

**Education**

According to Figure 1, in the region, the percentage of people (39.7 percent) who are age 18 to 24 and enrolled either in college or graduate school was lower than the nation (42.6 percent) and the state (44.5 percent). In Lackawanna County, the percentage (49.6 percent) was higher than the region, state, and nation and in Luzerne County (43.7 percent) and Monroe County (41.6 percent) the percentage was higher than the region.

**Figure 1. Percent of Population Aged 18 to 24 Years who are enrolled in College or Graduate School, 2015 - 2019**

A measure of education is by looking at the educational attainment level by county and comparing it to the state and nation, and this is illustrated in Figures 2-5.

According to Figure 2, Lackawanna (2.8 percent), Pike (1.4 percent), Schuylkill (2.8 percent), and Wayne (2.8 percent) counties had a lower percentage of people 25 years of age and over who do not have a ninth grade education than the state (3.2 percent) and region (2.9 percent). Carbon (3.1 percent), Luzerne (3.3 percent) and Monroe (3.1 percent) counties had a percentage that was
higher than the region and lower than the state. However, none of the percentages exceeded the nation (5.1 percent).

**Figure 2. Percent of Population Aged 25 Years and Over with Less Than a 9th Grade Education, 2015 - 2019**

![Chart showing percent of population aged 25 years and over with less than a 9th grade education from 2015 to 2019 for various regions and counties.]

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

According to Figure 3, in the percent of the population who were age 25 years and over and were at least a high school graduate group, the region (90.1 percent) had a percentage that was higher than the nation (88.0 percent) and lower than the state (90.5 percent). Lackawanna (91.0 percent), and Pike (93.0 percent) counties each had percentages that exceeded the region, state, and nation. Carbon (89.4 percent), Luzerne (89.8 percent), Monroe (89.6 percent), Schuylkill (89.3 percent) and Wayne (89.6 percent) counties exceeded the national percentage.
Figure 3. Percent of Population Aged 25 Years and Over who is a High School Graduate or Higher, 2015 - 2019

Source: U.S. Census Bureau

According to Figure 4, there were no counties in Northeastern Pennsylvania that had a percentage in population who were age 25 years and over with at least a Bachelor’s Degree that exceeded the state (31.4 percent) and national (32.1 percent) percentages. However, Lackawanna (28.3 percent), Monroe (24.7 percent), and Pike (26.8 percent) counties each had percentages that exceeded the regional (23.1 percent) percentage.
According to Figure 5, None of the seven Northeastern Pennsylvania counties exceeded the state (39.4 percent) in population who were age 25 to 34 years with a Bachelor’s Degree or higher. Lackawanna County and the nation had the same percentage (35.7 percent). Monroe (28.3 percent) and Pike (27.6 percent) counties exceeded the regional percentage of 27.4 percent. Luzerne County (25.6 percent), Schuylkill County (22.7 percent), Wayne County (21.3 percent) and Carbon County (20.5 percent) were below the national, state, and regional percentages.
Figure 5. Percent of Population Aged 25 to 34 Years with a Bachelor's Degree or Higher, 2015 – 2019

Source: U.S. Census Bureau