

High School Attainment

College Attainment

A Graphical Story of Tennessee's Postsecondary Education and Workforce Systems

Labor Force Participation

Diversity and Inclusion

Employment by Occupation

Wages and Income



Tennessee Postsecondary Education and Workforce

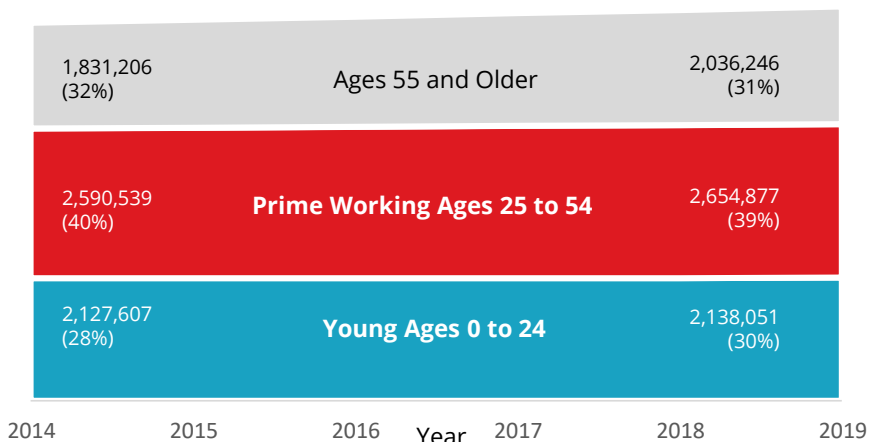


Tennessee has worked as hard as any state in the United States over the past 20 years to improve the lives of its residents through sustained efforts to expand educational and workforce opportunities. It is a national leader in bringing together state and national thought leaders and practitioners; to develop thoughtful higher education and workforce policy. It is a national pioneer in setting a broad college attainment goal, sustaining efforts over time, and charting progress along the way – “driving to 55” percent college completion among adult residents.

While progress has been made (and documented), where does Tennessee stand now? How well are our working-aged residents earning education credentials and working? Where do we start to focus our attention? The following is a snapshot of how well Tennessean's complete postsecondary education and participate and fare in the labor force.

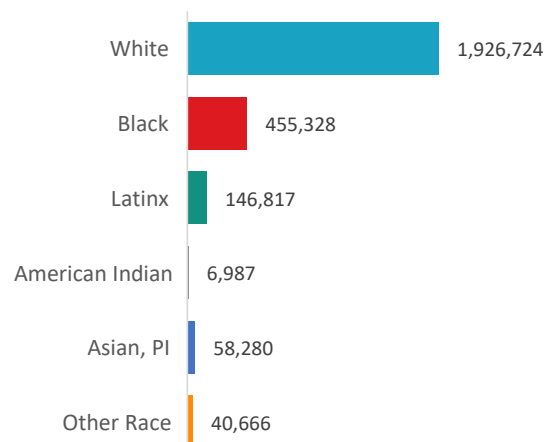
Primary Working Ages 25 to 54

Change in Population by Age-Group



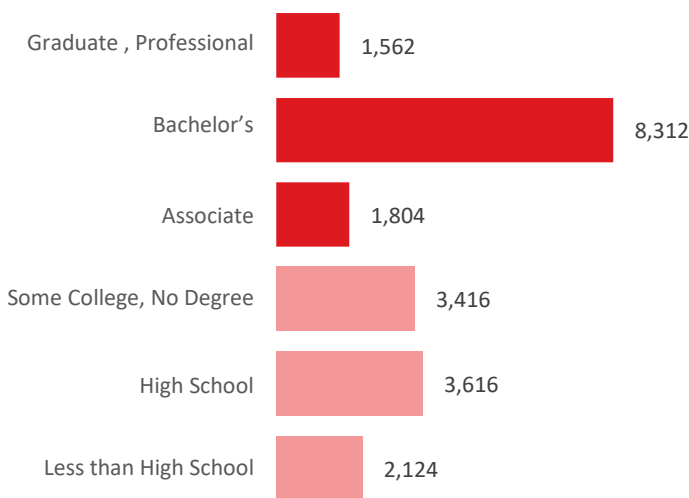
Prime working-age population increased 2.5% from 2014 to 2019

Primary Working Age by Race/Ethnicity

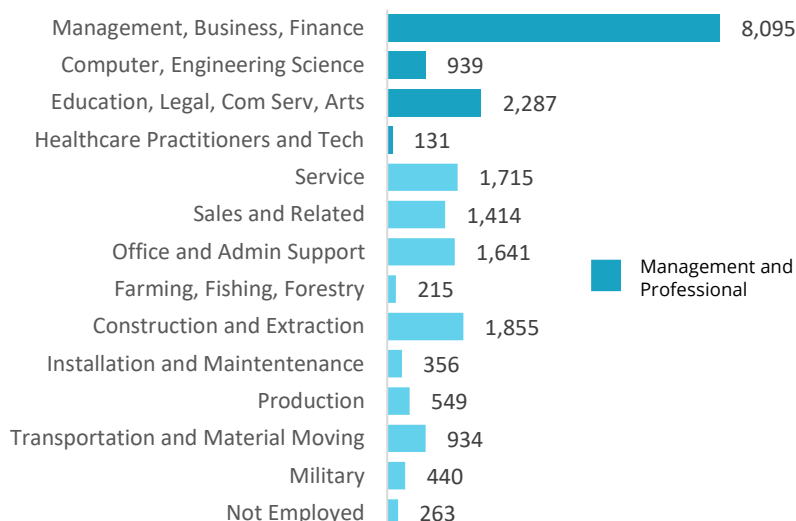


Annual Net Migration Ages 25 to 54

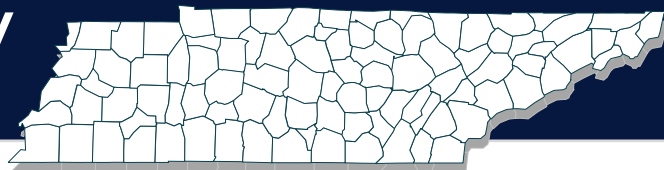
By Highest Level of Education



By Type of Occupation



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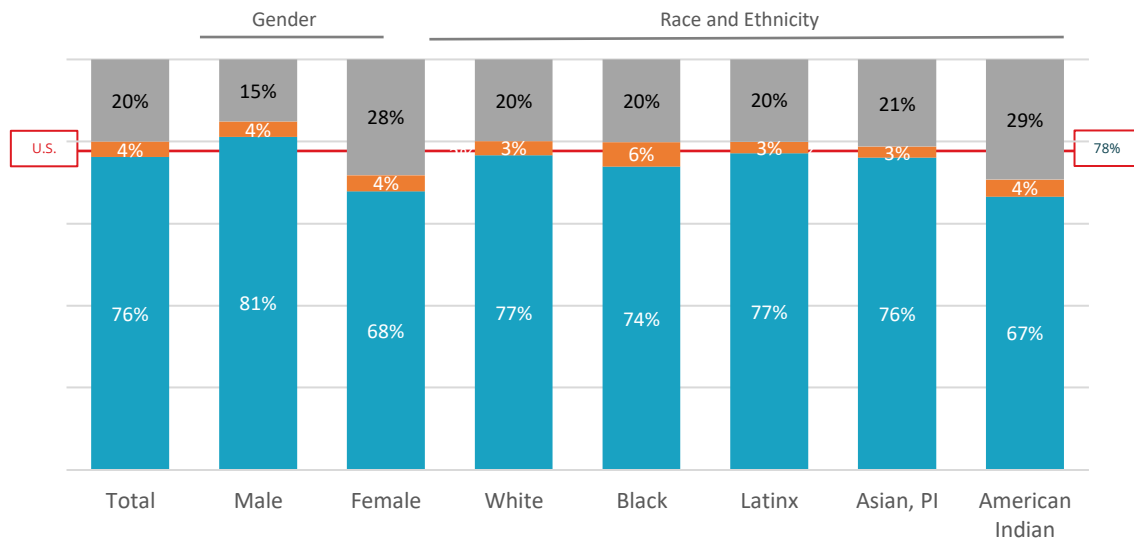


Employment Characteristics

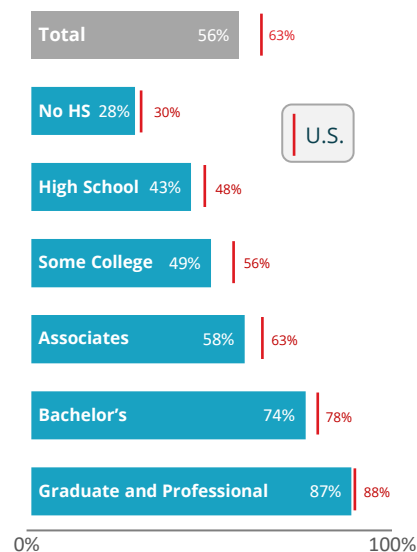
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Labor Force Status in 2019

■ Employed ■ Unemployed ■ Not in Labor Force

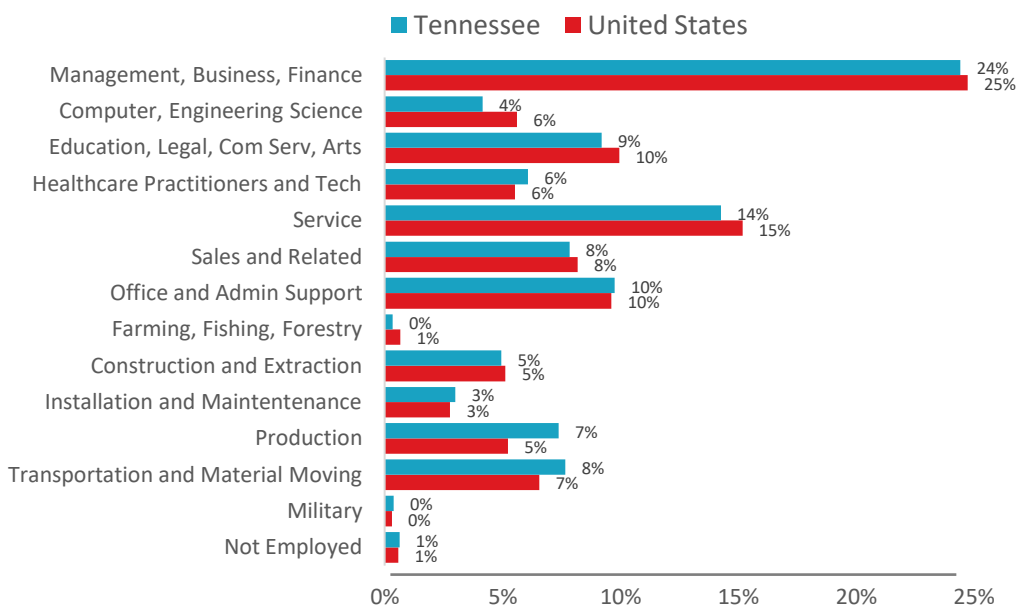


Percentage Working 30+ Hours, Earning 35k Annually

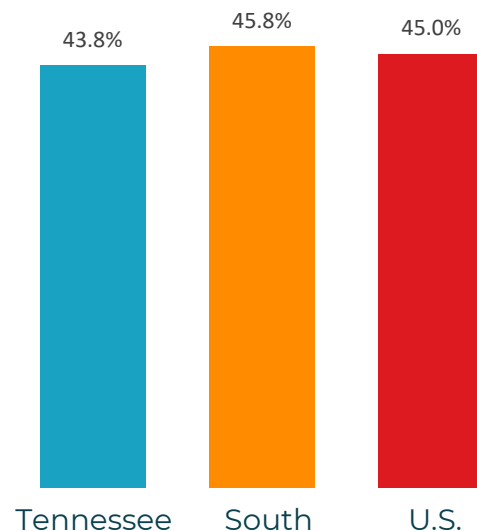


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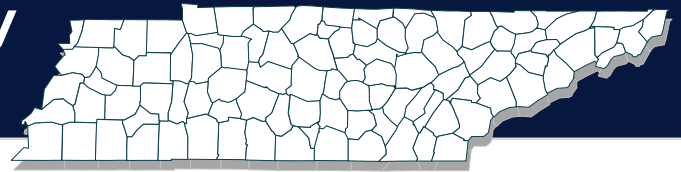
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Management and Professional Employment



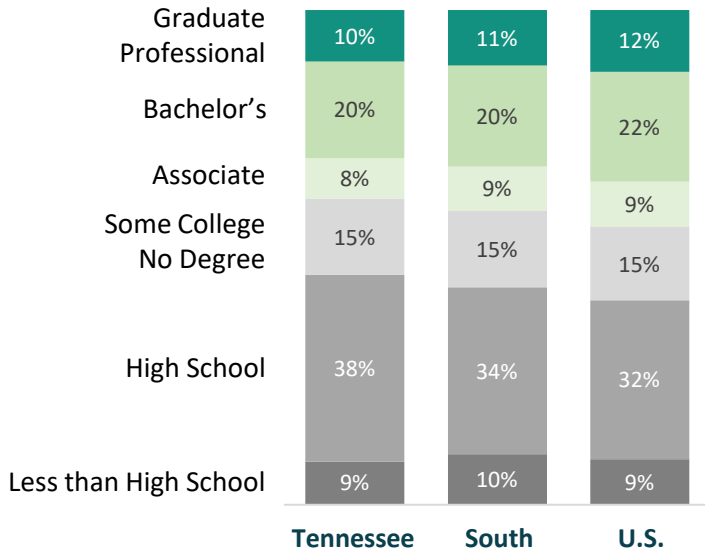
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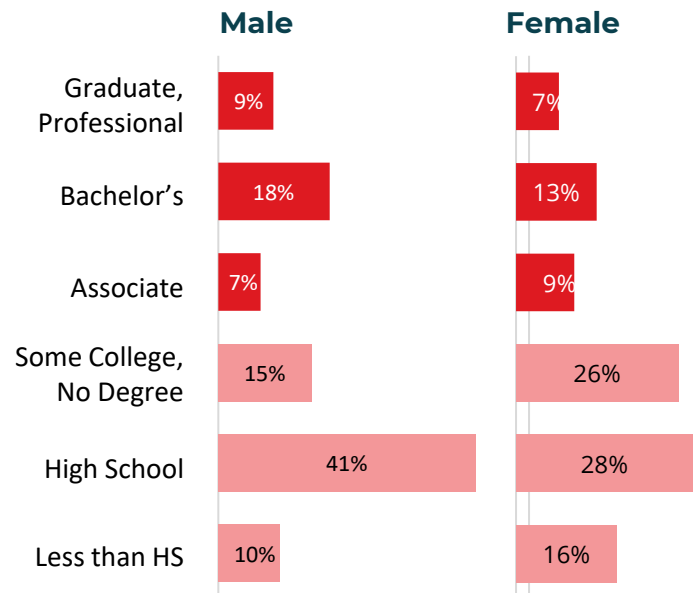
Educational Attainment

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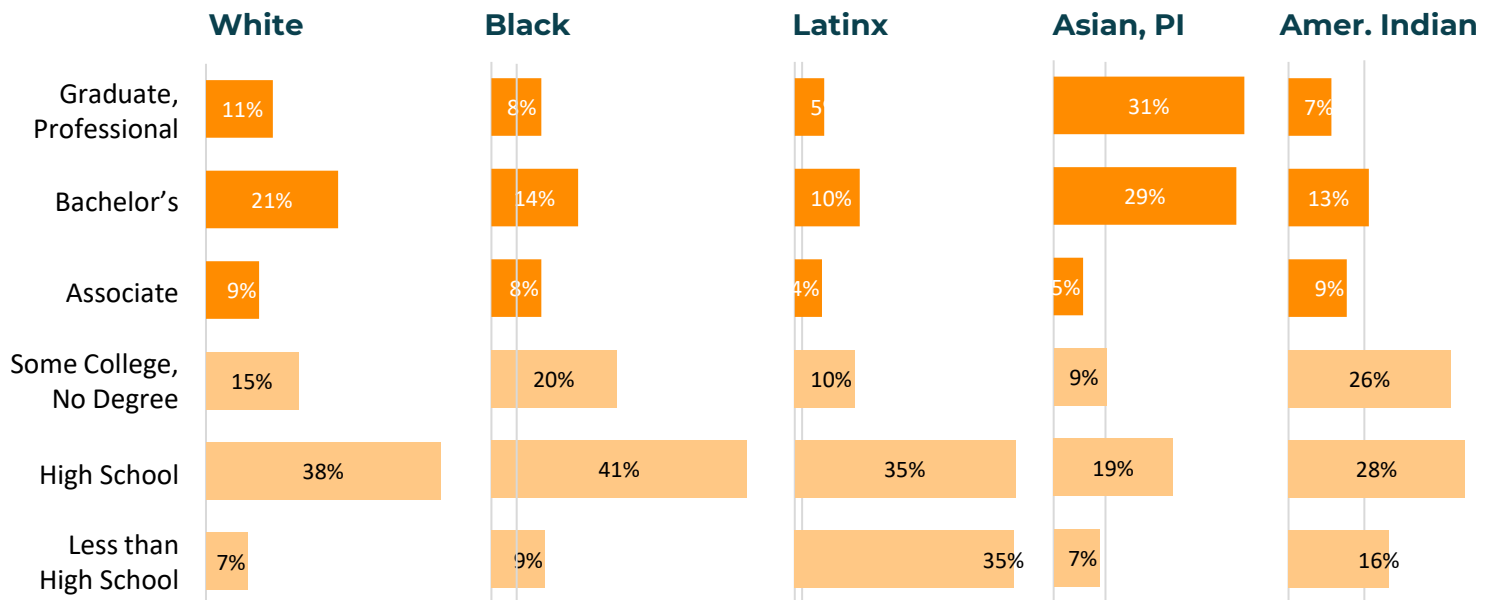
Geographic Comparison



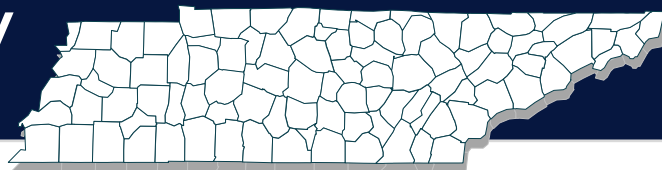
Gender



Race and Ethnicity



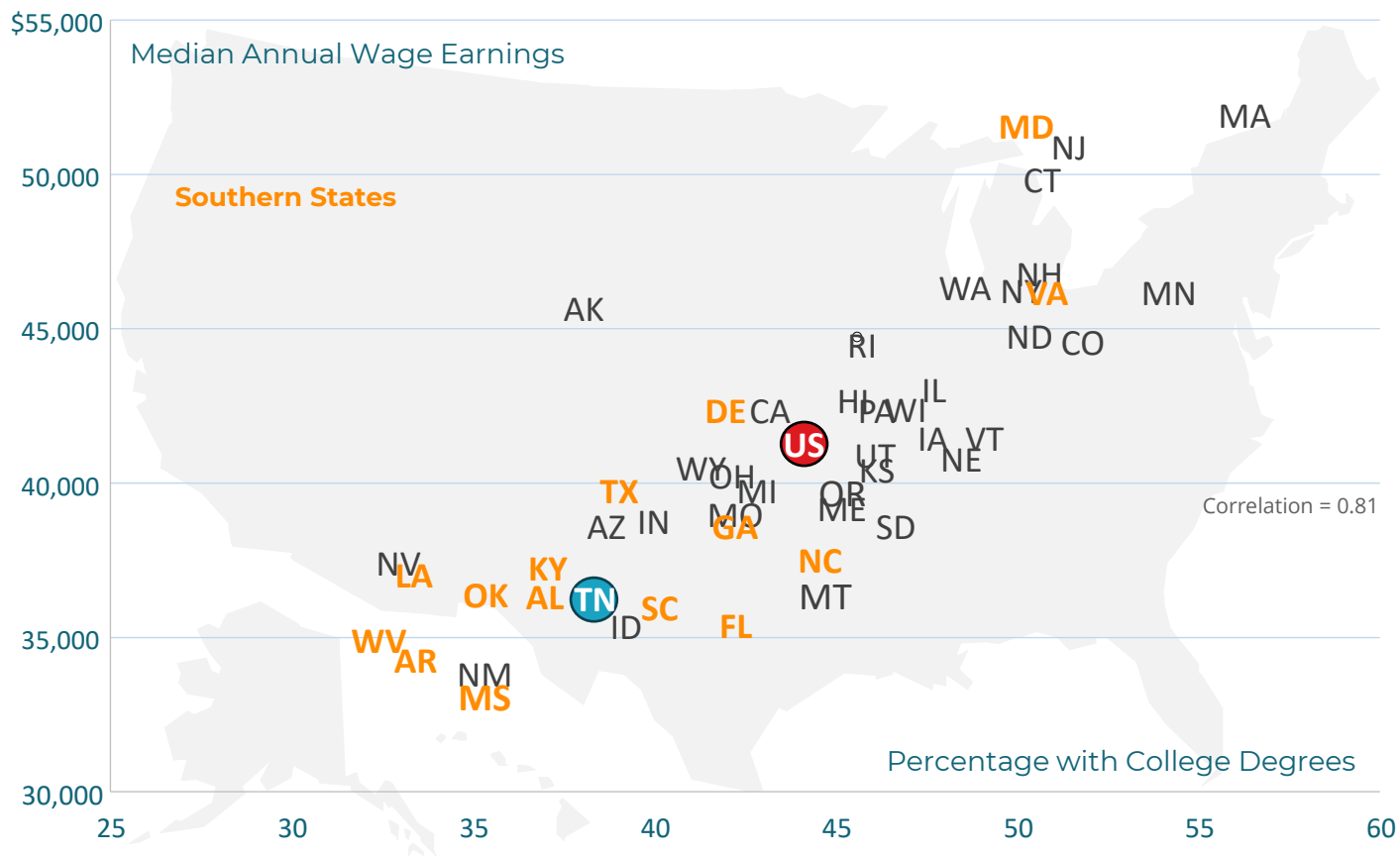
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Education and Wages

(Primary Working Ages 25 to 54)

Relationship between Education and Wages 2019



Data Sources

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