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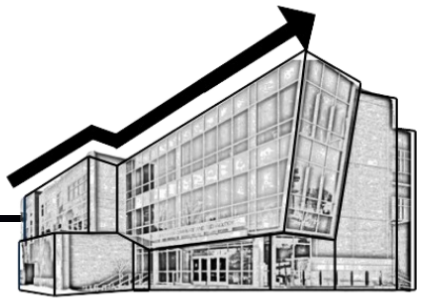

Educational Attainment

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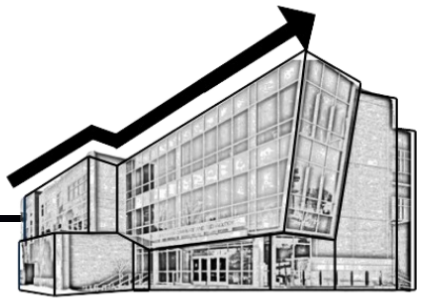

Educational Attainment, Age 25-64 Columbus, GA, and U.S.

The first graph, population indexed to 2010, shows that population growth in Georgia lagged that of the U.S. while the population in Columbus declined, albeit with a lower rate of decline in recent years.

Table 1 shows In 2021 and 2022, population growth in Georgia, at .5% and 1.2%, surpassed that of the U.S. compared to .2% and .4%, while Columbus's population decline moderated to -.8% and .7%. The decrease in Columbus's population is mainly caused by domestic migration, as net domestic migration was -2,907 in 2021 and -3,188 in 2022, while international migration was slightly positive in both years. The increase in international migration could be due to the relatively lower cost of living.

The education attainment graphs below show that Columbus is highly comparable to Georgia and the U.S. in reducing the percentage of the population(age 25-64) with no high school diploma, high school diploma, and some colleges with no degree and increasing the population holding associate and bachelor degrees. Despite increasing the percentage of bachelor's degree holders by 2.1 percentage points (from 13.6% to 16.1%), Columbus slightly lags behind Georgia and the U.S., which increased the percentage of bachelor holders by 2.5 and 2.8, respectively. Columbus also has a lower percentage of bachelor holders, 16.1%, compared to 21.5% for Georgia and 22% for the U.S.Similary, the postgraduate population in Columbus lags behind that of Georgia and the U.S. 9.5% compared to 13% for Georgia, and 13.1% for the U.S.

The map below shows the percentage of bachelor's degree holders based on zip codes and counties in the Columbus area. Zip codes around Columbus State University have the highest percentage of the population with bachelor's degrees. On the county level, Muscogee and Harris counties have the highest percentage of bachelor's degree holders. This reflects Columbus State University's positive role in developing the area's human capital.

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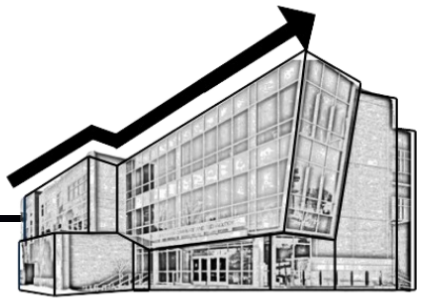
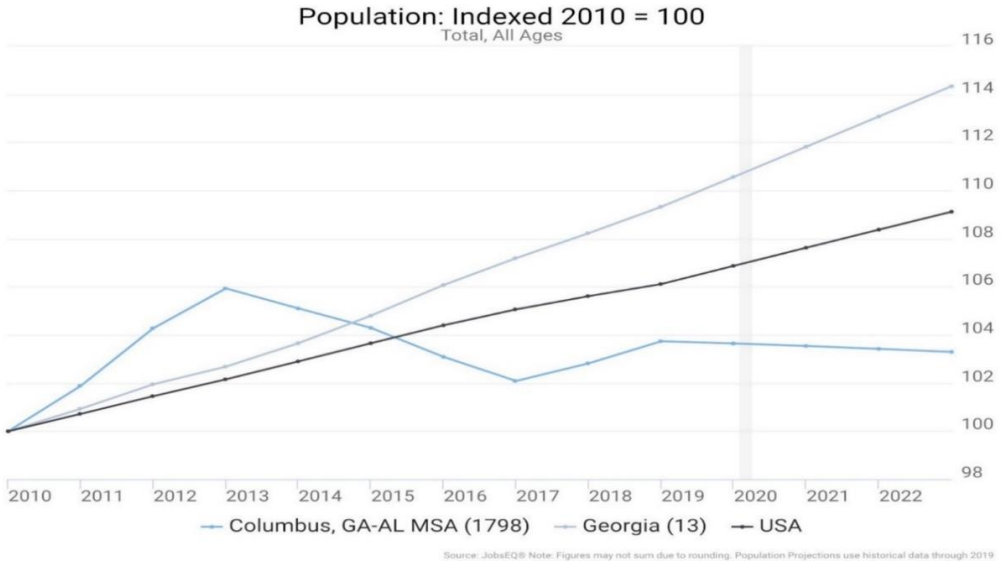
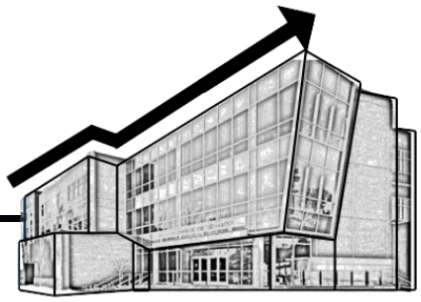




	Population			One Year Change in Population (%)		
	Columbus	Georgia	USA	Columbus	Georgia	USA
2020	329,194	10,729,828	331,511,512	_	_	_
2021	326,427	10,788,029	332,031,554	-2,767 (-.8%)	58,201 (.5%)	520,042 (.2%)
2022	324,110	10,912,876	333,287,557	-2,317 (-.7%)	124,847 (1.2%)	1256003 (.4%)
	Births			**Birth Rate (%)**		
2020	_	_	_	_	_	_
2021	4,091	121,391	3,582,436	1.3	1.1	1.1
2022	4,226	125,538	3,688,179	1.3	1.2	1.1
	Deaths			**Death Rate (%)**		
2020	_	_	_	_	_	_
2021	4,047	109,531	3,438,423	1.2	1.0	1.0
2022	3,999	109,357	3,443,099	1.2	1.0	1.0
	Net Domestic Migration			**Net Dom Migration Rate (%)**		
2020	_	_	_	_	_	_
2021	-2,907	35,457	_	-.89	.33	_
2022	-3,188	81,406	_	-.98	.75	_
	Net International Migration			**Net Intl Migration Rate**		
2020	_	_	_	_	_	_
2021	157	10,160	376,029	.05	.09	.11
2022	586	27,285	1,010,923	.18	.25	.30



Demographic Chart for Columbus, GA, U.S.in Order

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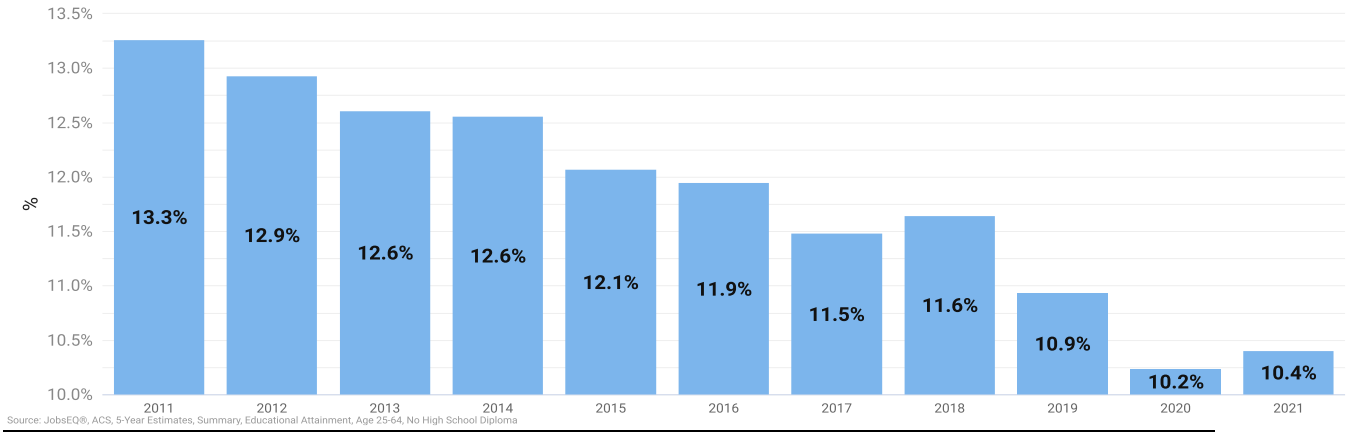

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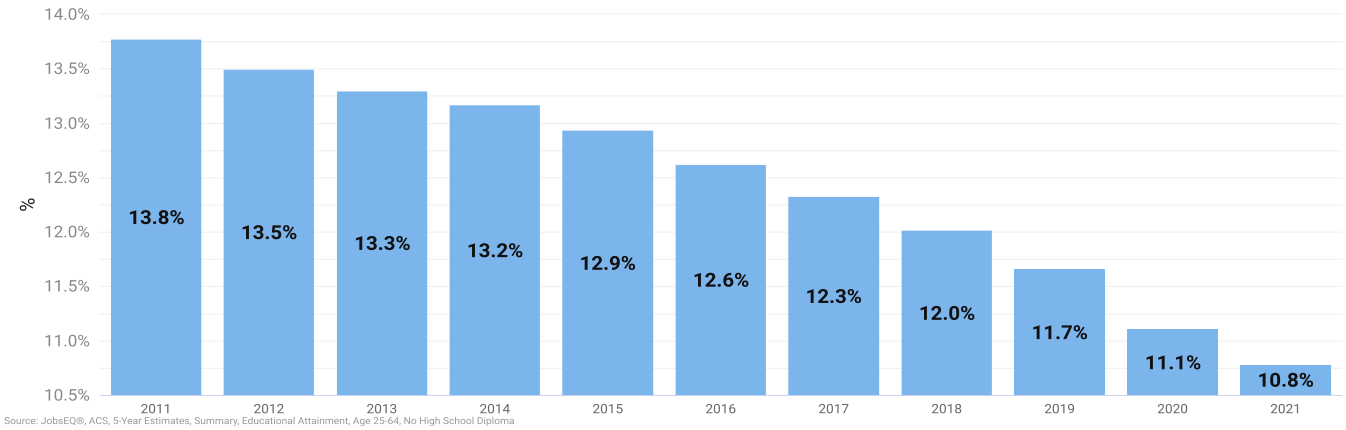

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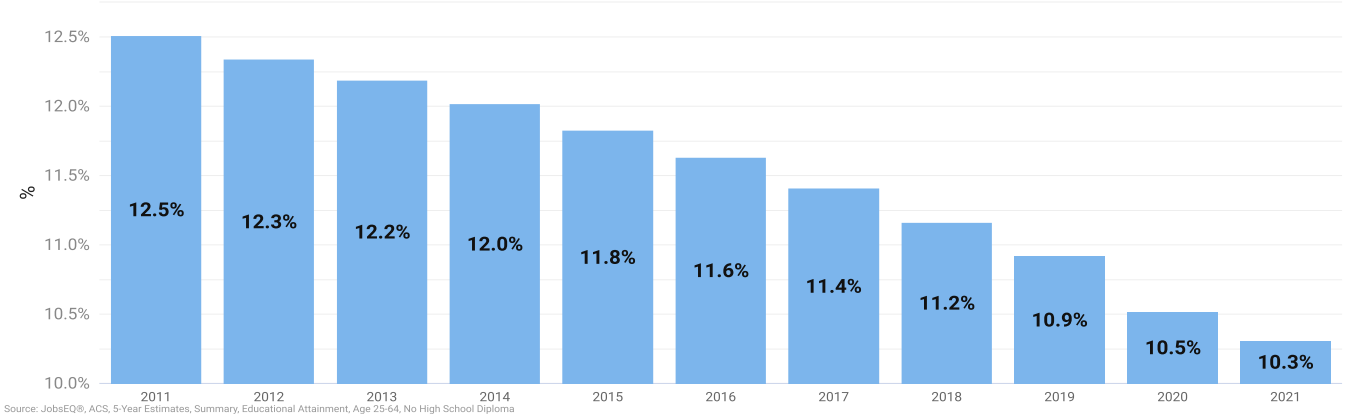

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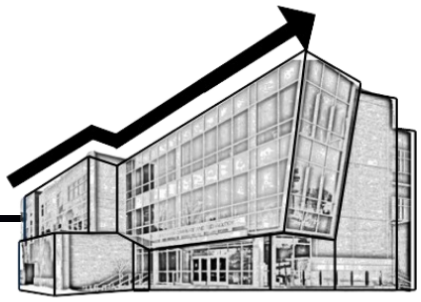
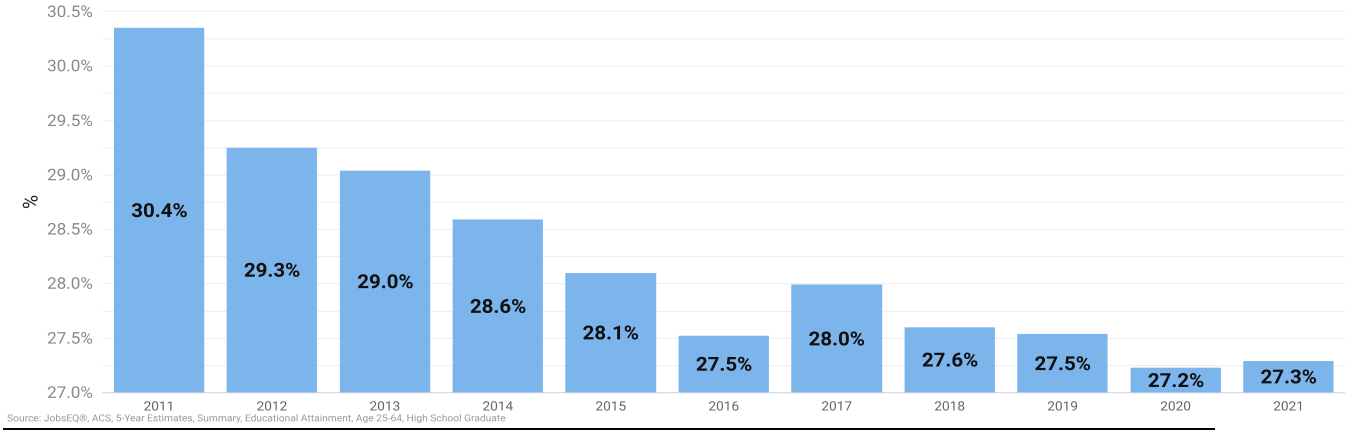


High School Graduate



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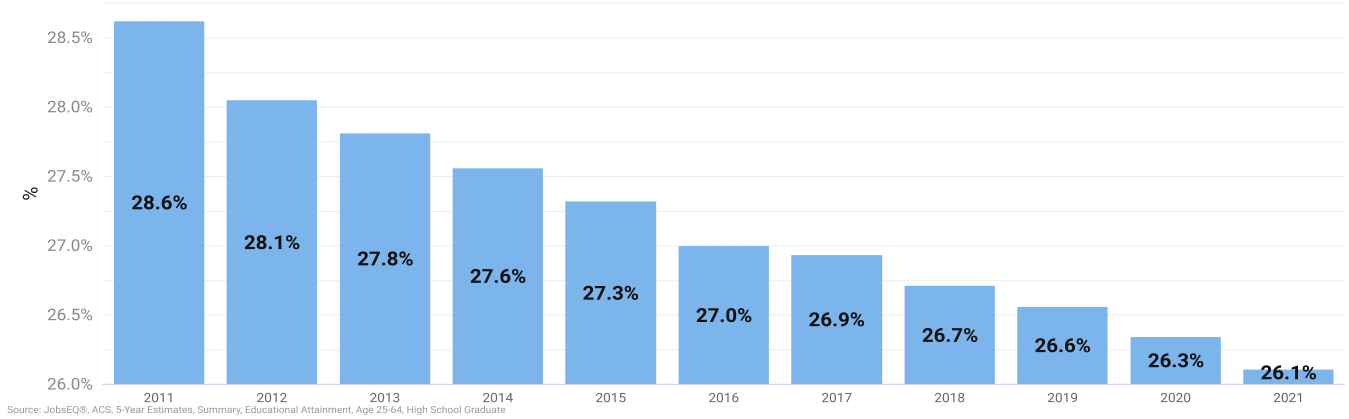

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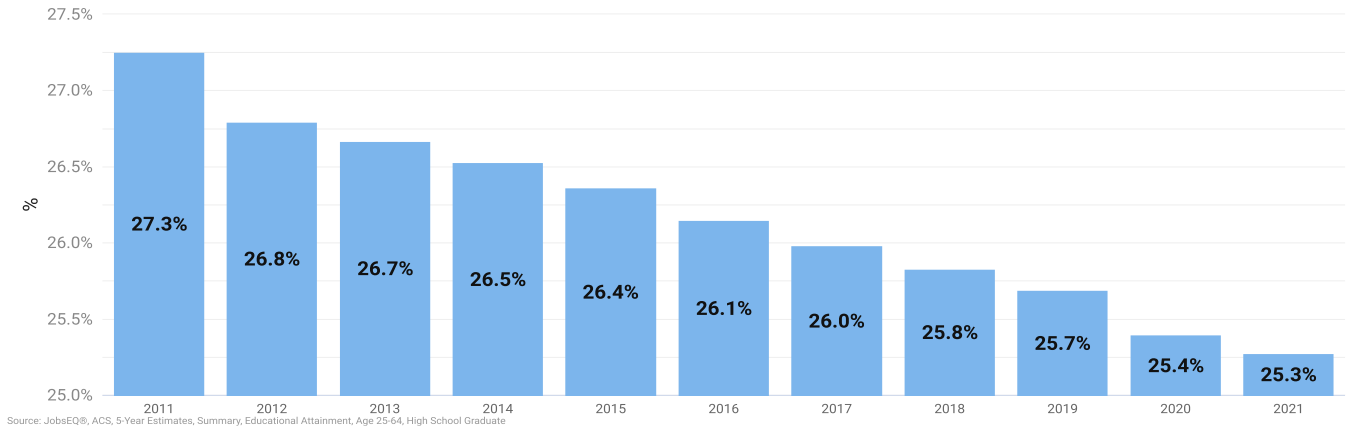

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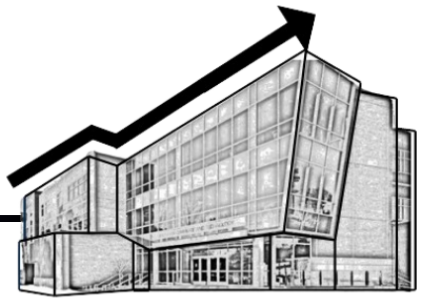

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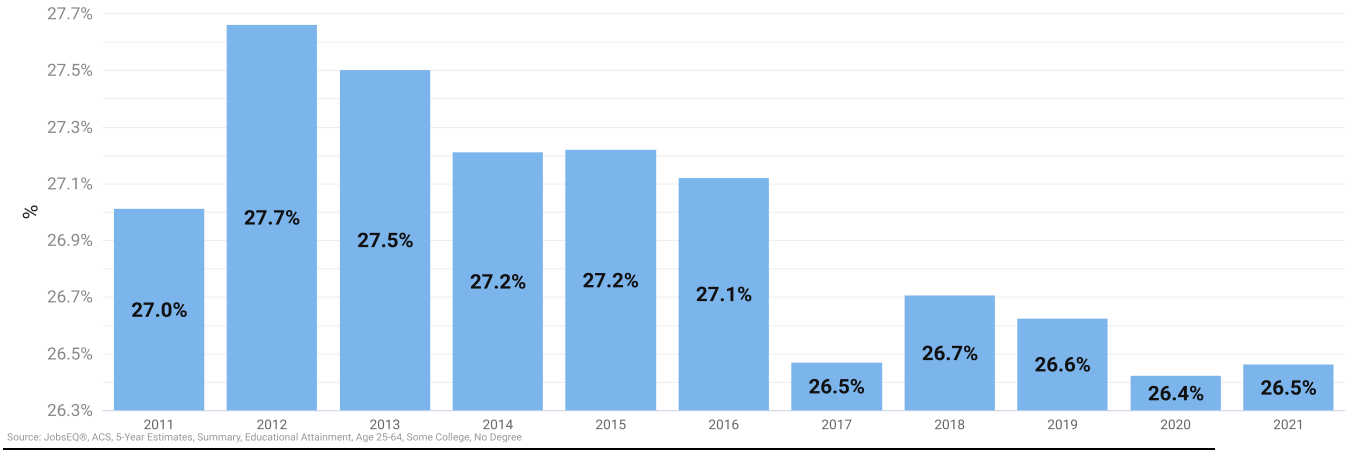

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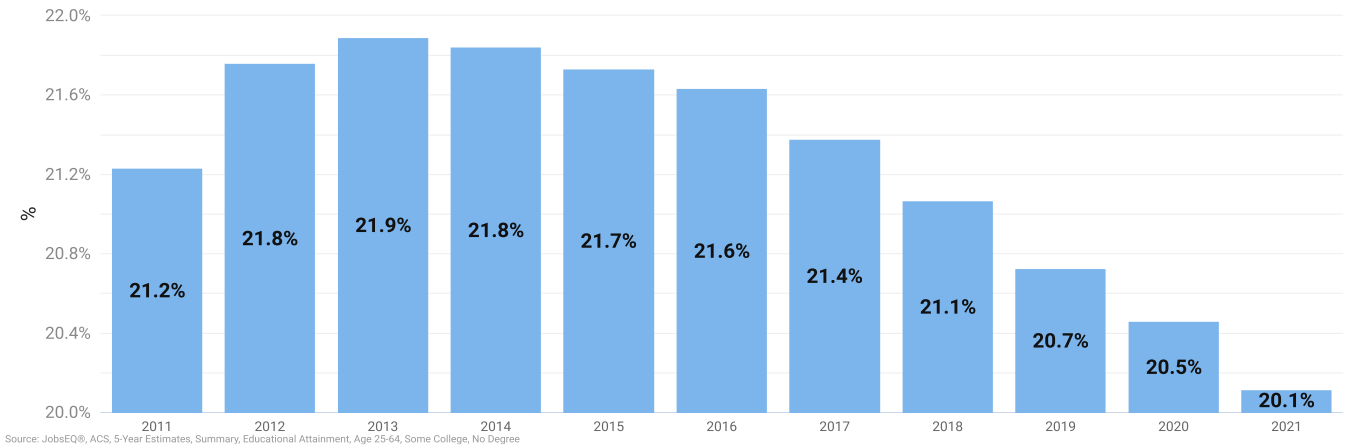

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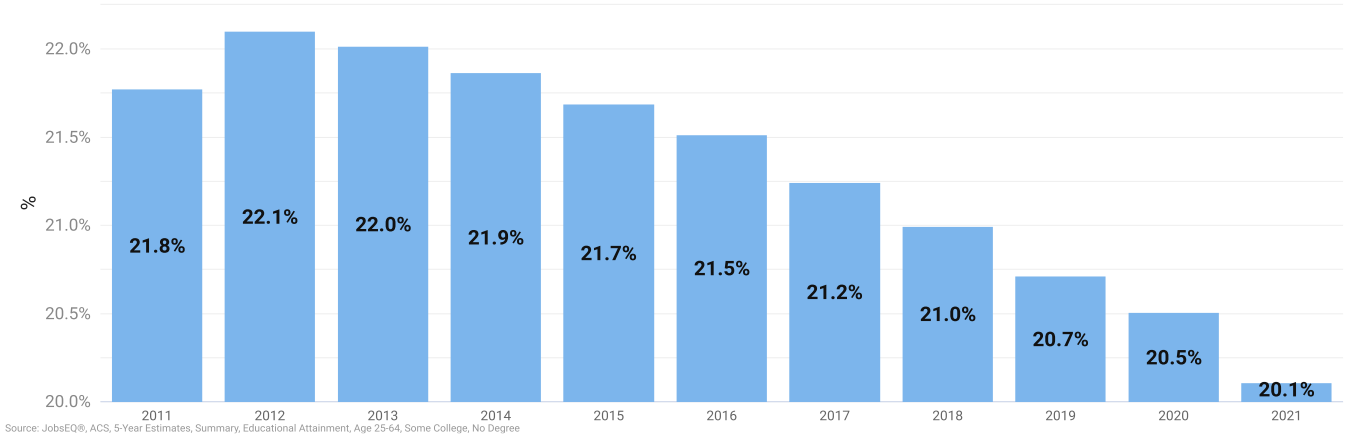

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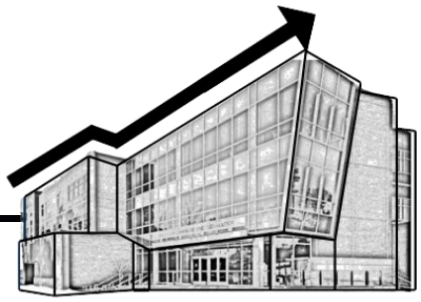

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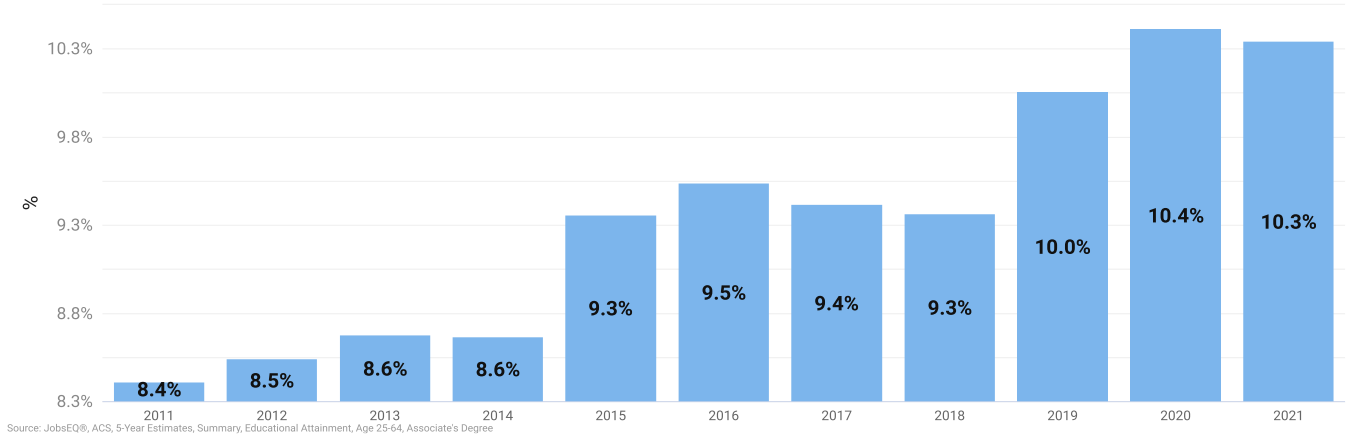

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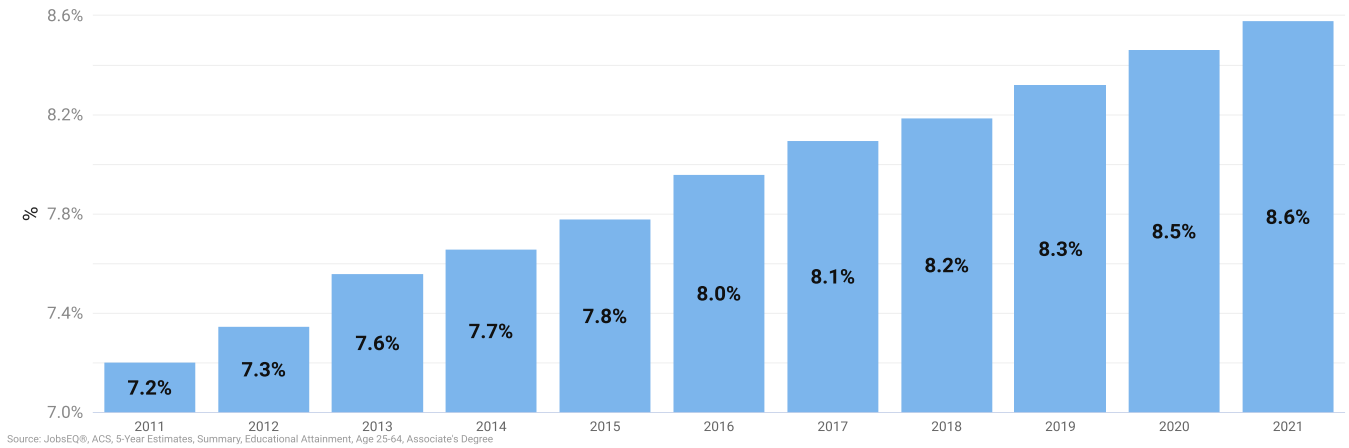

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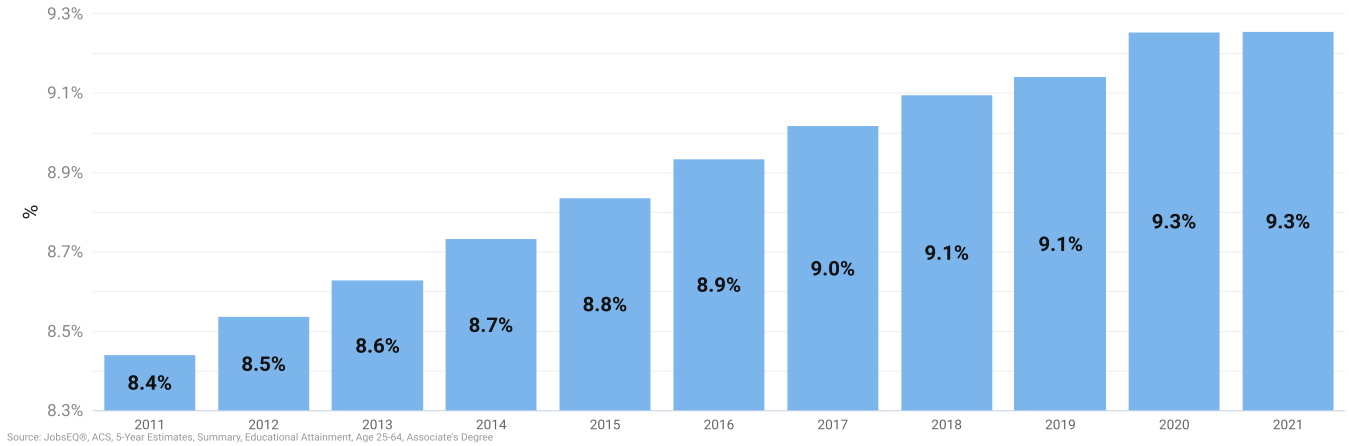

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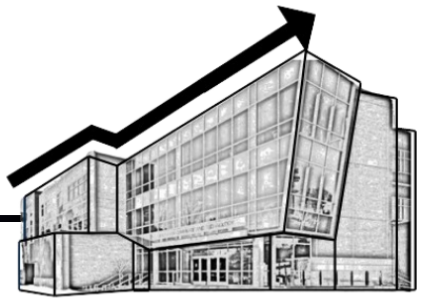

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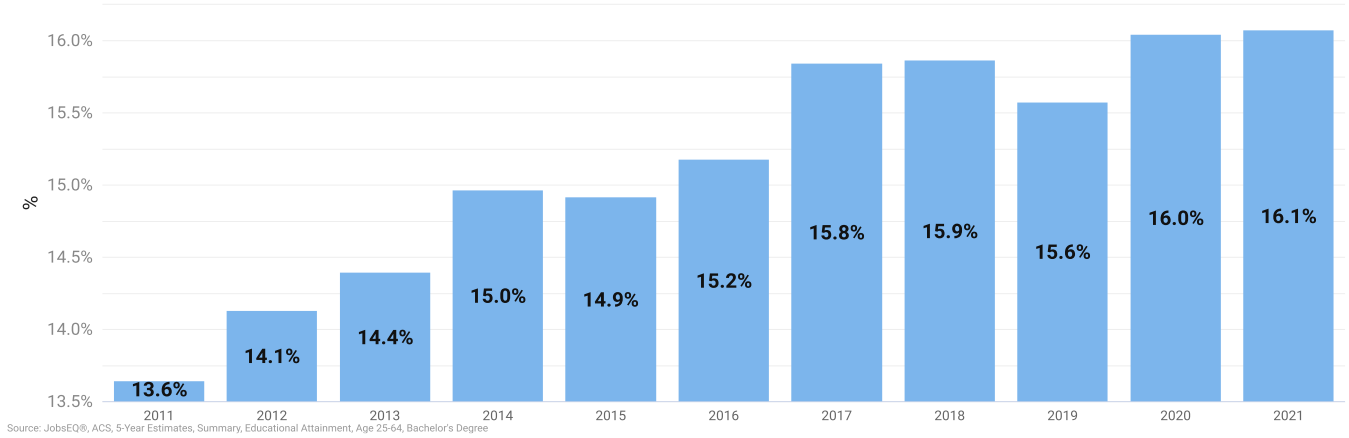

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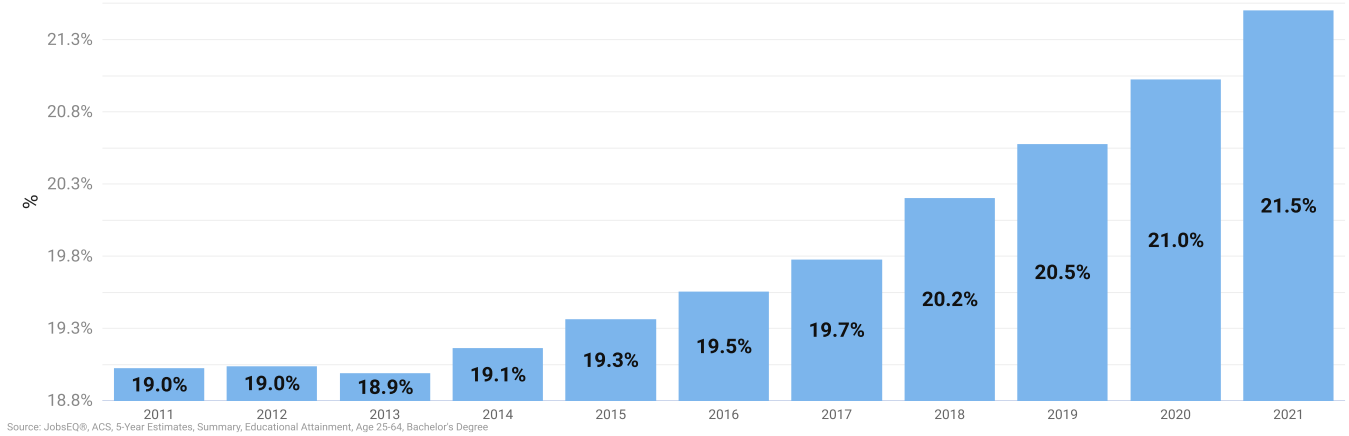

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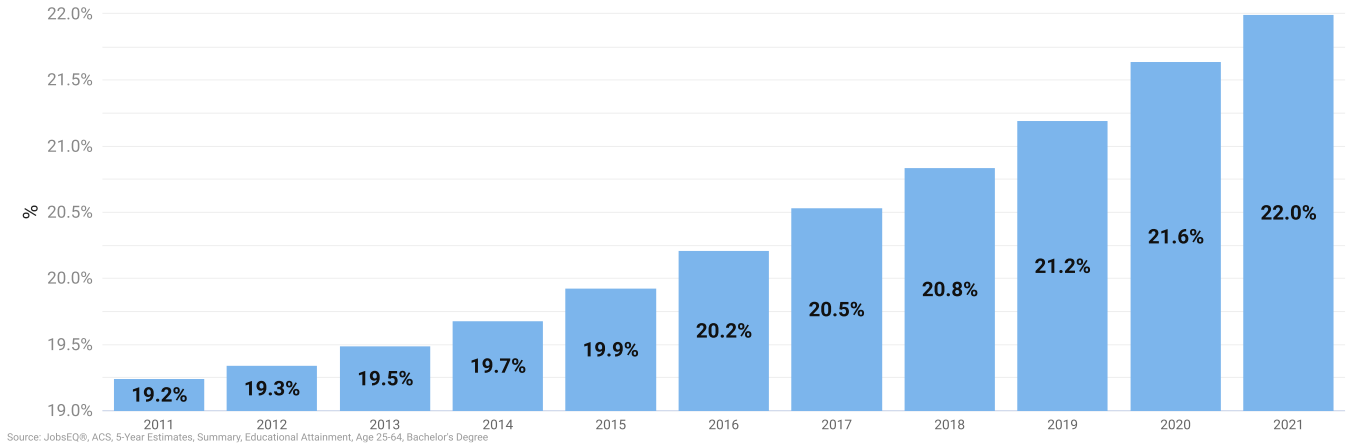

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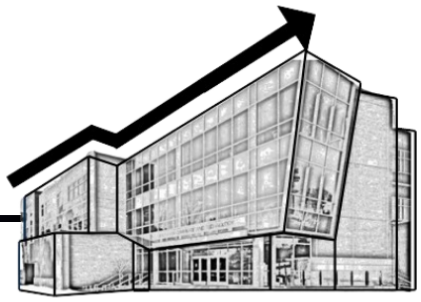

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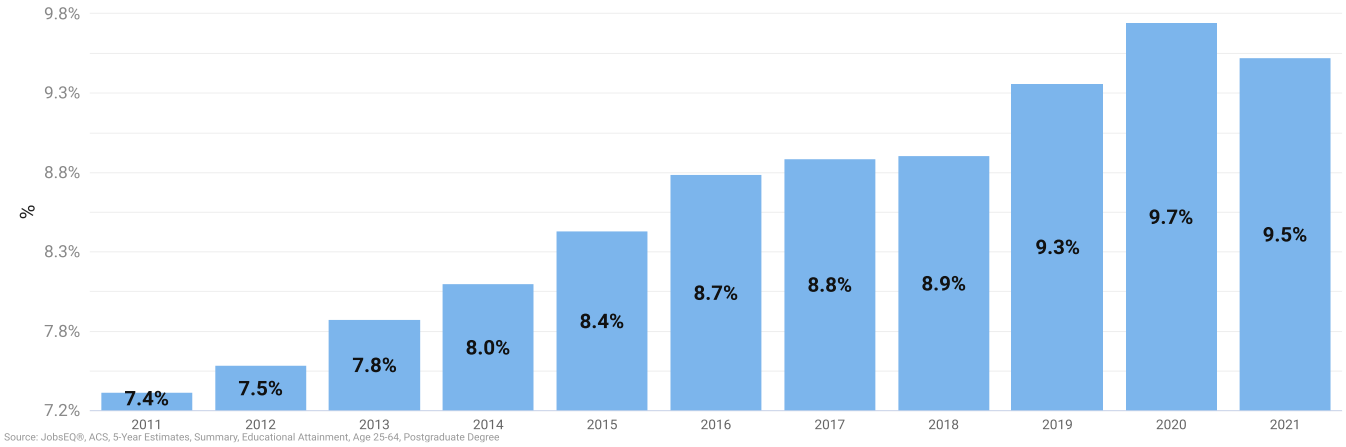

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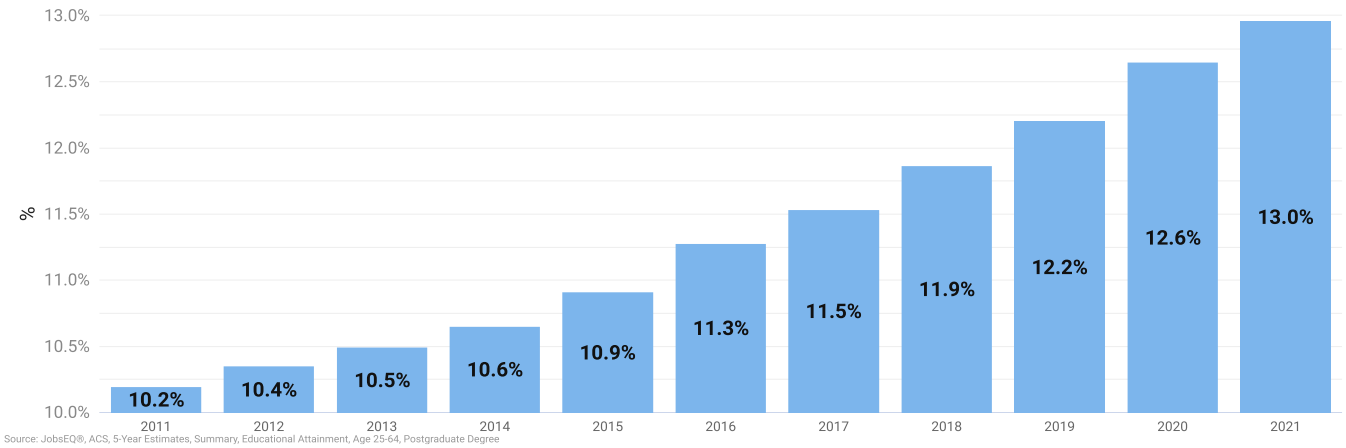

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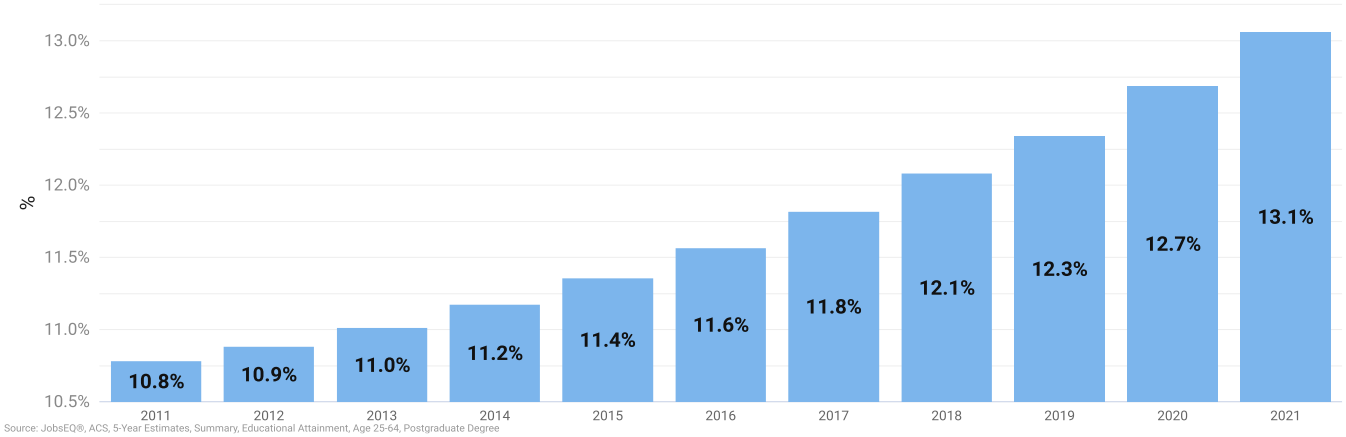

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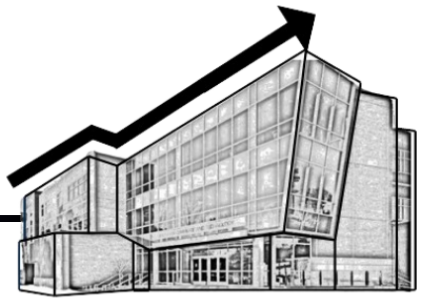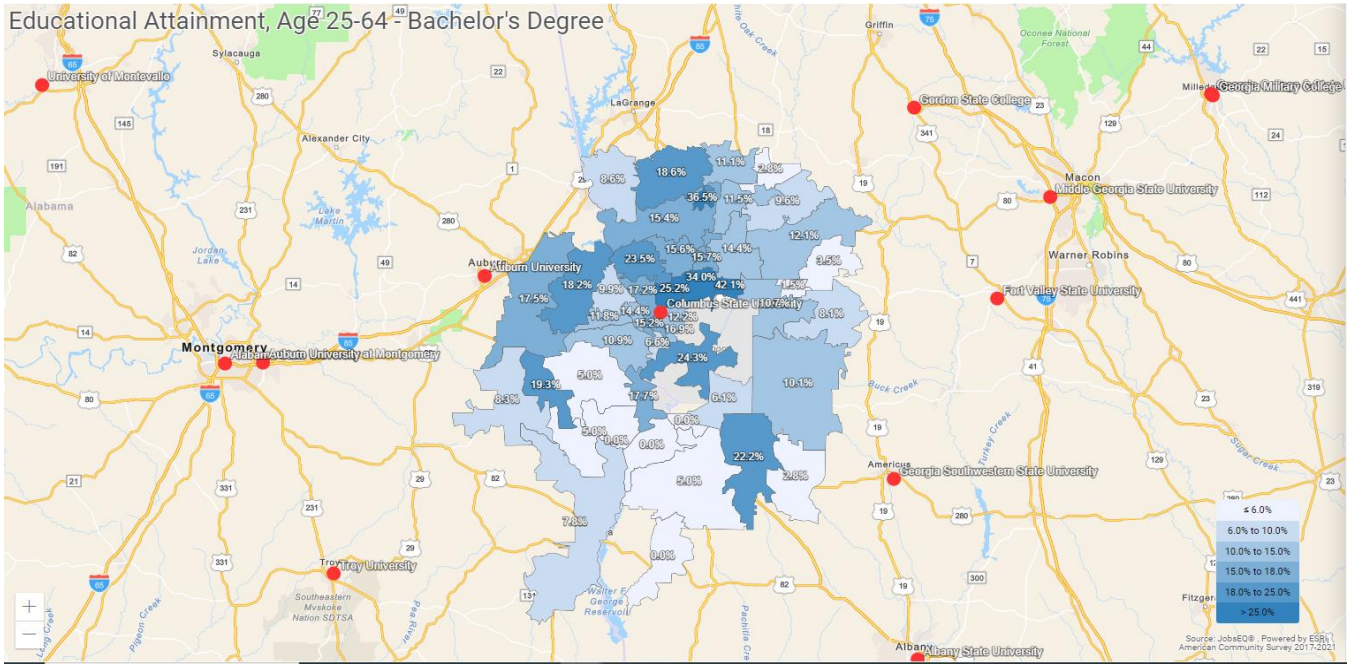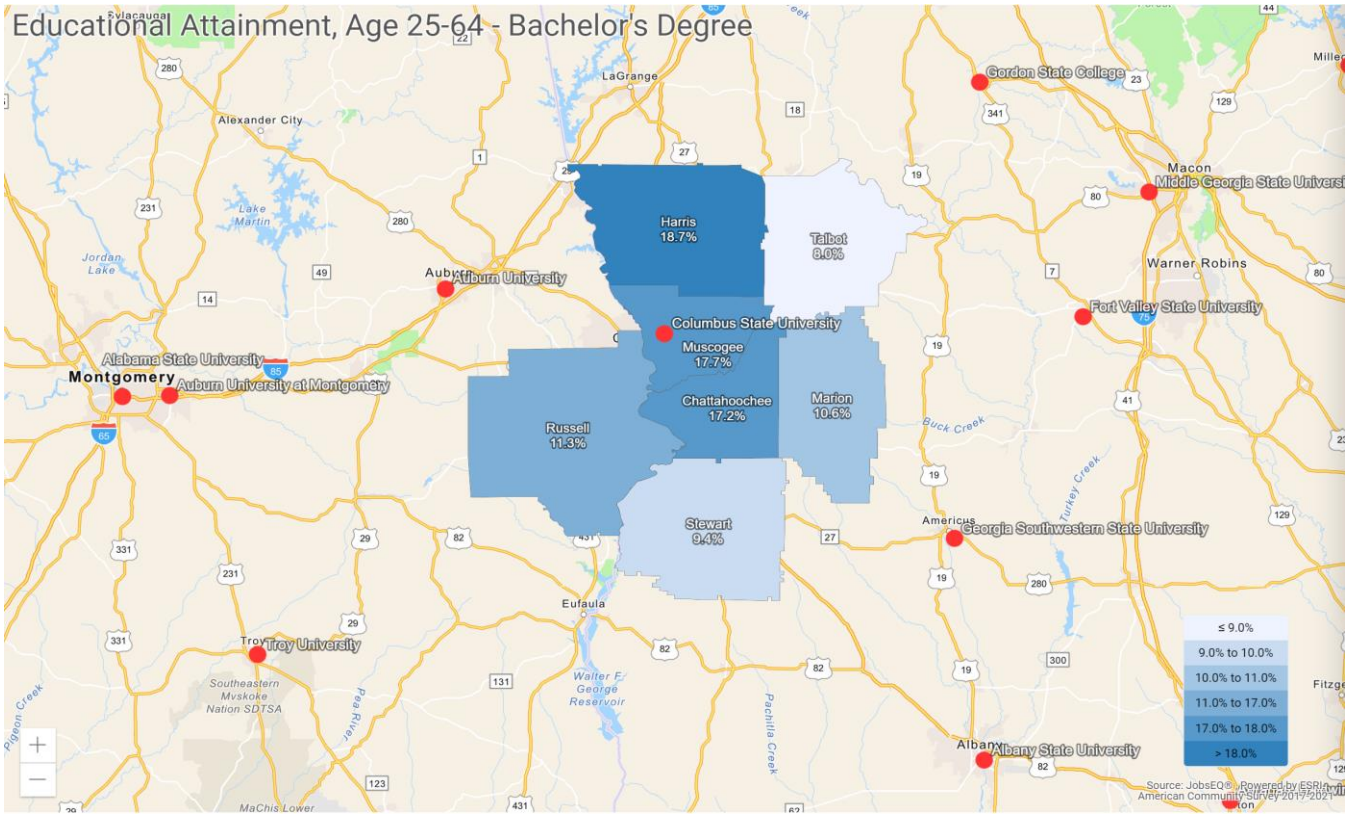
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