# State population aged 55+ with college degree

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## STATE POPULATION AGED 55+ WITH COLLEGE DEGREE (2006)

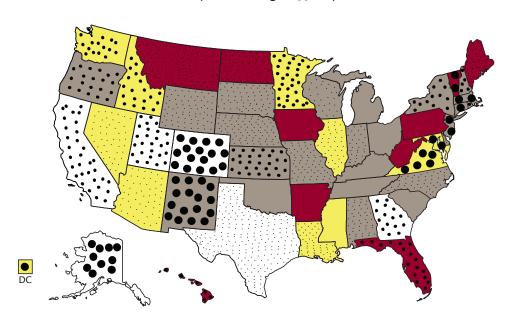
Education and training continues to be the cornerstone of the efforts that states make to link workforce development with plans for sustainable economic progress. Putting lifelong learning into practice will continue to be a critical success factor, both for states as well as for individual workers. There are exciting examples of collaborative initiatives in states across the country where community colleges, state universities, employers, workforce incentive boards, and training service providers are working together to expand opportunities for workers of all ages, including older workers, to enhance their work-related competencies and educational attainment.

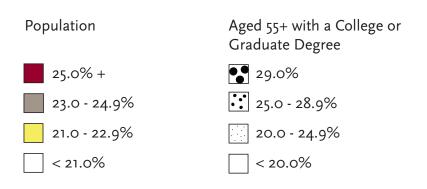
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#### Percent of Population Aged 55+ by State 1,2





### State Population Aged 55+ with College or Graduate Degree <sup>2</sup>

|                      | Percent Aged 55+<br>with a College or<br>Graduate Degree | 55+ as Percent of<br>all with a College or<br>Graduate Degree |
|----------------------|--|---|
| District of Columbia | 42.2%  | 22.5%   |
| Maryland             | 35.9%  | 32.8%   |
| Colorado             | 35.7%  | 28.3%   |
| Vermont              | 34.3%  | 35.4%   |
| Connecticut          | 33.4%  | 30.1%   |
| Massachusetts        | 32.9%  | 24.3%   |
| New Mexico           | 30.9%  | 39.1%   |
| New Jersey           | 30.2%  | 27.6%   |
| Virginia             | 30.0%  | 27.3%   |
| Alaska               | 29.5%  | 30.4%   |
| California           | 28.8%  | 28.1%   |
| Idaho                | 28.8%  | 34.4%   |
| Rhode Island         | 28.6%  | 29.8%   |
| Oregon               | 28.5%  | 33.9%   |
| Washington           | 28.5%  | 30.7%   |
| Hawaii               | 28.4%  | 37.0%   |
| New Hampshire        | 28.4%  | 31.0%   |
| Utah                 | 28.1%  | 28.5%   |
| Georgia              | 27.4%  | 25.1%   |
| Minnesota            | 25.9%  | 25.6%   |
| New York             | 25.7%  | 27.6%   |
| Florida              | 25.4%  | 38.1%   |
| Kansas               | 25.0%  | 25.0%   |
| Texas                | 24.8%  | 30.0%   |
| Montana              | 24.7%  | 32.9%   |
| Nebraska             | 24.7%  | 31.5%   |

|                | Percent Aged 55+<br>with a College or<br>Graduate Degree | 55+ as Percent of<br>all with a College or<br>Graduate Degree |
|----------------|--|---|
| Nevada         | 24.5%  | 36.3%   |
| Maine          | 24.4%  | 35.5%   |
| Illinois       | 23.0%  | 23.9%   |
| South Dakota   | 22.3%  | 31.3%   |
| Arizona        | 22.0%  | 28.8%   |
| North Dakota   | 22.0%  | 26.2%   |
| Delaware       | 21.7%  | 29.0%   |
| North Carolina | 21.3%  | 30.1%   |
| Louisiana      | 20.8%  | 32.2%   |
| Wisconsin      | 20.4%  | 26.0%   |
| Missouri       | 20.4%  | 26.7%   |
| Indiana        | 20.3%  | 30.5%   |
| Alabama        | 20.1%  | 34.6%   |
| Wyoming        | 20.1%  | 35.6%   |
| Ohio           | 19.9%  | 26.7%   |
| Tennessee      | 19.8%  | 27.6%   |
| South Carolina | 18.9%  | 27.2%   |
| Michigan       | 18.8%  | 25.9%   |
| Mississippi    | 18.1%  | 31.5%   |
| Pennsylvania   | 17.9%  | 26.0%   |
| Iowa           | 17.8%  | 27.6%   |
| Oklahoma       | 17.8%  | 28.0%   |
| Arkansas       | 17.8%  | 33.1%   |
| Kentucky       | 15.2%  | 24.4%   |
| West Virginia  | 9.1%   | 20.8%   |

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