

EDUCATION IN APPALACHIA

Use *The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2012–2016 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

85.9%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ have earned a high school diploma, compared with **87.0%** of **U.S. adults**.

ASSOCIATE'S DEGREE

8.3%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ have an associate's degree—slightly more than the **8.2%** of **U.S. adults**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE

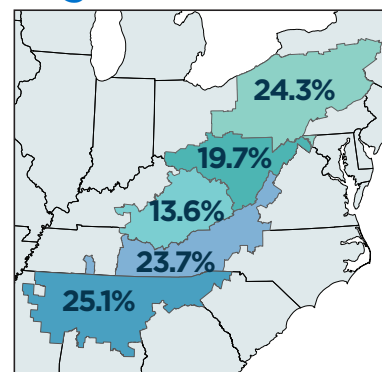
23.2%



of **Appalachian adults** age 25+ hold a bachelor's degree. The **U.S.** figure is **30.3%**.

BACHELOR'S DEGREE BY SUBREGION

The share of adults age 25+ with a bachelor's degree is highest in **Southern Appalachia** and lowest in **Central Appalachia**.



STEM DEGREE



In **Appalachia**, **30.6%** of adults age 25+ with a bachelor's degree earned it in a STEM field. The **U.S.** figure is **34.7%**.