



Education

MEASURE

The percent of adults 25 years or older who have a Bachelor's degree or higher

DATA SOURCE

American Community Survey

YEARS

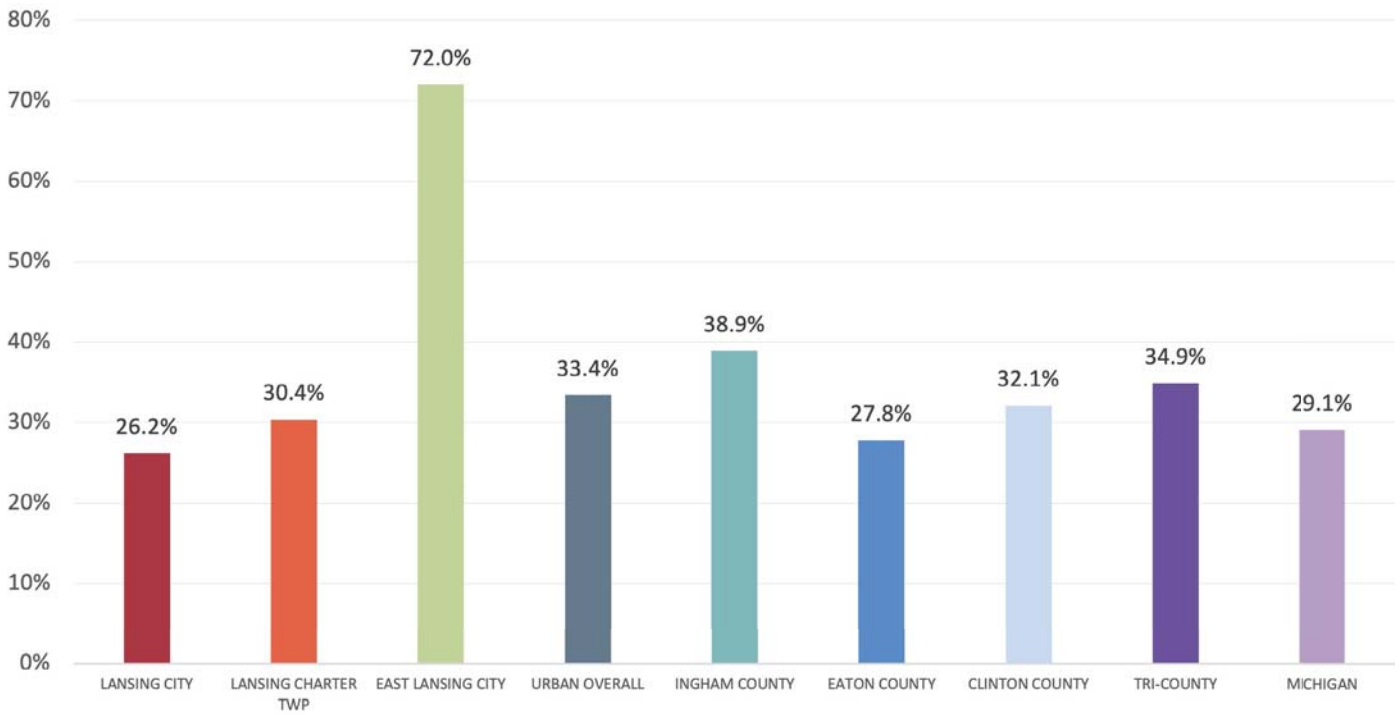
2013-2019

REASON FOR MEASURE

The relationship between higher education and improved health outcomes is well known, with years of formal education correlating strongly with improved work and economic opportunities, reduced psychosocial stress, and healthier lifestyles^{CHR}. In other words, persons with more education, in general, have healthier lives than those with less education.

PERCENT OF ADULTS 25 YEARS AND OLDER WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, 2019

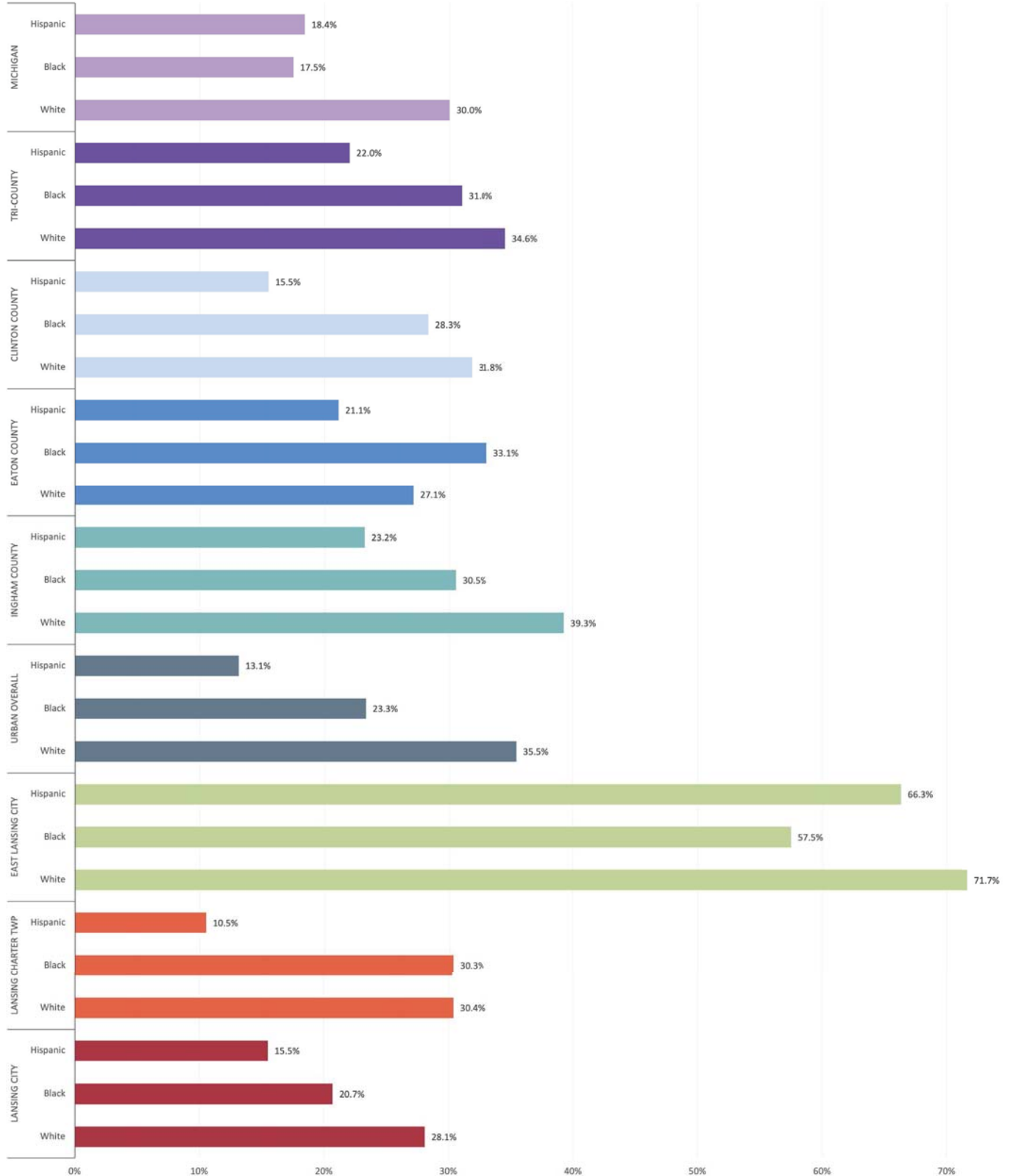
Over one in three adults in the Capital Area have a bachelor's degree or higher. Most areas within the three counties have proportions ranging from approximately 26% to 39%. The most significant outlier in the region is the City of East Lansing (where, because of the university community, almost three-quarters of adults have bachelor's degree or higher).



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ADULTS 25 YEARS AND OLDER WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER (BY RACE/ETHNICITY), 2019

Across the region, in most geographies, Hispanic adults are less likely to have a Bachelor's degree compared to their White and Black peers except in the City of East Lansing. In Eaton County, Black residents were more likely to have a Bachelor's degree or higher compared to White or Hispanic residents (33.1% compared to 27.1% and 21.1%, respectively).



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TREND IN PERCENT OF ADULTS 25 YEARS AND OLDER WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE OR HIGHER, 2015-2019

In most areas, the educational attainment of adults 25 years old or older has either been stable or increased between 2017 and 2019 with the exception of Lansing Charter Township which has declined from 32.4% in 2017 to 30.4% in 2019.

