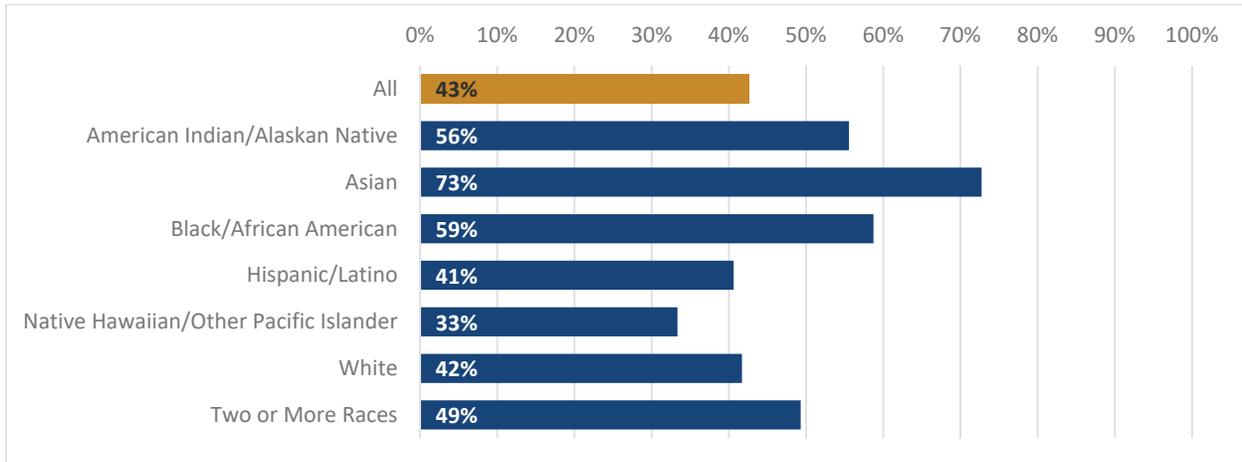


Tri-Cities Regional Profile: Affordability

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FAFSA Completion

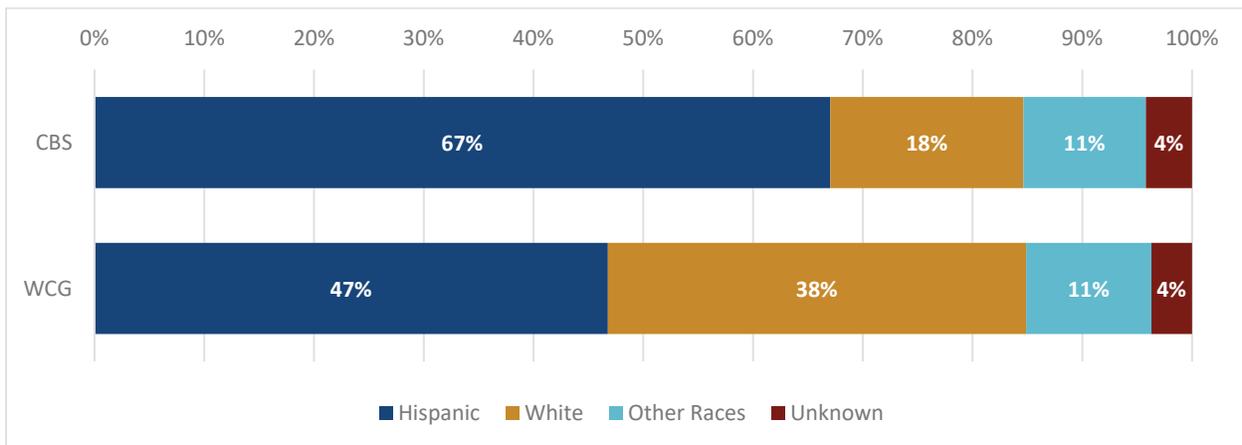
Figure 1. High School Senior FAFSA Completion Rates, Academic Year 2021-22



Source: WSAC analysis of Washington FAFSA and Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) data, snapshot date 9/19/2022.

CBS & WCG Recipients

Figure 2. Recipients of the College Bound Scholarship Compared to Recipients of the Washington College Grant by Race/Ethnicity, Academic Year 2020-21



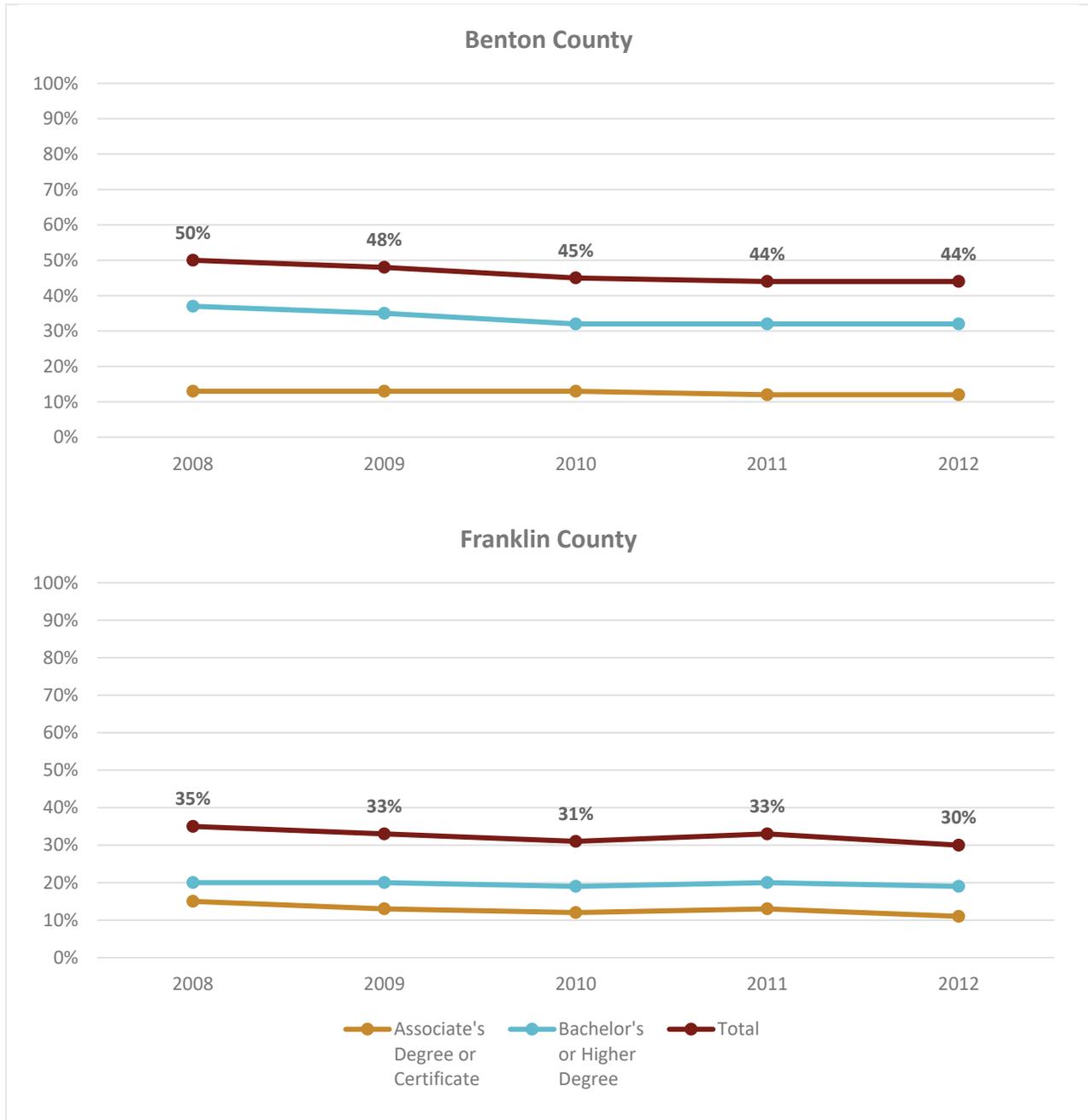
Source: WSAC Unit Record Report.

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Tri-Cities Regional Profile: Completion

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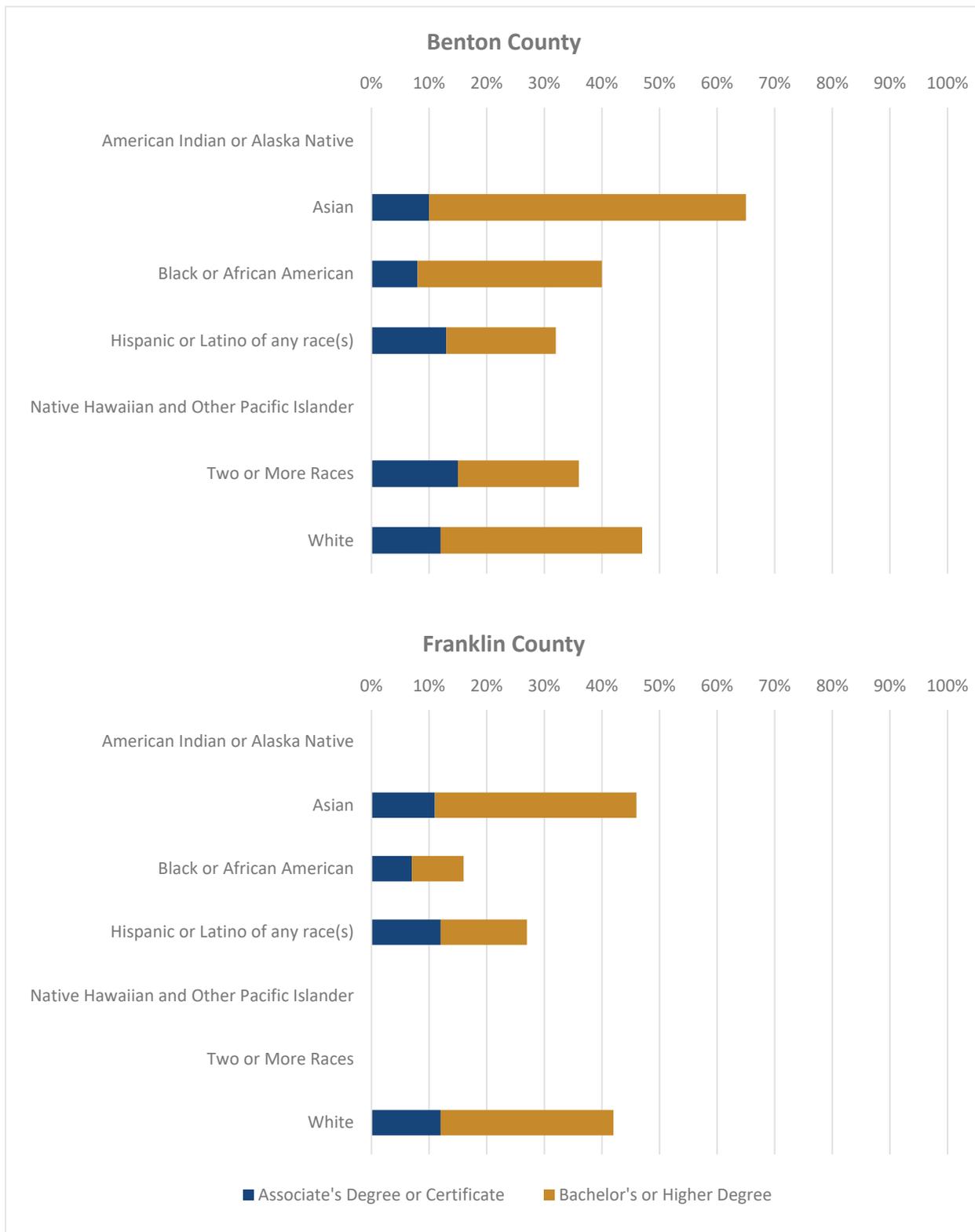
Figures 3-4. Highest Postsecondary Credential Earned within 8 Years of High School Graduation, Trend



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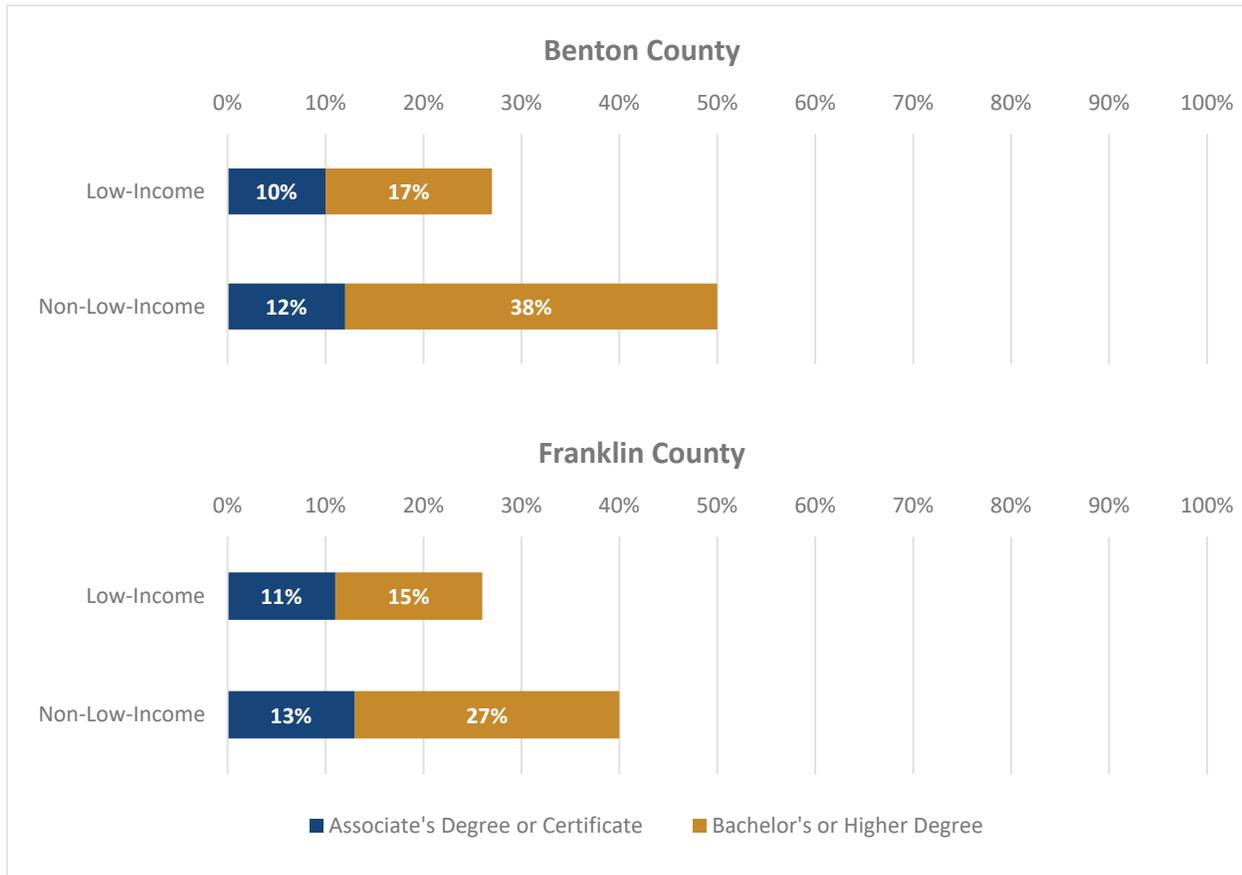
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Figures 5-6. Highest Postsecondary Credential Earned within 8 Years of High School Graduation, by Race/Ethnicity, 2012 Graduates



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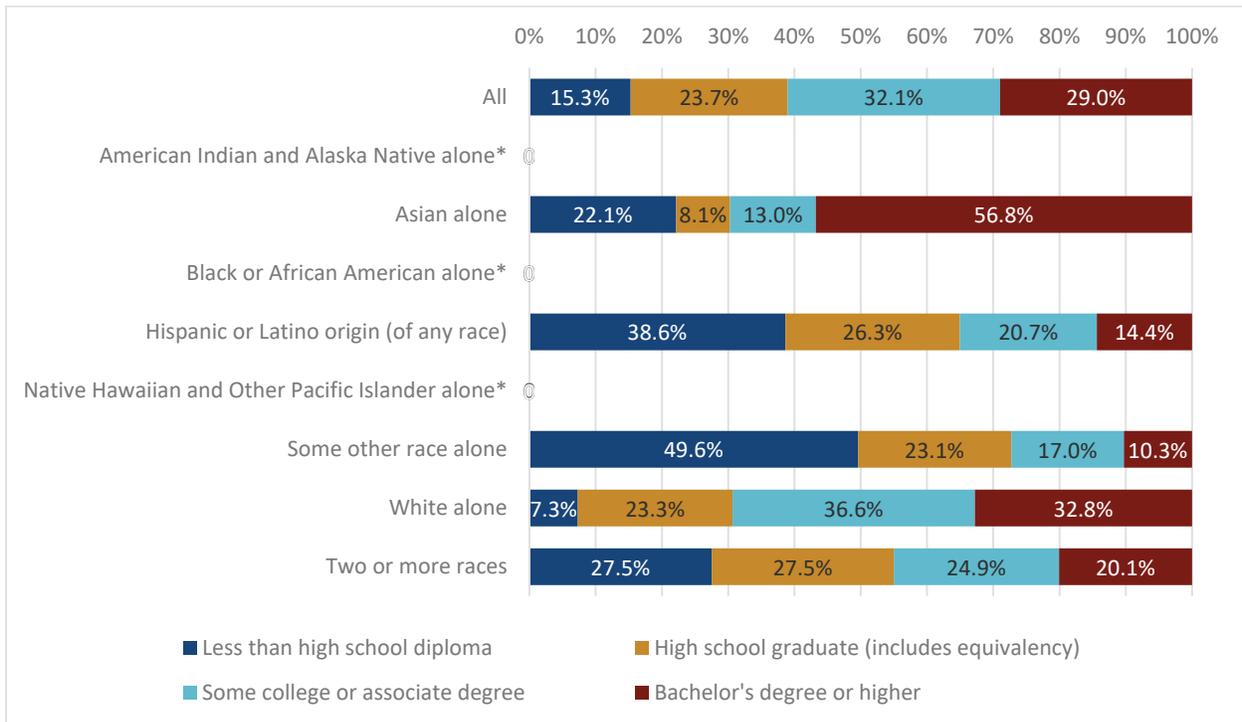
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Table 1. Educational Attainment, Ages 25+, 2021

Educational Attainment	Number	Percent
All	193,655	100.0%
Less than high school	29,594	15.3%
High school graduate or equivalent	45,875	23.7%
Some college, no degree	42,010	21.7%
Associate degree	20,081	10.4%
Bachelor's degree	34,068	17.6%
Graduate or professional degree	22,027	11.4%

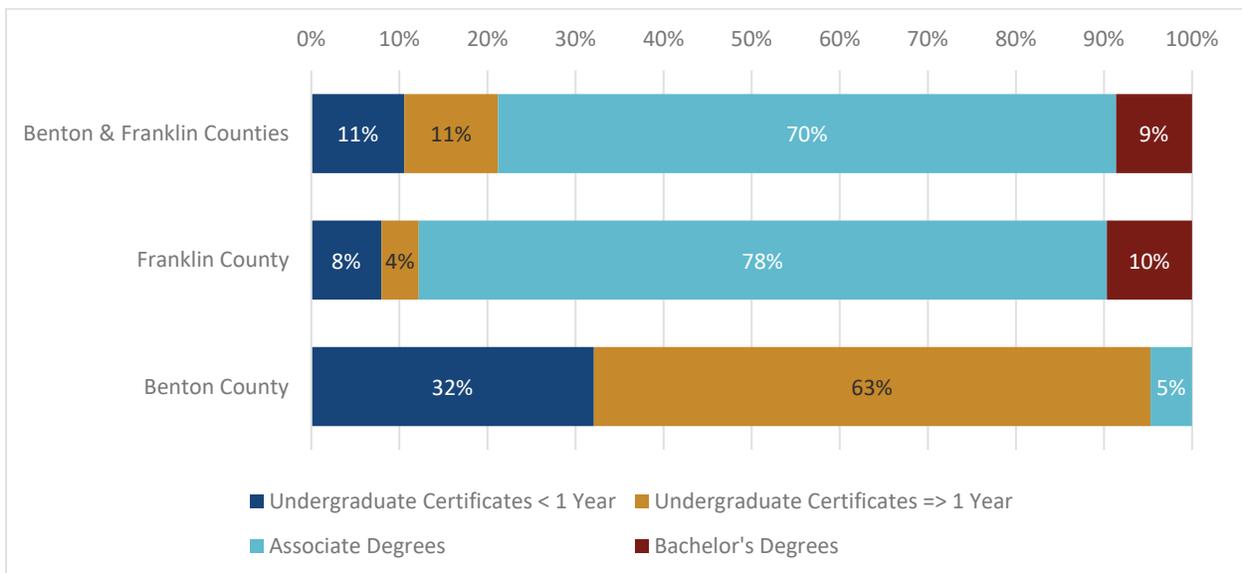
Source: American Community Survey (ACS), 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed table C15003, accessed 9/27/2022. Data on educational attainment retrieved from ACS does not specify the number of adults who have a postsecondary certificate.

Figure 9. Educational Attainment, Ages 25+, Percentages by Race/Ethnicity, 2021



Source: American Community Survey (ACS), 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed tables C15002A to C15002I and C15003, accessed 9/27/2022. Data on educational attainment retrieved from ACS does not specify the number of adults who have a postsecondary certificate.

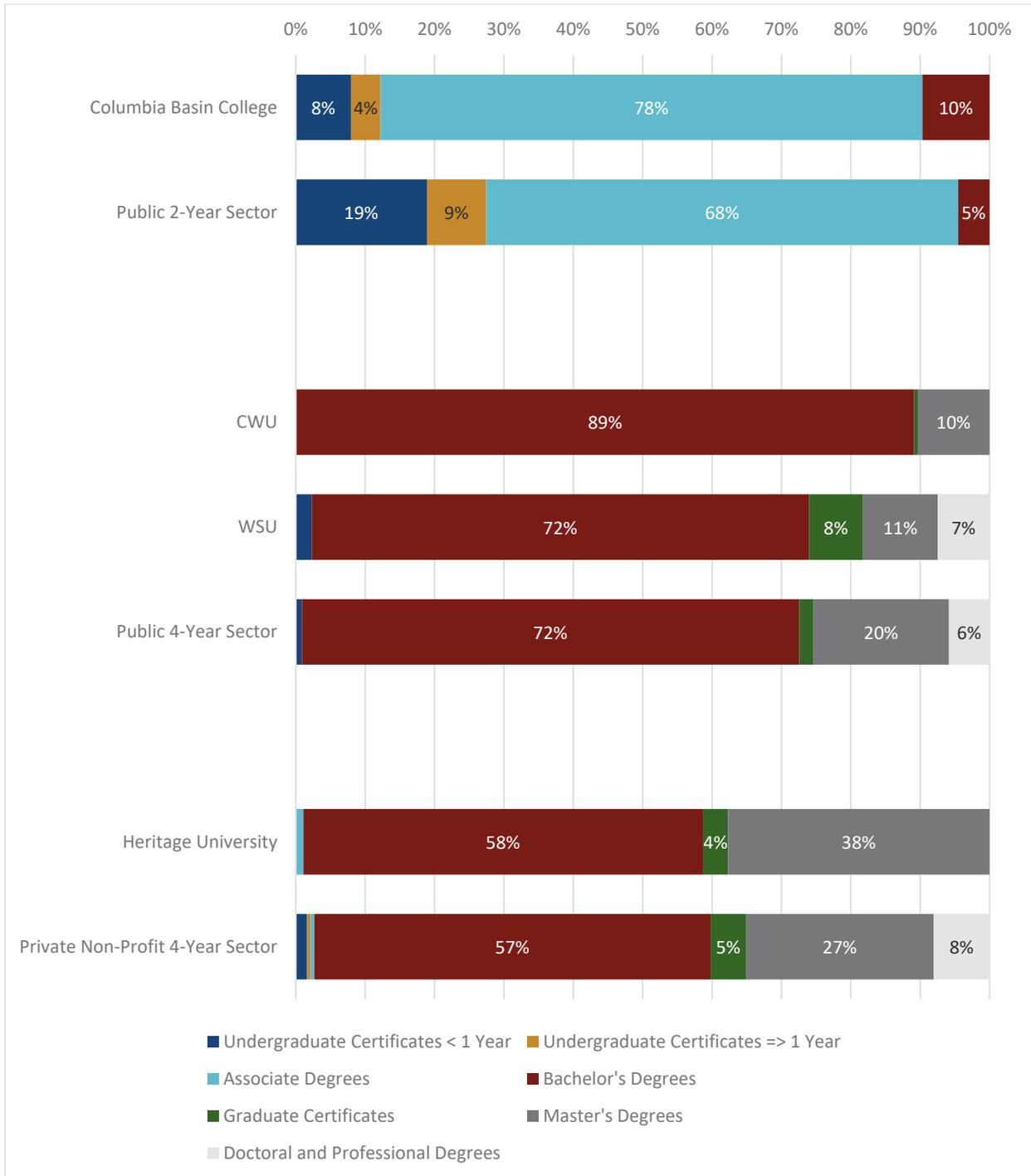
Figure 10. Awards Conferred by Postsecondary Institutions Located within Benton and Franklin Counties*, 2020-21



Source: WSAC analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Completions survey.

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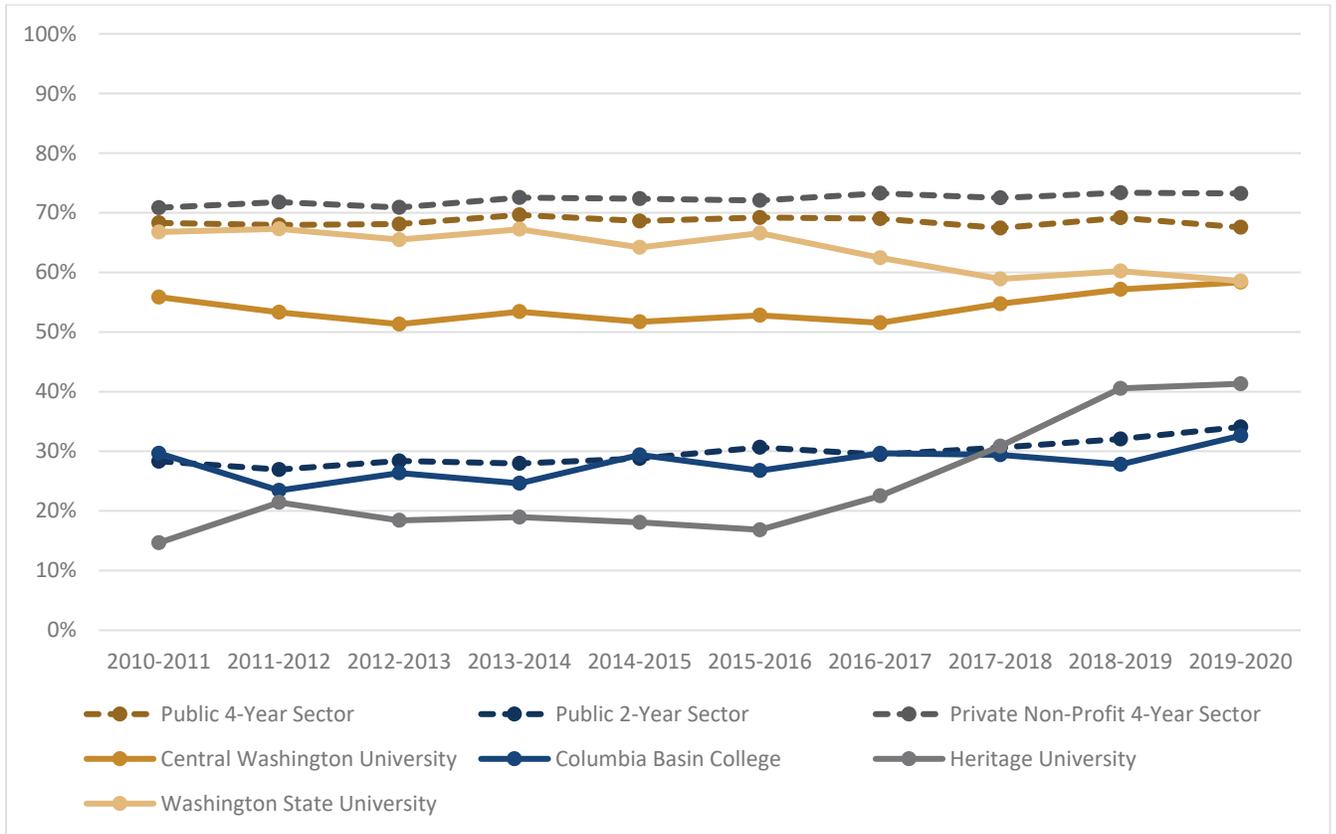


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Figure 12. Graduation Rate (within 150% of Normal Time) at Select Postsecondary Institutions in, or Associated with*, the Tri-Cities Region Compared to Graduation Rate at Related Sectors, Trend



Source: WSAC analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) Graduation Rate survey (specific to first-time, full-time undergraduates).

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Tri-Cities Regional Profile: Enrollment

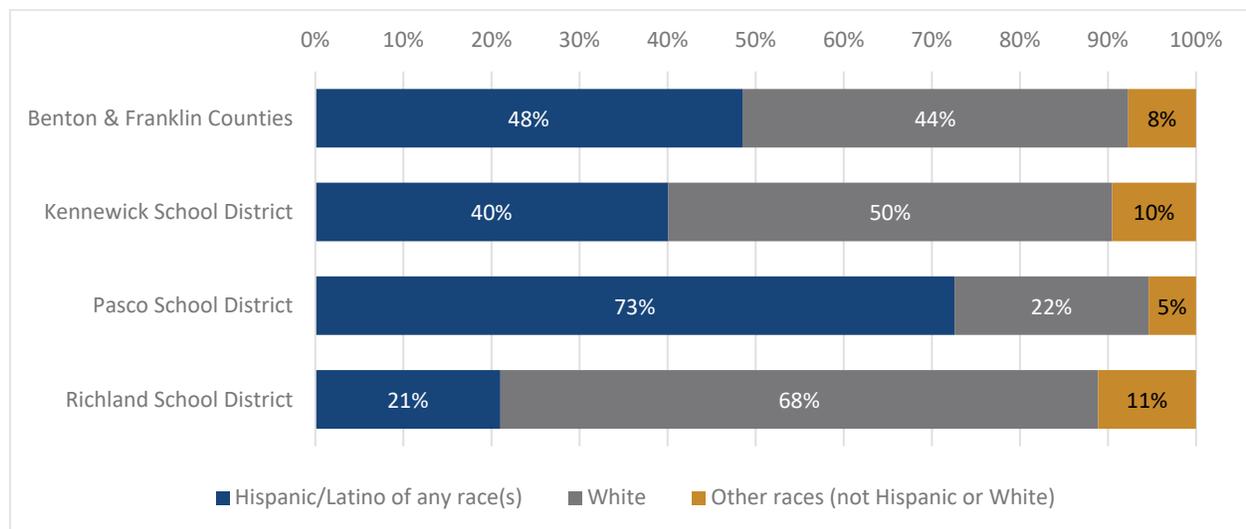
The following profile of the Tri-Cities region provides information about K-12 and postsecondary enrollment.¹ Data are drawn from a variety of sources noted below each figure.

K-12 Enrollment & Other Information

There are 11 school districts in the Tri-Cities region: ESD 123 (acting as a school district), Finley, Kahlotus, Kennewick, Kiona-Benton City, North Franklin, Pasco, Paterson, Prosser, Richland, and Star. In most cases, data for all districts in the region have been combined. In some cases, data are reported separately for the three largest school districts in the region: Kennewick, Pasco, and Richland.

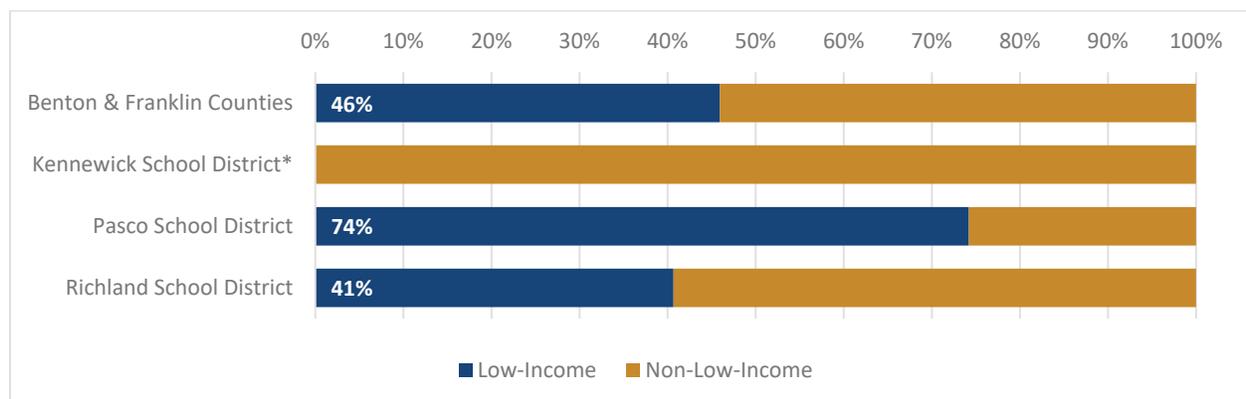
K-12 Enrollment

Figure 13. K-12 Public School Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Academic Year 2021-22, Selected Districts



Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Report Card, accessed 9/22/2022.

Figure 14. K-12 Public School Enrollment by Income Category, Academic Year 2021-22, Selected Districts



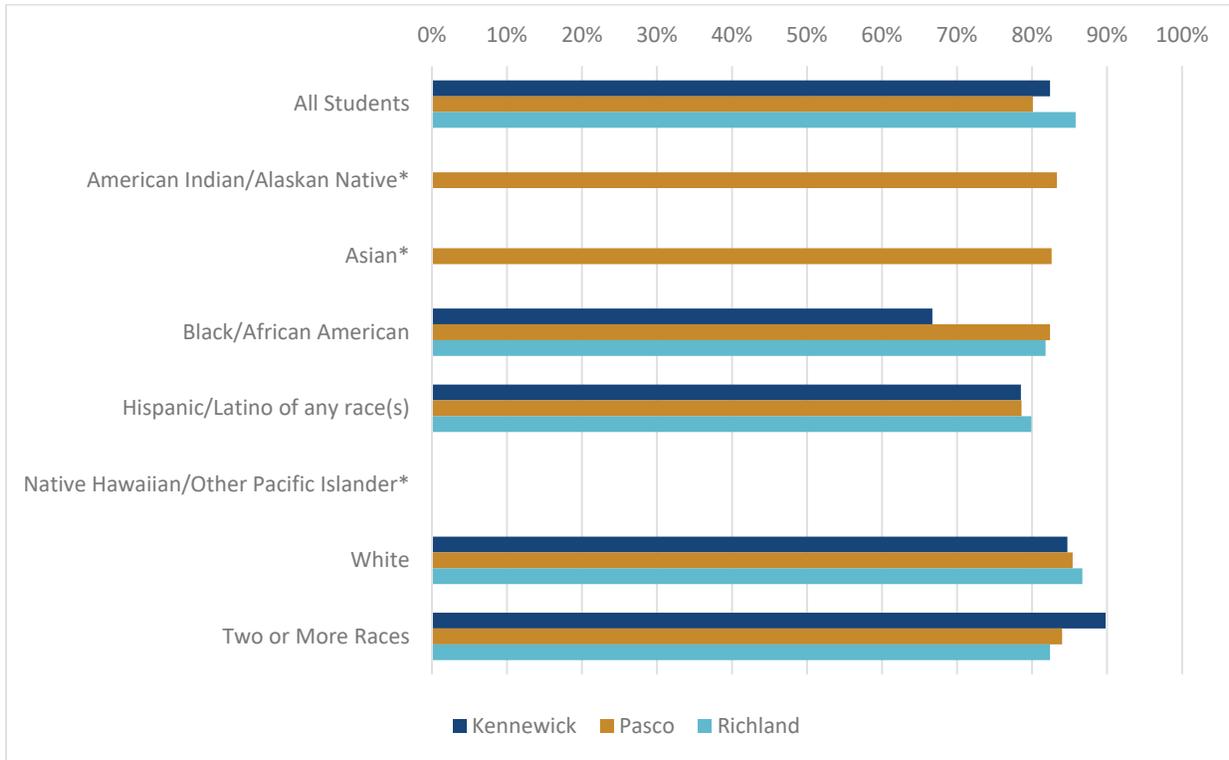
Source: Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI) Report Card, accessed 9/22/2022.

*Kennewick reported 100% non-low-income to OSPI.

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High School Graduation Rates

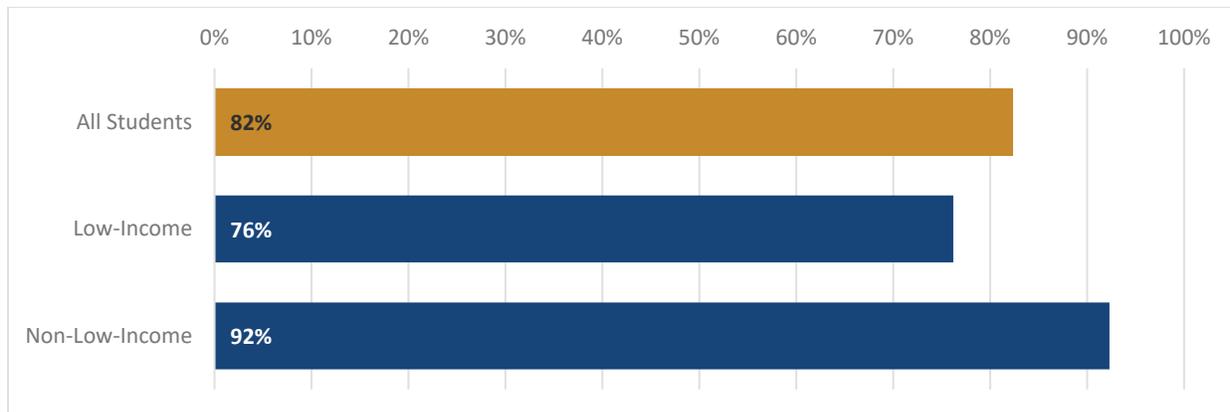
Figure 15. Public High School Graduation Rates by Race/Ethnicity, Academic Year 2020-21, Selected Districts



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Figure 16. Public High School Graduation Rates by Income Category, Academic Year 2020-21

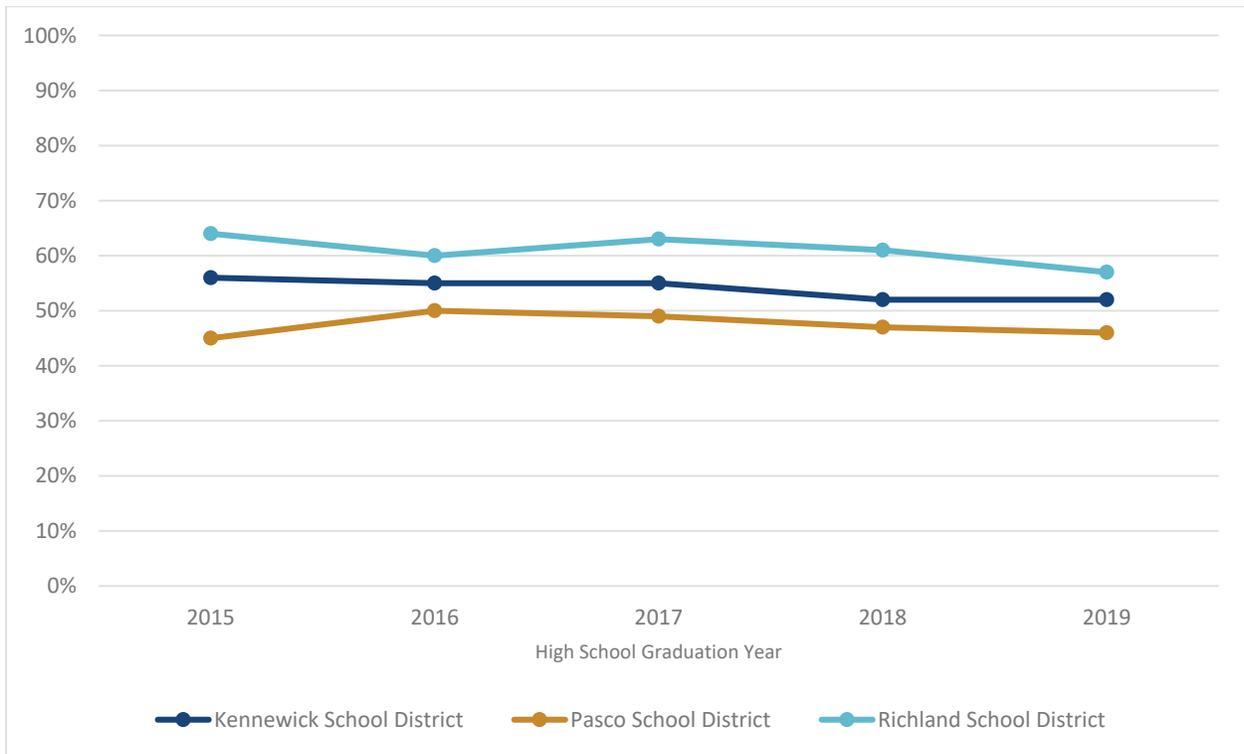


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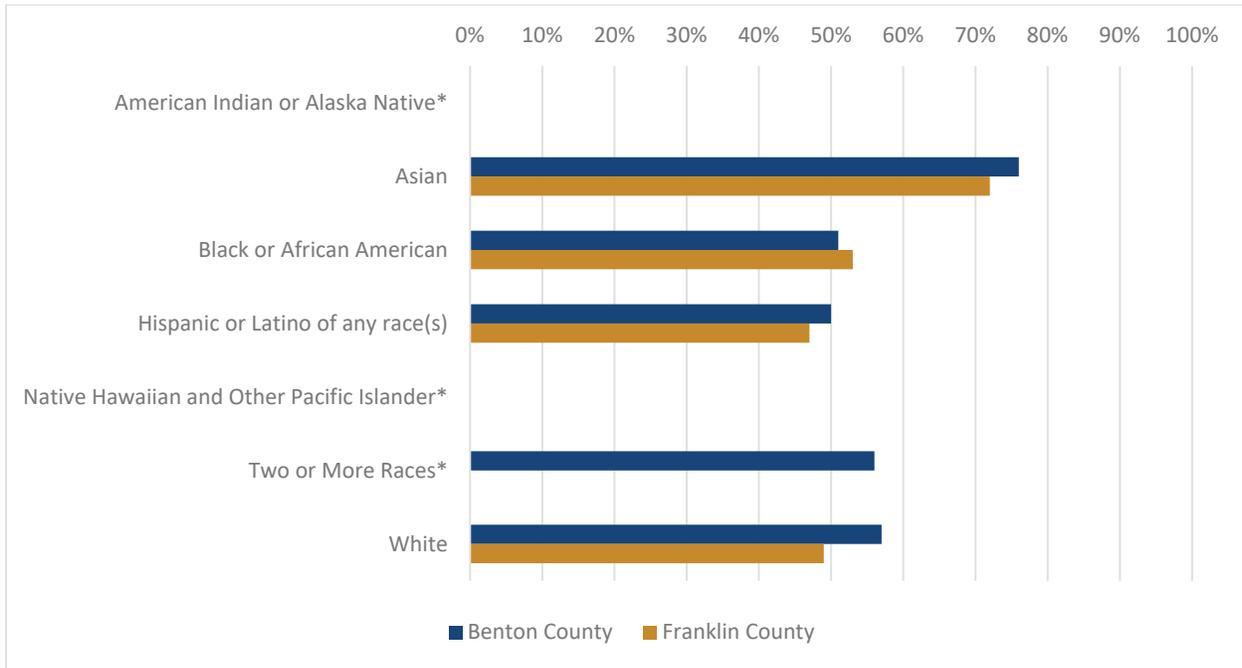
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Figure 17. Percent of High School Graduates Enrolled in College within One Year of Graduation, Trend, Selected Districts



Source: Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) High School Graduate Outcomes Dashboard, accessed 9/26/2022.

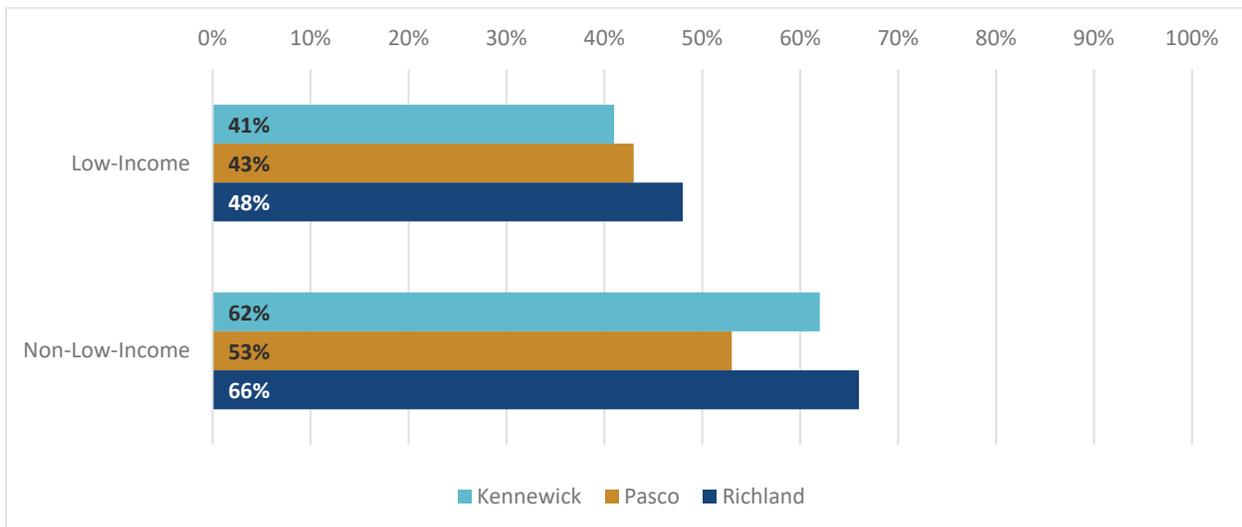
Figure 18. Percent of High School Graduates Enrolled in College within One Year of Graduation, by Race/Ethnicity, 2019 Graduates



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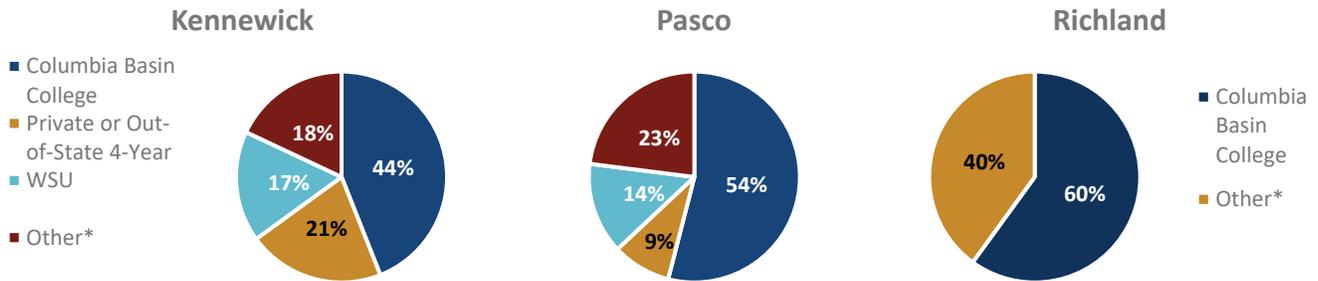
Figure 19. Percent of High School Graduates Enrolled in College within One Year of Graduation, by Income Category, 2019 Graduates, Selected Districts



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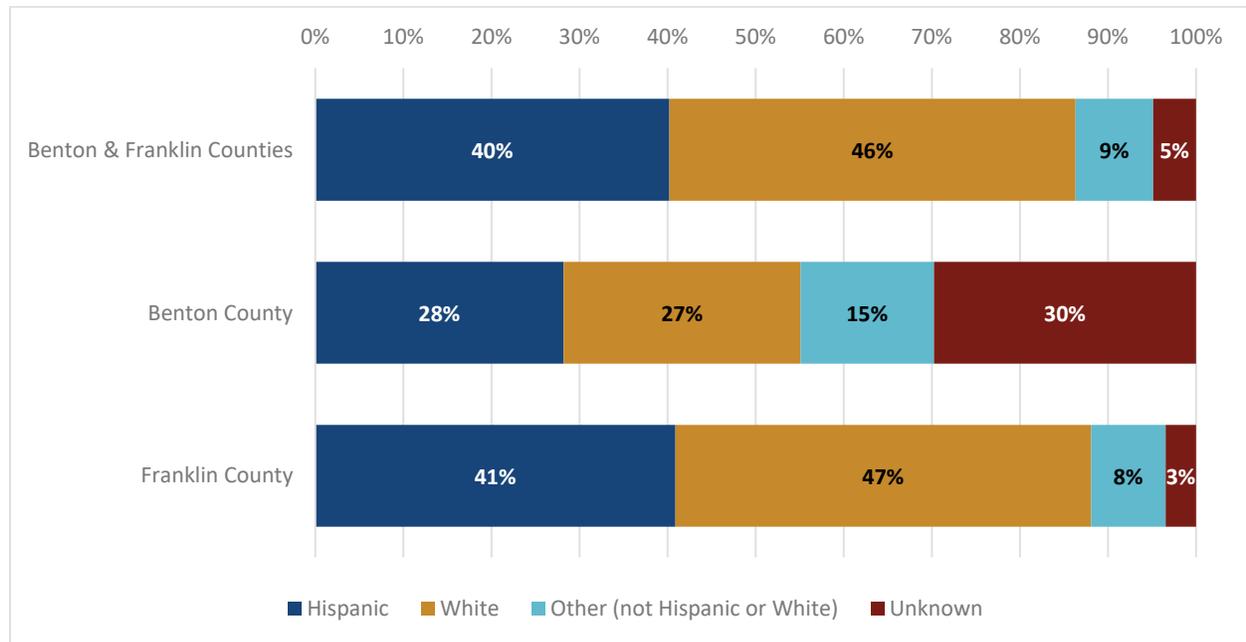
Figure 20. Where High School Graduates Enrolled in College Their First Year, 2019 Graduates, Selected Districts



Source: Education Research and Data Center (ERDC) High School Graduate Outcomes Dashboard, accessed 9/26/2022.

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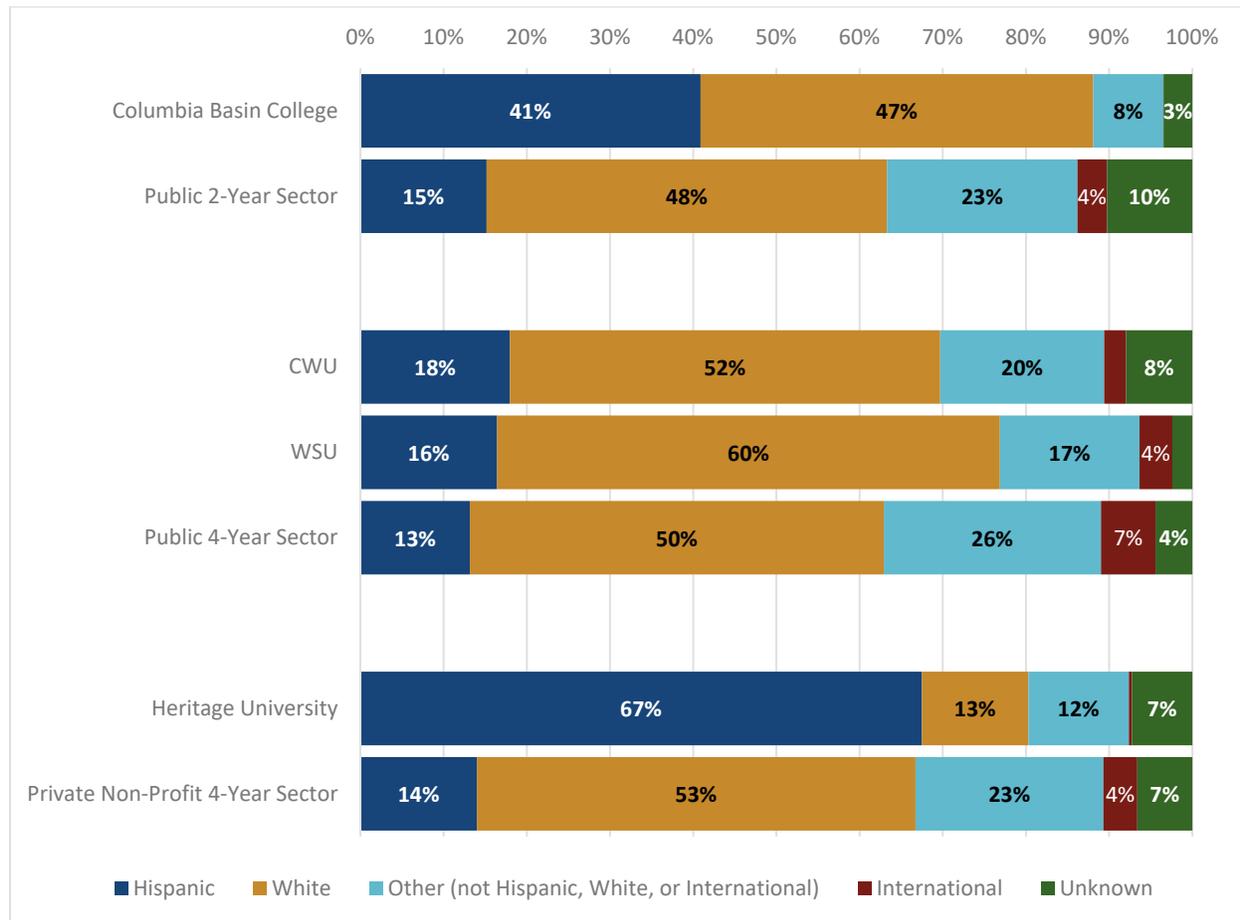
Figure 21. Enrollment in Postsecondary Institutions Located in Benton and Franklin Counties* by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2020



Source: WSAC analysis of Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System (IPEDS) of Fall Enrollment survey.

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Figure 22. Undergraduate Enrollment in Postsecondary Institutions Located in, or Associated with*, the Tri-Cities Region by Race/Ethnicity Compared to Enrollment in Related Sectors, Fall 2020



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Table 2. Undergraduate Enrollment at WSU Tri-Cities by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2022

Race/Ethnicity	Undergraduate
American Indian or Alaska Native	0.4%
Asian	3.9%
Black or African American	2.3%
Hispanic	42.0%
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	0.2%
White	44.9%
Two or More Races	4.0%
International	0.2%
Unknown	2.1%

Source: Washington State University (WSU) Tri-Cities, Chancellor’s Office, 10/3/2022.

Tri-Cities Regional Profile: Labor Market

The following profile of the Tri-Cities region provides information about the labor market. ¹ Data presented are for the Kennewick-Richland, WA Metropolitan Statistical Area.

Table 3 & Figure 23. Total Population by Race/Ethnicity, 2021

Race/Ethnicity	Number	Percent
Total	308,293	100.0%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	703	0.2%
Asian alone	8,425	2.7%
Black or African American alone	4,606	1.5%
Hispanic or Latino	103,690	33.6%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	2,608	0.8%
White alone	174,972	56.8%
Some other race alone	2,005	0.7%
Two or more races	11,284	3.7%

Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed table B03002, accessed 9/27/2022.

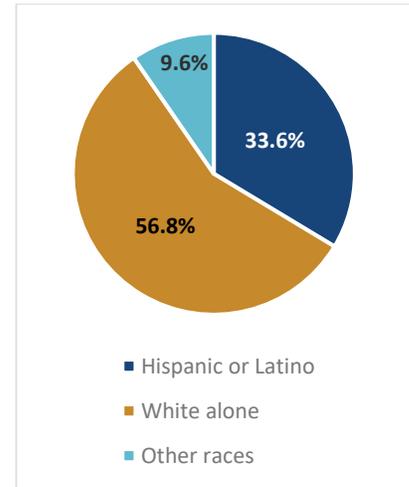
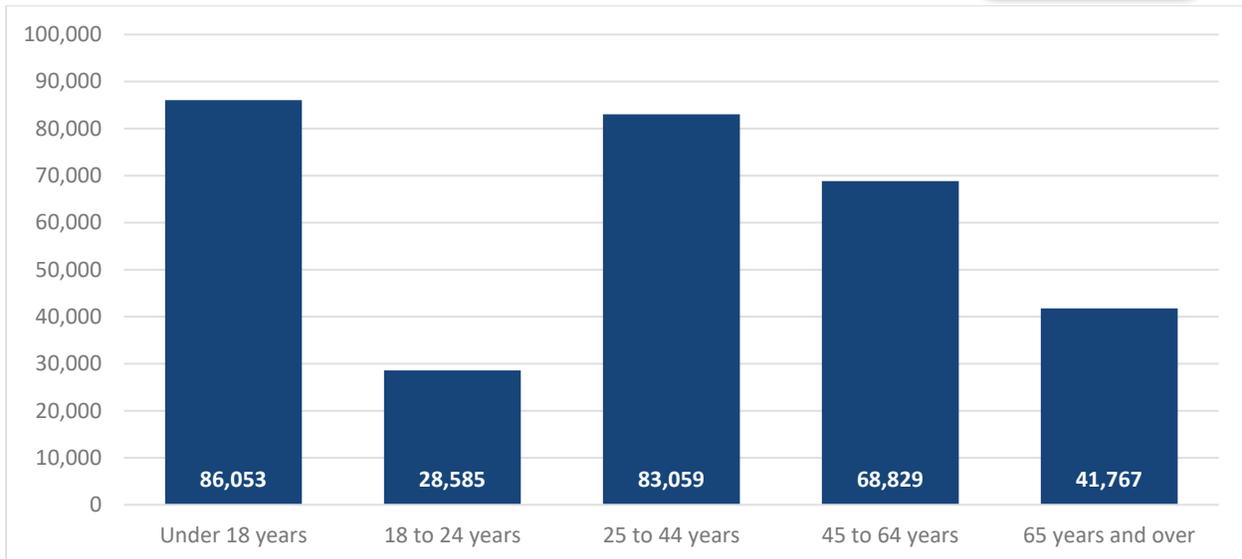


Figure 24. Total Population by Select Age Categories, 2021

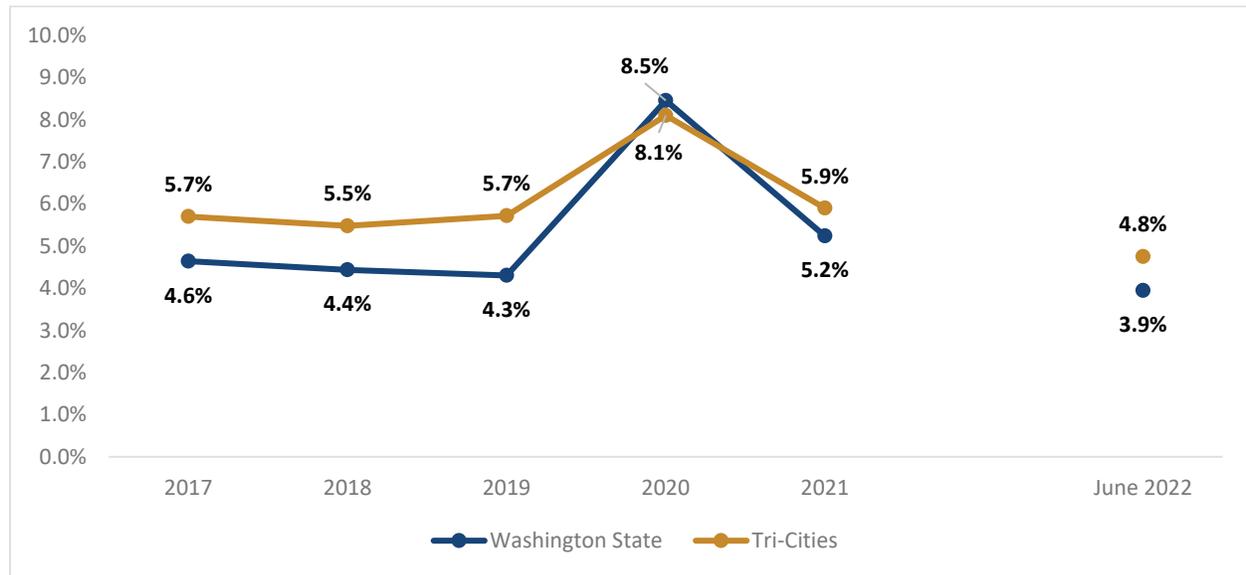
Median Age:
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Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, subject table S0101, accessed 9/30/2022.

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Figure 25. Unemployment Rate Trends, Washington State Compared to Tri-Cities Region



Source: Lightcast, Economy Overview regions report, accessed 9/29/2022.

Table 4. Median Household Income in the Past 12 Months by Household Size, 2021

Household Size	Median Household Income
All Households	\$78,367
1-person households	\$41,273
2-person households	\$81,618
3-person households	\$107,817
4-person households	\$93,313
5-person households	\$103,562
6-person households	\$74,722
7-or-more-person households	\$94,942

Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed table B19019, accessed 9/27/2022.

Table 5. Median Household Income by Race/Ethnicity of Householder, 2021

Race/Ethnicity	Median Household Income
All Households	\$78,367
American Indian and Alaska Native alone	\$38,630
Asian alone	\$94,485
Black or African American alone	\$61,124
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	\$61,000
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone	\$131,406
White alone, not Hispanic or Latino	\$83,587
Some other race alone	\$56,306
Two or more races	\$73,129

Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed tables B19013 and B19013B to B19013I, accessed 9/27/2022.

Table 6. Poverty Rate of Population, Ages 25+, for Whom Poverty Status is Determined, by Educational Attainment Level, 2021

Educational Attainment Level	Number in Poverty	Total where Poverty Status is Determined	Percent in Poverty
All	16,718	190,423	8.8%
Less than high school graduate	7,195	28,806	25.0%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	3,668	44,461	8.2%
Some college, associate degree	4,339	61,406	7.1%
Bachelor's degree or higher	1,516	55,750	2.7%

Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, detailed table C17003, accessed 9/27/2022.

Tri-Cities Regional Profile: Student Supports

The following profile of the Tri-Cities region provides information about students who may need support.¹ Data presented are for the Kennewick-Richland, WA Metropolitan Statistical Area.

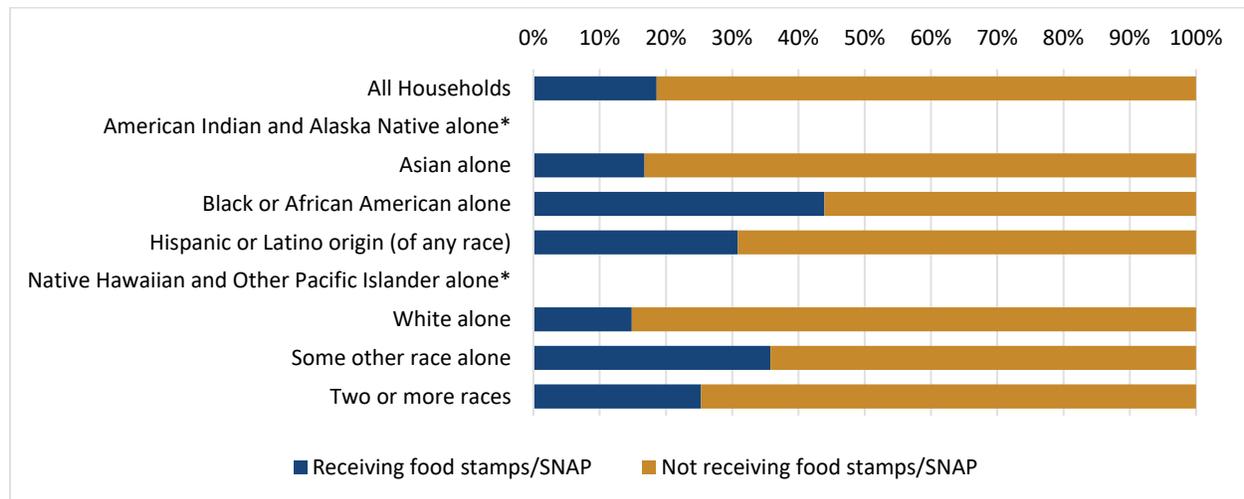
Table 7. Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP by Race/Ethnicity, 2021

Race/Ethnicity	All Households		Households receiving food stamps/SNAP		Households not receiving food stamps/SNAP	
	Count	Percent	Count	Percent	Count	Percent
All Households	105,844	100.0%	19,689	18.6%	86,155	81.4%
American Indian and Alaska Native alone*	N	N	N	N	N	N
Asian alone	3,120	2.9%	523	16.8%	2,597	83.2%
Black or African American alone	1,740	1.6%	764	43.9%	976	56.1%
Hispanic or Latino origin (of any race)	25,328	23.9%	7,811	30.8%	17,517	69.2%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander alone*	N	N	N	N	N	N
White alone	74,793	70.7%	11,105	14.8%	63,688	85.2%
Some other race alone	11,089	10.5%	3,966	35.8%	7,123	64.2%
Two or more races	13,075	12.4%	3,309	25.3%	9,766	74.7%

Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, subject table S2201, accessed 9/27/2022. *Data suppressed due to small cell sizes.

Note: Race/ethnicity categories are not mutually exclusive.

Figure 26. Households Receiving Food Stamps/SNAP by Race/Ethnicity, 2021



Source: American Community Survey, 2021 1-Year Estimates, subject table S2201, accessed 9/27/2022.

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