

# BROWARD-by-the-NUMBERS

## Educational Attainment

*Countywide, 86 percent of Broward residents graduated from high school, including 36 percent that hold a college degree.*

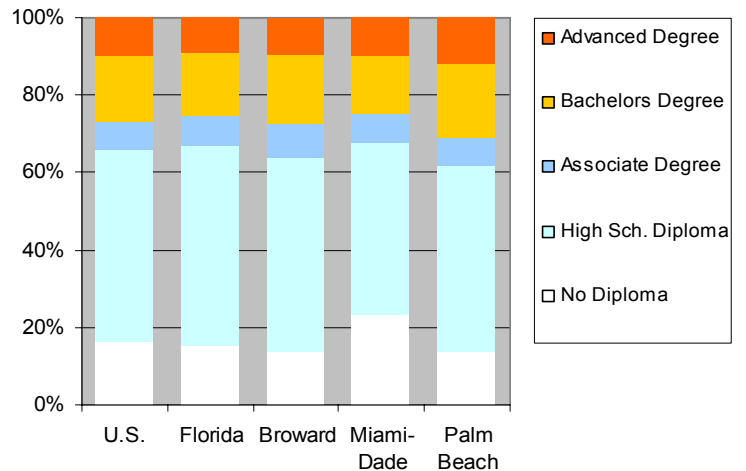
More than 419,000 adults living in Broward County hold a college degree (36 percent).

Highest Level of Education	Residents Aged 25+	Percent
Less than 9th grade	52,532	4.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	107,471	9.2%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	351,877	30.2%
Some college, no degree	235,067	20.2%
Associate degree	98,169	8.4%
Bachelor's degree	207,766	17.8%
Advanced degree	113,165	9.7%
<b>Total Persons</b>	<b>1,166,047</b>	<b>100%</b>

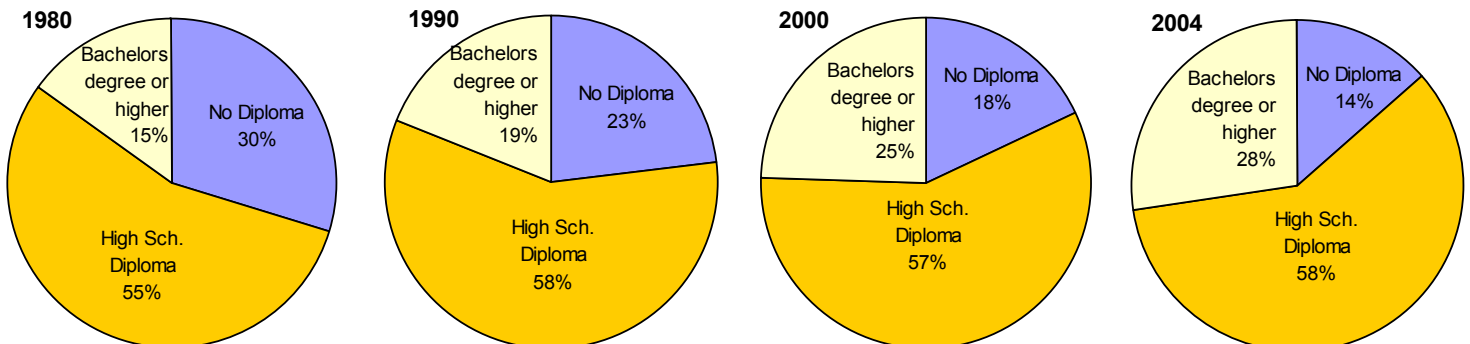
Source: ACS, 2004

Overall, educational attainment in Broward County is slightly higher than statewide and national levels. Recently published data from the American Community Survey shows that 86 percent of Broward residents graduated from High School, compared to 85 percent statewide and 84 percent nationally. Similarly, 28 percent of Broward residents have a Bachelors Degree or higher, compared to 25 percent of Florida residents and 27 percent of the U.S. population.

Highest Level of Educational Attainment (Adults Aged 25+)

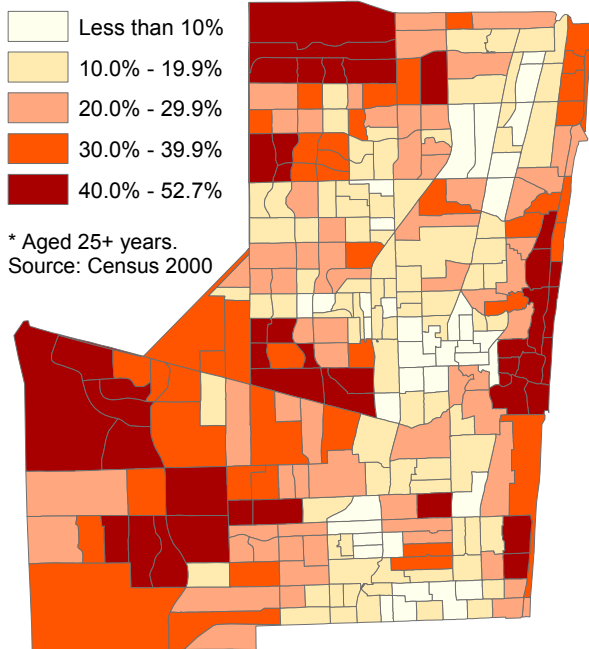


Following national trends, over the past 25 years, the county's population has become better educated. In 1980, 30 percent of Broward County residents did not have a High School diploma compared to only 14 percent in 2004.



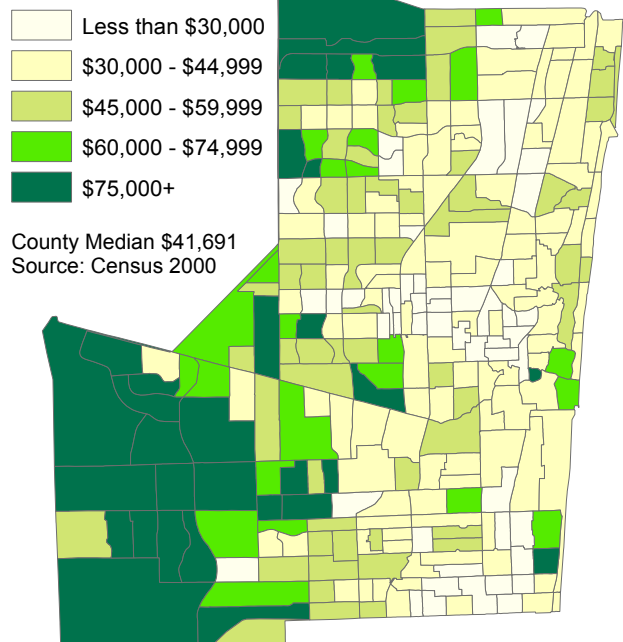
Source: U.S. Bureau of Census

**Adults\* with Bachelor's or Advanced Degrees, 2000**



\* Aged 25+ years.  
Source: Census 2000

**Median Household Income, by Census Tract, 1999**

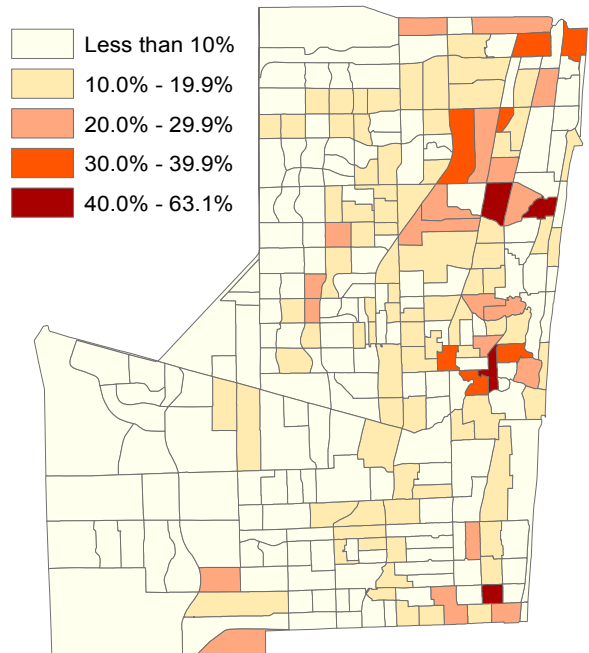


County Median \$41,691  
Source: Census 2000

There is a strong correlation between educational achievement and household income, as shown in the maps above. Similarly, the distribution of teens aged 16 to 19 that have dropped out of high school, without a diploma, correlates closely with the distribution of tracts with lower income levels.

In 2003-04, 12,741 students graduated from public high schools in Broward County. The four year graduation rate, of 66 percent, is higher than neighboring counties, although lower than the statewide rate. The high school dropout rate (for all students in grades 9 thru 12) is one of the lowest in the state.

**Percent of 16-19 year olds that are not High School Graduates and are not enrolled in school.**



Source: Census 2000

School District	Four-year graduation rate	Drop out rate in grades 9-12
Broward	67.1%	1.0%
Miami-Dade	59.9%	4.6%
Palm Beach	69.0%	2.5%
Florida	71.9%	2.8%

Note: See Table 3 in appendix for additional information.  
Source: State of Florida, Dept. of Education, 2004-05

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## TECHNICAL APPENDIX

**TABLE 1 – Educational Attainment in Broward County compared with other counties, Florida and the U.S., 2004**

Highest Level of Education	U.S.	Florida	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach
Less than 9th grade	11,698,807	614,412	52,532	178,380	40,228
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	18,277,242	1,172,385	107,471	174,451	76,070
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	55,055,121	3,510,067	351,877	424,013	244,352
Some college, no degree	37,875,025	2,415,774	235,067	257,266	170,438
Associate degree	13,216,578	910,370	98,169	113,463	61,816
Bachelor's degree	32,030,270	1,881,839	207,766	227,202	161,903
Graduate or professional degree	18,381,134	1,054,617	113,165	152,475	104,965
<b>Total Persons 25+</b>	<b>186,534,177</b>	<b>11,559,464</b>	<b>1,166,047</b>	<b>1,527,250</b>	<b>859,772</b>
Less than 9th grade	6.3%	5.3%	4.5%	11.7%	4.7%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	9.8%	10.1%	9.2%	11.4%	8.8%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	29.5%	30.4%	30.2%	27.8%	28.4%
Some college, no degree	20.3%	20.9%	20.2%	16.8%	19.8%
Associate degree	7.1%	7.9%	8.4%	7.4%	7.2%
Bachelor's degree	17.2%	16.3%	17.8%	14.9%	18.8%
Graduate or professional degree	9.9%	9.1%	9.7%	10.0%	12.2%

Source: U.S. Bureau of Census, American Community Survey, 2004

**TABLE 2 - Educational Attainment in Broward County, 1980 to 2004**

Highest Level of Education	1980*	1990	2000	2004
No Diploma	29.6%	23.2%	18.0%	13.7%
High School graduate	37.5%	51.5%	49.9%	50.3%
Associate Degree	17.8%	6.6%	7.5%	8.4%
Bachelor's Degree	15.1%	12.4%	15.8%	17.8%
Graduate or professional degree	na	6.4%	8.7%	9.7%

\* Note: Data published in 1980 Census did not include as many categories as later censuses; it is assumed that persons completing four years or more of college received bachelors degree.

Sources: U.S. Bureau of Census, Census of Population 1980, 1990, 2000 and American Community Survey, 2004

**TABLE 3 – High School Graduation and Dropout Rates<sup>(1)</sup>**

School Year	Four Year Graduation Rate <sup>(2)</sup>				Single Year Dropout Rate <sup>(3)</sup>			
	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach	Florida	Broward	Miami-Dade	Palm Beach	Florida
1998-1999	53.5	53.2	58.2	60.2	2.8	10.6	3.8	5.4
1999-2000	63.9	52.2	63.6	62.3	2.3	8	3.2	4.6
2000-2001	62.3	53.9	64.9	63.8	1.6	5.4	2.5	3.8
2001-2002	65.2	55.7	66.6	67.9	1.3	4.4	2.6	3.2
2002-2003	62.7	57.9	66.0	69	1.0	4.2	2.6	3.1
2003-2004	66.2	60.6	65.9	71.6	1.1	4.6	2.6	2.9
2004-2005	67.1	59.9	69.0	71.9	1.0	4.6	2.5	2.8

**Notes:**

(1) The four-year graduation rate tracks individuals entering high school in the same year (at the same grade level) for a four-year period, while the dropout rate is applied to students across grade levels 9-12 for a one-year period. Thus, the two indicators are applied to different populations.

(2) Graduation Rate - The percentage of students who have graduated within four years of entering ninth grade for the first time. Students who transfer out of the school or district to attend school elsewhere or to enroll in an adult-education program are removed from the group of students (cohort) tracked. Incoming transfer students, at the time of their enrollment, are included in the count of the class with which they are scheduled to graduate and are tracked accordingly. A graduate is defined as a student who receives a standard diploma, a special diploma, or a diploma awarded after successful completion of the GED examination. Certificate recipients are not included. District and state rates cover all schools with graduates, which may include schools other than regular high schools (e.g., alternative education centers). Non-graduates include not only dropouts but also completers who did not receive a diploma (certificate recipients), as well as students who remain enrolled without having graduated in four years or having attained all credits required for completion.

(3) Drop Out Rate - The percentage calculated by dividing (a) the number of students in grades 9-12 for whom a dropout withdrawal reason was reported by (b) the year's total enrollment for grades 9-12. District and state rates include students in alternative schools and exceptional education schools.

Source: State of Florida, Dept. of Education <http://data.fldoe.org/fsir/default.cfm> accessed 11/30/2005.