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Socioeconomic Status

Socioeconomic status (SES) is commonly measured by educational attainment, income, wealth, or job status.

Information on **educational attainment** reveals that about 13% of the population age 25 and older has not earned a high school diploma or equivalent. A **high percentage of Hispanics, Blacks, and American Indians have not earned a high school diploma/equivalent or less (Chart 1E)**.

Educational Attainment in Virginia 25 Years Old and Over, 2009

	Total Population	White not Hispanic	Black	Asian	American Indian	Hispanic
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Less than High School	13.4	10.5	19.9	10.8	17.2	31
High Diploma	25.4	25.1	30.6	14.6	29.2	24.2
Some college, no degree	20.6	20.1	24.8	12.4	25.4	17.9
Associate's degree	6.6	6.8	6.5	5.4	6.5	5.1
Bachelor's degree	19.9	21.8	11.5	30.6	13.7	13.6
Graduate degree	14.1	15.6	6.7	26.1	8.1	8.2

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2009
Chart 1E