults with college degrees are more likely to meet exercise guidelines.

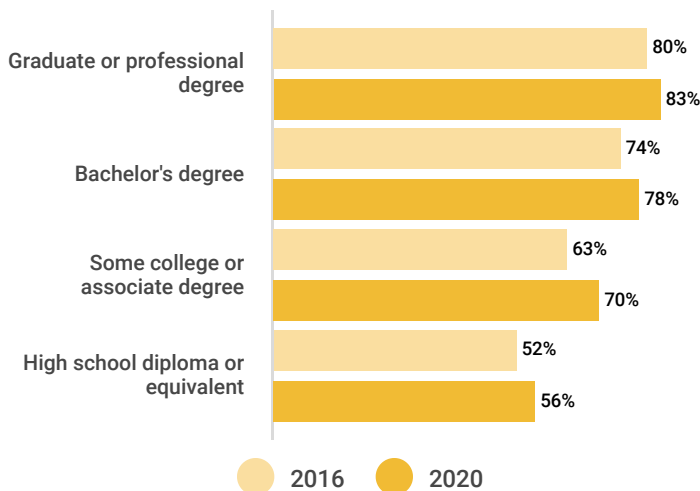


Source: National Center for Health Statistics, Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2018, National Health Interview Survey, Table A-14a.

CIVIC ENGAGEMENT



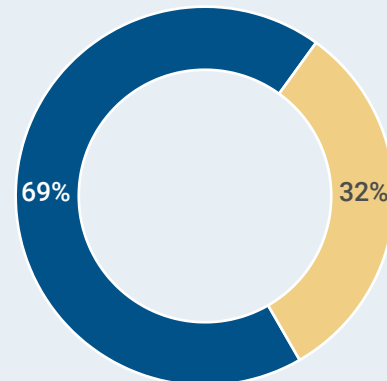
College graduates are more likely to vote. In both the 2016 and 2020 elections, more degree holders voted than those who have a high school diploma or equivalent.



Sources: U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2016, Table 5; U.S. Census Bureau, Current Population Survey, November 2020, Table 5.

EMPLOYMENT

Adult degree holders and those with some college represent a larger share of workers than those with a high school diploma or less.



● Hold a degree or have some college, but no degree ● Hold a high school diploma or less

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 1-Year Estimates, 2018–2019, Table 5.3. Note: Numbers may not add up to 100% due to rounding.