

Educational Attainment

Educational attainment numbers show that there is a large population of well educated people that work and reside in the area. The number of college graduates in Ottawa County is consistently higher than the percentage in the state and in the country.

2005	Ottawa County	Michigan	Nation
Population 18 to 24 years	25,875	898,593	26,295,690
Less than high school graduate	11.30%	17.30%	19.60%
High school graduate (includes equivalency)	34.10%	31.30%	34.00%
Some college or associate's degree	42.10%	42.30%	37.10%
Bachelor's degree or higher	12.50%	9.10%	9.30%
Population 25 to 34 years	31,524	1,248,788	38,785,474
High school graduate or higher	94.00%	89.20%	86.40%
Bachelor's degree or higher	33.40%	28.20%	29.90%
Population 35 to 44 years	38,093	1,469,463	43,237,594
High school graduate or higher	94.70%	91.30%	87.20%
Bachelor's degree or higher	34.70%	27.60%	29.50%
Population 45 to 64 years	57,334	2,541,574	72,167,164
High school graduate or higher	92.20%	90.20%	87.00%
Bachelor's degree or higher	24.10%	25.60%	28.60%
<i>Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2005 American Community Survey</i>			

Area Schools

High schoolers in the area tend to receive high results on tests. Scores are generally above those of both the State, and the nation as shown in the following table.

State Test Results, Regional Comparison	State of Michigan	Lakeshore Schools
MEAP 2002		
Passing Rate (%)	52.9	62.1
Excelling Rate (%)	13.5	19.4
Participation Rate (%)	87.8	91
ACT 2002		
Average Score	21	22
Participation Rate (%)	57.2	64.8
PSAT 2002		
Combined Score	146	154
Participation Rate (%)	32.6	36.3
Advanced Placement (AP) 2002		
Scores 3 or Above (%)	57.6	68.8

Source: Standard & Poors School Evaluation Services, Fall 2003