

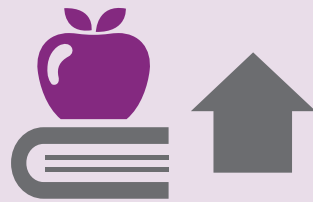


# EDUCATION

Preschool Enrollment | High School Graduation | Postsecondary Completion

Opportunity increased since 2016 in the Education dimension by 2.8 percent. Since 2011, the Education dimension score increased from 46.4 to 54.4—a 17.3 percent improvement. New Jersey had the highest score, at 65.5; Nevada, at 38.6, was the lowest performer. The number of counties losing ground on the Education indicators (1,379) almost matched those making progress (1,446).

Encouragingly, adult educational attainment, measured by the percentage of adults with an associate degree or higher, has increased in every state since 2011. However, preschool enrollment has declined in the majority of states (27) and improved in fewer than one-third (16).



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**INCREASED**

from 46.4 to 54.4 out of 100—  
a **17.3% IMPROVEMENT**



**DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA**

scored **LOWEST** of the states in  
high school graduation rates

but is also the

**MOST IMPROVED**

in that indicator



**THE TOP 27 COUNTIES**

for high school graduation rates  
are all in **TEXAS**

**19 COUNTIES**, including 4 in **CALIFORNIA**,  
tied for **THE LOWEST** high school  
graduation rates



In the county of

**FALLS CHURCH CITY, VIRGINIA**  
(population 13,964), more than

**4 OF 5 ADULTS**

have an **associate degree or higher**, which is  
**TWICE THE NATIONAL AVERAGE**

This county had the **HIGHEST SCORE**  
in the Education dimension