EDUCATION IN APPALACHIA

Use The Appalachian Region: A Data Overview from the 2013–2017 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**

88.5%

of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 have earned a high school diploma, similar to the U.S. average of 88.6%.

**ASSOCIATE’S DEGREE**

9.7%

of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 have an associate’s degree—slightly more than the 9.0% of U.S. adults.

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE**

25.3%

of Appalachian adults ages 25–64 hold a bachelor’s degree. The U.S. figure is 32.3%.

**BACHELOR’S DEGREE BY SUBREGION**

The share of adults ages 25–64 with a bachelor’s degree is highest in Northern Appalachia and lowest in Central Appalachia.

**STEM DEGREE**

In Appalachia, 30.7% of adults ages 25+ with a bachelor’s degree earned it in a STEM field. The U.S. figure is 34.8%.

Find more data on this and other topics at www.arc.gov/chartbook