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Rate of Floridians with credentials beyond high school rises to 48.3%

State sees boost of over 240,000 new credentials

Tampa, FL — Newly-released U.S. Census data reveal Florida achieved the biggest gain in its proportion of working-age adults with a degree or high-quality credential beyond high school in more than a decade.

The state's 2017 rate of degrees and credentials beyond high school for adults ages 25-64 is 48.3%, outpacing the national rate of 47.6%. Florida's 1.4 percentage point improvement from last year represents the 8th highest year-to-year gain in the U.S. The increase translates to more than 240,000 additional credentials and degrees for Floridians.

[Florida's Higher Education Coordinating Council](#) set a goal in 2016 to increase the proportion of Florida adults ages 25 – 64 with postsecondary degrees or credentials to 55% by 2025, to ensure Florida has the talent needed to meet the needs of its growing economy and population.

“Florida leaders, institutions, and communities are laser-focused on ensuring all Floridians have the job skills needed to prosper in Florida's evolving economy, and this increase in credentials beyond high school is a testament to their efforts,” said Laurie Meggesin, FCAN's executive director.

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) has also released a new data dashboard highlighting Florida degree attainment trends since 2007, degree attainment breakdowns by age groups, and 2017 degree attainment rates and year-to-year trends for all 50 states.

[Click here to view FCAN's new degree attainment data dashboard.](#)

About Florida College Access Network

Florida College Access Network (FCAN) is Florida's first collaborative network committed to ensuring all Floridians have the opportunity to achieve an education beyond high school and prosper in Florida's dynamic economy. Our mission is to create and sustain a statewide network that catalyzes and supports communities to increase college and career preparation, access, and completion for all Florida students. For more information, visit floridacollegeaccess.org.