

1.8 Educational Attainment

The level of educational attainment in Leon County increased between 1990 and 2000. In 2000, 10.9% of the population 25 years and over had not received a high school diploma, down from 15.1% in 2000. Also, in 2000, 41.7% of the population 25 years and over in Leon County had attained a bachelor's degree or higher compared with 37.1% in 1990. The 2006 American Community Survey estimates this percentage has decreased slightly to 40.2% as of 2006 and the percent of the population 25 years and over that did not receive a high school diploma is up slightly to 11.4%.

Figure 1-13
Educational Attainment in Leon County, Population 25 years and over (2006)

	1990	Percent	2000	Percent	2006	Percent
Less than 9th grade	6,046	5.5%	4,218	3.1%	4,251	2.9%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10,622	9.6%	10,749	7.8%	12,443	8.5%
H.S. graduate (inc. equivalency)	23,793	21.6%	25,963	18.9%	28,995	19.8%
Some college, no degree	20,414	18.5%	27,956	20.3%	29,898	20.4%
Associate's degree	8,457	7.7%	11,255	8.2%	12,049	8.2%
Bachelor's degree	23,675	21.5%	33,040	24.0%	33,639	23.0%
Graduate or professional degree	17,180	15.6%	24,356	17.7%	25,151	17.2%
Total	110,187		137,537		146,426	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 1990, 2000, American Community Survey, 2006

Figure 1-14
Educational Attainment, Population 25 years and over (2000)

	Leon County		State of Florida		United States	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 9th grade	4,218	3.1%	739,222	6.7%	13,755,477	7.5%
9th to 12th grade, no diploma	10,749	7.8%	1,480,726	13.4%	21,960,148	12.1%
H.S. graduate (inc. equivalency)	25,963	18.9%	3,165,748	28.7%	52,168,981	28.6%
Some college, no degree	27,956	20.3%	2,403,135	21.8%	38,351,595	21.0%
Associate degree	11,255	8.2%	773,486	7.0%	11,512,833	6.3%
Bachelor's degree	33,040	24.0%	1,573,121	14.3%	28,317,792	15.5%
Graduate or professional degree	24,356	17.7%	889,207	8.1%	16,144,813	8.9%
Total	137,537		11,024,645		182,211,639	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, 2000