

EDUCATION IN APPALACHIA

Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2013–2017 American Community Survey*—also known as the Chartbook—to discover more about education in Appalachia. Authored by the Population Reference Bureau with the Appalachian Regional Commission, the Chartbook features data on income, employment, education, and other indicators at the regional, subregional, state, and county levels, and examines data change over recent years to show trends.

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

88.5%

of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 have earned a **high school diploma**, similar to the U.S. average of **88.6%**.



ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

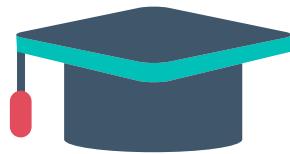
9.7%

of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 have an **associate's degree**—slightly more than the **9.0%** of U.S. adults.



BACHELOR'S DEGREE

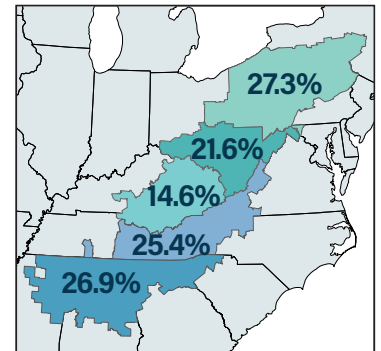
25.3%



of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 hold a **bachelor's degree**. The U.S. figure is **32.3%**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY SUBREGION

The share of adults ages 25–64 with a **bachelor's degree** is **highest in Northern Appalachia** and **lowest in Central Appalachia**.



STEM DEGREE

In Appalachia, **30.7%** of adults ages 25+ with a bachelor's degree earned it in a **STEM field**. The U.S. figure is **34.8%**.

