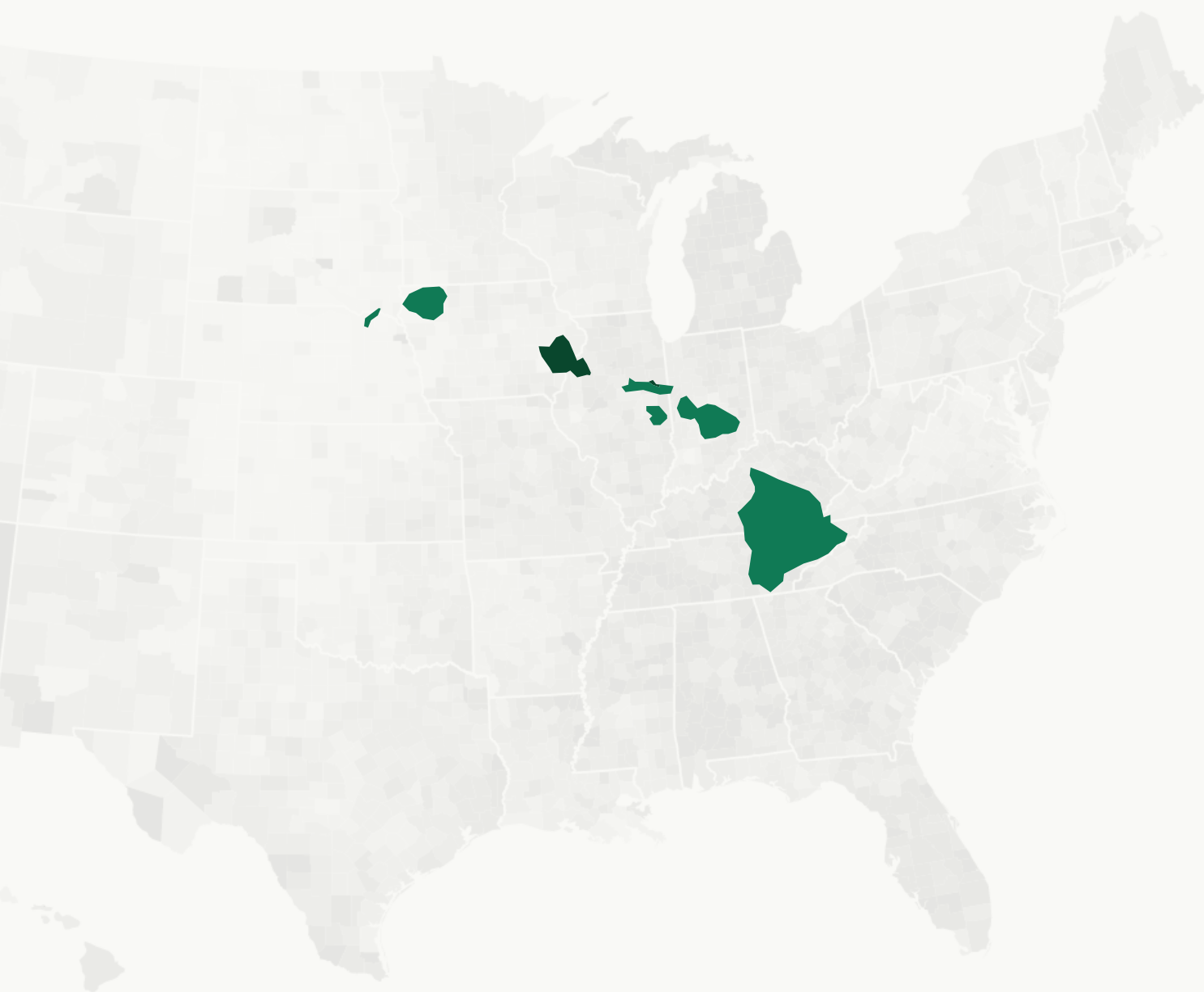


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Efforts to boost college attainment in Hawaii are key to achieving Goal 2025

In Hawaii, 41.6 percent of the state's 736,000 working-age adults (25-64 years old) hold a two- or four-year college degree, according to 2011 Census data. Hawaii's attainment rate is essentially flat; last year, the rate was also 41.6 percent. However, Hawaii's rate of higher education attainment is higher than the national average. This year, the percentage of Americans between age 25 and 64 who hold a two- or four-year degree is 38.7 percent. This rate is rising, but only slowly. In 2010, the rate was 38.3 percent; in 2009, it was 38.1.

Still, there is reason for concern about the educational trends in Hawaii. The best indicator of where attainment rates are heading is the rate among young adults — those between the ages of 25 and 34. In Hawaii, 2011 Census data put the attainment rate of these young adults at 39.7 percent — lower than that of the adult population as a whole, and a bit below the national rate of 40.1 percent.

Clearly, Hawaii has a long way to go. In this state and nationally, college attainment rates must increase rapidly to reach 60 percent by 2025. If the current rate of degree production continues, about 46 percent of Hawaii's adult population — 302,000 people — will hold a college degree in 2025. To reach 60 percent attainment among its projected 2025 population of 659,850, Hawaii will need to add nearly 94,000 degrees to that total.

By now, most people understand why increasing attainment is so important — both to themselves and their communities. Experts from the Center on Education and the Workforce at Georgetown University say that, by 2018, 131,000 of the expected 205,000 job

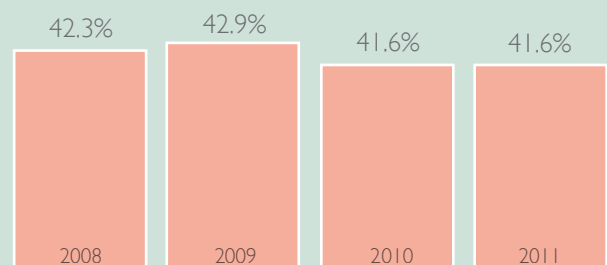
vacancies in Hawaii will require postsecondary credentials. Indeed, 65 percent of all Hawaii jobs will require postsecondary education by 2018.

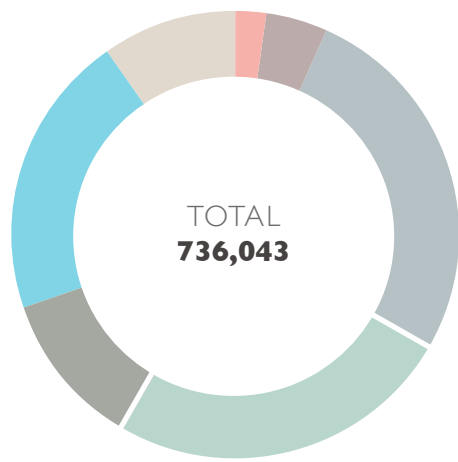
Clearly, the state's economic future depends on producing more college graduates — and an excellent place to begin is with those who have attended college but not earned a credential. In 2011, more than 183,000 Hawaii adults — 24.9 percent of the adult population — had gone to college but lacked either a two- or four-year degree. Encouraging and helping these adults to complete degrees would go a long way toward helping Hawaii reach the 60 percent goal.

To increase attainment, states must work systematically to close achievement gaps based on race, income, geography and other factors. As in past years, this report lists an attainment rate for each Hawaii county. The data show that increasing attainment is a particular challenge in rural counties, so assuring that all communities have access to high-quality higher education is essential. Hawaii must also increase college success among the fast-growing groups that will account for a growing proportion of the state's population, including working adults, low-income and first-generation students, and students of color. Meeting the educational needs of these 21st century students will help build Hawaii's economy and ensure a bright future for the state.

Tracking the trend

Percentage of the state's working-age population (25-64) with at least an associate degree





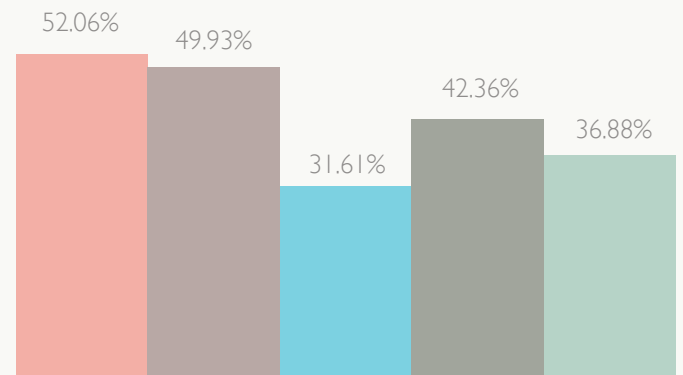
Levels of education for Hawaii adults (ages 25-64)

Less than ninth grade	17,029	2.31%
Ninth to 12th grade, no diploma	32,495	4.41%
High school graduate (including equivalency)	197,308	26.81%
Some college, no degree	183,379	24.91%
Associate degree	84,063	11.42%
Bachelor's degree	150,335	20.42%
Graduate or professional degree	71,434	9.71%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2011 American Community Survey

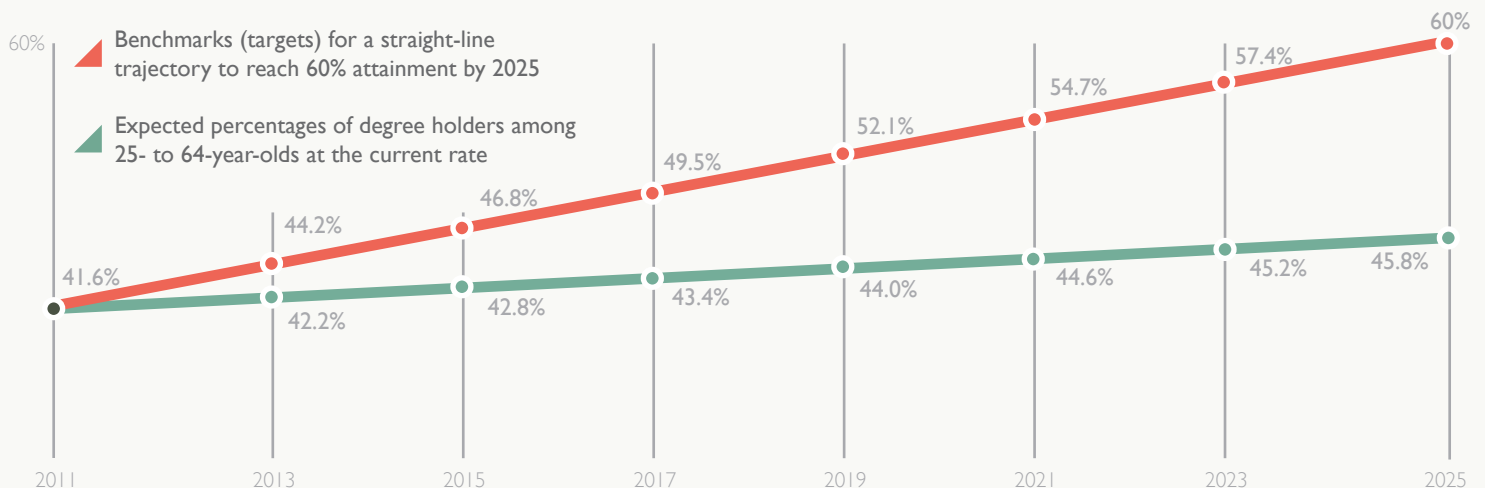
Degree-attainment rates among Hawaii adults (ages 25-64), by population group

White	52.06%
Black	49.93%
Hispanic	31.61%
Asian	42.36%
Native American	36.86%



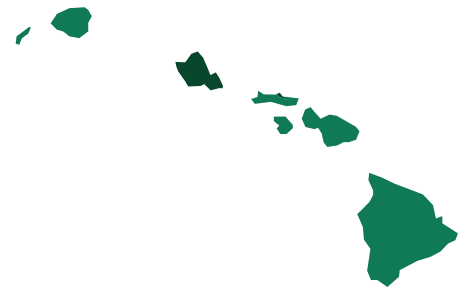
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2009-11 American Community Survey PUMS File

The path to 60% degree attainment in Hawaii



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2000 Census, 2010 & 2011 American Community Survey

Percentage of Hawaii adults (ages 25-64) with at least an associate degree, by county



Hawaii	37.76	Honolulu	44.69	Kalawao	75.76	Kauai	38.16	Maui	35.67
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Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2007-11 American Community Survey 5-Year Estimates



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