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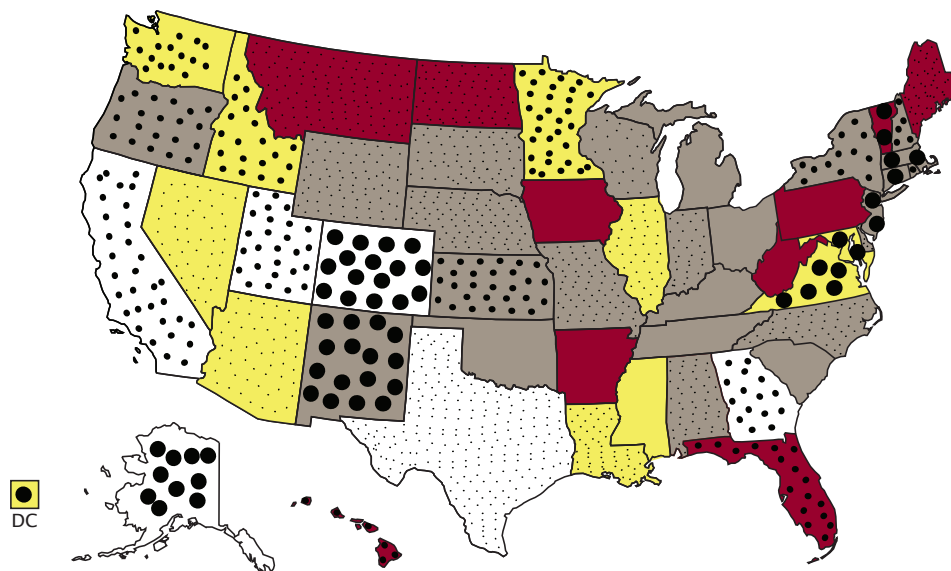
STATE POPULATION AGED 55+ WITH COLLEGE DEGREE (2006)

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.

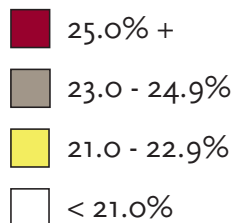
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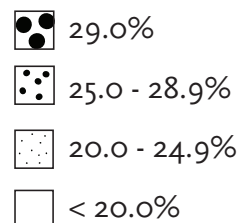
Percent of Population Aged 55+ by State ^{1,2}



Population



Aged 55+ with a College or Graduate Degree



State Population Aged 55+ with College or Graduate Degree ²

	Percent Aged 55+ with a College or Graduate Degree	55+ as Percent of all with a College or 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+ with a College or Graduate Degree	55+ as Percent of all with a College or 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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